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Monday, July 9, 2012

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 Donald VanBuren, Board Member
 Linda Burkhardt, Board Member
 Bruce La Monda, Board Member
 Peter Friedel, Board Member
Others Present: Drew Boggess, Planning Board Chair

The Town Board audited the bills for the month of June and set the agenda for the July 10th board meeting.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 8:30 pm on a Leifeld/La Monda motion.

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Others Present: Gene Sorbellini, Recreation Director; Jimmy Fugel, Highway Superintendent;
Bill Cook, Sole Assessor; Drew Boggess; Planning Board Chair

On a Burkhardt/La Monda motion the Town Board approved the minutes of the June meetings as submitted by the Town Clerk.

The following correspondence was read and filed:

#74-12

On a Leifeld/Friedel motion the Town Board unanimously approved the membership of Brandon Riffenburg to the Olive Fire Department Company #1, Inc.

Under New Business: Supervisor Leifeld stated that Shirley Golgoski requested being on the agenda in reference to Traver Hollow Road. It was noted that Ms. Golgoski was not in attendance.

On a La Monda/Burkhardt motion the Town Board approved payment of the following audited bills: Highway Vouchers #235-#265, \$81,742.59; General Fund Prepaid Vouchers #263, \$270.00; General Fund Vouchers #264-#312, \$34,415.04; Special Lighting Voucher #7, \$53.58; Special Fire District Voucher #2, \$240,486.04; and Special Wastewater District May 2012, \$32,638.49.

Supervisor Leifeld noted that cash received in May as \$113,226.73 and interest received in May as \$538.58.

On a Leifeld/La Monda motion the Town Board approved the following budget modification:
Transfer \$744.00 from 1990.4 Contingency to 1010.4 Town Board (Cont.)

Under Old Business: Supervisor Leifeld made a motion to approve the bid proposal (#75-12) from Arthur F. Milligan, Inc. of Tillson, NY for providing bus transportation for the summer Recreation Program. Said proposal would be for four (4) buses daily, four (4) days per week at a rate of \$101.74 per day for 23 days for a total cost of \$9,359.08.

The following committee reports were submitted:

RECREATION liaison Board Member Burkhardt submitted Directors Report for July (#76-12) noting youth baseball is coming to a close, adult softball has 4 women's teams and 8 men's teams, Day Camp runs July 2nd through August 9th, and the Little League field renovation project is coming to a close. A special thanks was extended to the Olive Highway Department for all their help at Shokan Park.

POLICE COMMISSIONER La Monda submitted June report #77-12 showing a total of 149 monthly calls.

FIRE DEPARTMENT June report #78-12 shows a total of 37 responses for the month with automatic alarms and motor vehicle accidents being the most answered calls for the month.

HIGHWAY liaison Board Member VanBuren submitted June report #79-12 noting all pipes were changed on Weber Lane, Gyves Road, and Tongore Kill with these roads being prepped and ready for motor paving. They refigured Weber Lane at County Road 2, black topped Traver Hollow, mowed all town road shoulders, mowed all parks four times, prepped Turner Road for paving, completed building a new "chip truck", and hauled 55 loads of dirt for Shokan Park field.

TOWN CLERK Rozzelle submitted June report #80-12 noting \$12,654.83 in revenues for the month.

Supervisor Leifeld asked if anyone on the Town Board had any comments. Supervisor Leifeld stated that he, Board Member La Monda, Attorney Peter Graham, and Planning Board Chair Drew Boggess attended a state sponsored program on hydro-fracking. He noted this was a well rounded group comprised of teachers, attorneys, and legislative reps. He stated that one gas company attorney did admit there are issues with the wells and that the companies know this; but, to abandon a well lays very heavily on the treasury department of that company. Board Member La Monda stated that this attorney, Mark Boland, stated the gas companies know there are problems but the issue will be to get the gas companies to admit this. Supervisor Leifeld stated the Town is moving forward on the community rights law and zoning amendment. He stated that Attorney Peter Graham has all the drafts that were given to the Town Board. Supervisor Leifeld stated that Attorney Graham was glad to hear there were no legal restrictions on how to write the zoning ban. He stated he will be pushing Mr. Graham to get it done.

Regarding the scenic byway, Board Member La Monda stated there were some questions about the 20%/80% split with some feeling that any project done within the byway corridor then all municipalities would have to contribute. He stated he emailed Ms. Nancy Alexander at the NYS Dept. of Transportation (#81-12) stating if a project is proposed and grant moneys are received it is our understanding that 80% of the cost of the project is grant money. Who is responsible for the other 20%? Also, can a municipality opt out of the scenic byway at a later date?

Ms. Alexander's response (#82-12) states that "the 20% local match is the responsibility of whatever organization/municipality proposed the project and has the authority to enter into agreement and administer the contract for the project." She states that "in the case of the Catskill Byway, this would be the municipality that proposed the project." She states that "in some cases, several municipalities might establish a contractual relationship with each other for the purpose of applying for and obtaining grant funds" and "they would all have a share of the local match, but they would all go into the project agreeing to that. If one municipality did not want to participate, they would not have to." She also states there is a De-Designation process similar to becoming a part of the byway which calls for a municipal resolution.

Board Member Friedel stated if it's deemed to be a scenic byway project then all municipalities have to pay. Board Member La Monda stated that is not true; it's whoever applies for the grant then they are responsible for paying the 20%. Board Member Friedel stated the group as a whole will be deciding what they will be going after as a group. Board Member La Monda stated the group itself designates the byway.

Glenda McGee stated she had one question about who benefits and who pays. She stated when you have uniform signs then you are detracting from the scenery. She stated when this woman was here from the State, she is a salesperson for the state with this being a bottoms up project. She stated if it were voted on it would be voted down as totally precarious spending. From 2009 on the CWC has been in the midst of their smart growth sustainability campaign. She stated that none of this is about tourism and no one is going to jump in their cars and come up here.

Board Member La Monda stated in his opinion he does not think that a scenic byway will attract thousands up here, but, if a few people come up and make purchases at local businesses then what does it cost us.

Glenda McGee stated it will cost us since the lady from the State said a Regional Management Committee is necessary for approving expenditures.

Board Member La Monda stated he does not have any project he would have in mind so he doesn't see any 20% being spent, but, maybe in the future there could be.

Barry Creagan asked if we are arguing over a project that may or may not happen.

Lengthy discussion occurred on the proposed Route 28 Scenic Byway.

Board Member Friedel stated the CWC funded this originally. Board Member La Monda stated it was a grant to fund the study. Board Member Friedel asked where is this money coming from. Board Members Burkhardt and La Monda asked "what money" with Board Member La Monda stating the CWC never intended to fund anything but a study. Board Member La Monda stated the byway does not have a budget as they are all volunteers.

Board Member Friedel asked what the management board is called and asked who is going to administer the money. Board Members Burkhardt and La Monda asked "what money". Board Member Friedel stated if there is no money then it will dry up and die.

Bob Conyeya stated the plan says there will be a change in highway law and the "out clause" is a lengthy process.

Board Member Friedel asked who the advisory board will be and stated we did not need all the regulatory agencies in the document. Board Member La Monda stated that every Town Board member went through the document and marked it up, sent our changes to them, and we haven't received the revised draft yet. Supervisor Leifeld stated if we don't have a document to review then we have nothing to vote on. Board Member Burkhardt stated we are not voting on it until we see the revised document.

Barry Creagan asked wouldn't it be better to have this discussion when there is an actual document out there to debate.

All business pertinent having been discussed Town Board adjourned on a Leifeld/La Monda motion at 8:15 pm in memory of Arthur Sampsen. Supervisor Leifeld stated that a memorial service will be held for Art Sampsen tomorrow at 1 pm at the Olivebridge Fire Hall. In the same motion Supervisor Leifeld requested a page in the Minute Book be dedicated in honor of Art as it is a customary thing the Town Board does for those outstanding citizens the town has been blessed with.

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Dedicated in Memory of

Arthur Sampsen

Town of Olive Town Justice

World War II Veteran

Member of:

State Magistrates Association
Olive Fire Department
Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Olivebridge United Methodist Church
Olive Senior Citizens
American Legion

Art offered a helping hand
to anyone who needed it.