

Town of Olive
County of Ulster
State of New York
Monday, March 10, 2014

Minutes of the monthly audit meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Monday, March 10, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan, NY.

Members Present: Sylvia Rozzelle, Supervisor
 Donald VanBuren, Board Member
 Scott Kelder, Board Member
 James Sofranko, Board Member
 Peter Friedel, Board Member

Recording Secretary: Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

Others Present: Thomas Vasta, Police Chief; Drew Boggess, Planning Board Chairman & Deputy Supervisor; John Ingram, Zoning Officer & Assistant Building Inspector

Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Supervisor called meeting to order 7 pm.

The Town Board audited February bills.

Town Supervisor, Sylvia Rozzelle requested John Ingram, Zoning Officer appear to give background information on Estes/Jones issue. Mr. Ingram stated he did a site inspection and nothing has changed. The Town Board reviewed the zoning ordinance on the subject.

Town Supervisor Sylvia Rozzelle brought up several items for discussion:

1. Changing the electric from Central Hudson to Viridian or Ambit.
2. The changing of bulbs to LED on street lights in Town. Supervisor Rozzelle questioned if we needed all 27 street lights. The streets lights are costing the Town approximately \$10,000 a year.
3. The Town Board reviewed the spread sheets concerning the utilities used by each facility.
4. Health Insurance- The temporary fulltime officer can only work 29 hours a week to avoid the Town having to provide health insurance.
5. New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) offers online university classes to help cut the Towns liability Insurance. There are courses for recreation and highway that the Town might be interested in.
6. The Town Board discussed roof snow guards and the 28 year old loader at the Transfer Station.

There were two potential resolutions put before the Town Board:

1. Oppose New Capacity Zone for Electric.
2. Supporting proposed transmission upgrades.

The meeting came to a close at 8:45 pm.

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7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall on Bostock Road Shokan.

Members Present: Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Supervisor
Donald VanBuren, Board Member
Scott Kelder, Board Member
James Sofranko, Board Member
Peter Friedel, Board Member

Recording Secretary: Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

Others Present: Drew Boggess, Planning Board Chairman & Deputy Supervisor, James Fugel, Superintendent of Highways, Gene Sorbellini, Recreation Director; Bill Cook, Sole Assessor; Christopher Winne, Olive Fire Chief

On a Friedel/VanBuren motion the Town Board approved the February minutes as submitted by Town Clerk.

Correspondence:

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On a Rozzelle/Friedel motion the Town Board unanimously accepted Olive Fire Dept. new members Amber Henderson & Jerry Rutledge, Jr.

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Supervisor Rozzelle read letters from Lois & Ed Ostapczuk, Ronald Leonard, Tony & Sue Coccozza, Mary Ann Shepard & Kathy Hochman in support of the rail trail.

On a VanBuren/Friedel motion the Town Board approved the payment of the following bills:

Highway Vouchers #40-#17,	\$32,605.07
General Fund Vouchers #72-#119	\$41,198.29
Boiceville Sewer District Vouchers #15639-#15652	\$29,219.07

January Income:

Cash received for January, 2014	\$3,982,181.80
Interest received for January, 2014	\$23.51

Additional Business:

- Police commission meeting on 3/20/14 meeting time changed to 6 pm.
- On a Rozzelle/ Kelder motion the Town Board agreed to reduce the mileage rate from .565 to .56 as set by the IRS.

- A motion was made by Supervisor Rozzelle and Seconded by Jim Sofranko to Oppose the New Capacity zone.

RESOLUTION # 1 OF 2014
TOWN OF OLIVE
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE NEW CAPACITY ZONE

WHEREAS, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), in an order issued on August 13, 2013, accepted the tariff revisions proposed by the New York Independent System Operator to create a New Capacity Zone (NCZ) that groups the mid-Hudson Valley (electricity load zone G) in the same capacity zone as Westchester and New York City (Zones H, I, and J); and

WHEREAS, this order is scheduled to go into effect on May 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the NCZ is to address existing transmission constraints by altering the price signals in wholesale energy markets to attract investors in new plants whose Installed Capacity (ICAP) will be sufficient to meet electricity needs in times of peak demand; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission (PSC) opposes the creation of the NCZ, stating that the order ignores PSC proceedings underway to address transmission constraints by upgrading transmission lines; and

WHEREAS, these transmission upgrades were recommended by the Governor's New York State Energy Highway Blueprint, which seeks to increase the capacity of transmission lines to carry 1,000 MW of additional lower-cost power from the north and west to meet downstate needs, eliminating bottlenecks in transmission; and

WHEREAS, the PSC is currently reviewing four proposals to accomplish the task of upgrading transmission lines; and

WHEREAS, the PSC further stated on September 12, 2013, that the NCZ will result in unjust and unreasonable electricity rates, possibly increasing rates by as much as 25%, costing rate-payers in the new zone over half a billion dollars in a three-year period; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson-Fortis, a utility serving rate-payers in Zone G, also opposes the creation of the NCZ, estimating that it will increase prices by at least 6% for residential and 11% for industrial rate-payers; and

WHEREAS, the NCZ will hurt many small to medium-sized industries, including the dairy industry for whom electrical power makes up a large percentage of its costs; and

WHEREAS, the NCZ will cause disproportionate harm to low- and fixed income rate-payers, particularly in light of the Public Service Commission's report that the percentage of customers in the Central Hudson service area whose electricity has been shut off for not paying their bills has risen from 1.89% to 5.99% in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the NCZ will unfairly burden rate-payers in upstate counties, whose "peak" energy needs are much lower than those in Westchester and New York City; and

WHEREAS, the express purpose of the NCZ is to create new "peaking" capacity, which favors increased use of fossil fuel-based generation; and

WHEREAS, increasing fossil fuel generation contradicts and in no way addresses New York State's Renewable Portfolio Standard goal of at least 30% renewable electricity by 2015; and

WHEREAS, the FERC has failed to adequately consider these proposed transmission upgrades, which make the NCZ unnecessary;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Olive calls upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to postpone indefinitely its order issued August 13, 2013, which conflicts with State efforts currently underway to address the same problem of transmission constraints; and further calls on N.Y. Governor Cuomo, U.S. Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, and U.S. Representative Gibson to intervene on our behalf to halt the creation of the NCZ; and that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Cuomo, the FERC, the PSC, Central Hudson-Fortis, Federal and State Elected Representatives, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the Public Utility Law Project of NY (PULP), and the Business Council of the State of New York.

	Aye	Nay
Sylvia Rozzelle, Supervisor	<u> X </u>	_____
Don Van Buren, Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Scott Kelder, Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Jim Sofranko, Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Peter Friedel, Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____

Signed and certified this 11th day of March, 2014

Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk
Town of Olive

- A motion was made by Supervisor Rozzelle and Seconded by Donald VanBuren in support of the proposed transmission upgrades.

RESOLUTION # 2 OF 2014
TOWN OF OLIVE
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSION UPGRADES

WHEREAS, as part of Governor Cuomo's *New York State Energy Highway Blueprint*, the Public Service Commission (PSC) was tasked with initiating Alternating Current transmission upgrades to increase the capacity to move excess power from upstate to downstate, thus relieving "existing bottlenecks" by adding at least 1,000 additional MW of electric transmission; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission is currently reviewing proposals submitted by four developers, in a comparative process, with the goal of accepting one of them; and

WHEREAS, three of the proposed plans call for upgrades in Columbia and Dutchess Counties, which include the construction of new, taller towers and expansion of the existing right-of-way, while a fourth plan, proposed by Boundless Energy, calls for upgrading transmission lines in Ulster County and tunneling under the Hudson River near Newburgh, without constructing new towers or widening corridors, and at a lower cost than the other proposals; and

WHEREAS, upgrades that involve building new towers or widening the right of way could damage the environment, impair scenic view sheds, and negatively impact property values and the region's tourism economy ; and

WHEREAS, the cost of transmission upgrades will be paid by electricity ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo, in his State of the State message, has called for speeding up the process of siting transmission upgrades and giving preference to projects that remain within the existing right of way; and

WHEREAS, the Renewable Portfolio Standard adopted by the State of New York calls for obtaining 30 percent of its electricity from renewable sources by 2015, however none of the four proposals addresses the question of how the proposed projects would enable improved and lower-cost access to transmission and distribution networks for projects involving local renewable generation, such as municipal projects sited on capped landfills and other brownfields; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan calls for becoming less energy and fossil fuel intensive while strengthening the regional economy, expanding renewable energy generation exponentially across the Region, and improving the resilience of the energy delivery system; and

WHEREAS, the PSC will meet on February 20 to review the process it has instituted to select and oversee implementation of the proposed transmission upgrades;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Olive calls on the PSC to incorporate in its proceedings firm requirements that 1) proposed transmission upgrades shall not include construction of additional, taller towers or widen the right of way, 2) preference shall be given to lower-cost proposals, 3) upgrades shall include a plan for supporting affordable local distributed renewable generation that takes into account both transmission and distribution; 4) that proposals demonstrate how they will advance the New York State Renewable Portfolio Standard and Federal, State, and Regional plans to increase energy efficiency and renewable energy generation; and that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Audrey Zibelman, chairwoman of the PSC, with additional copies to Governor Cuomo and the members of the New York State Energy Board.

	Aye	Nay
Sylvia Rozzelle, Supervisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don Van Buren, Board Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Kelder, Board Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jim Sofranko, Board Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Friedel, Board Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed and certified this 11th day of March, 2014

Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk
Town of Olive

Supervisor Rozzelle made the following announcements:

Announcements:

- Health Insurance Information Session- Thurs. March 13th, 5-8 pm at the Boiceville Inn.
- Transfer Station disposal fees increase as of April 1st-- \$35.00 per card, \$30 permit.
- Ulster County Planning Board is accepting applications for inclusion in NYS Certified Agricultural District—Landowners apply 3/1/14 to 3/30/14.
- Retirement Party for Berndt Leifeld, Sunday, March 30th, Twin Lakes in Hurley—Contact Ternice Winne for tickets.
- 5th Annual Ashokan Watershed Conference—Saturday, April 5th, 9 am- 4 pm –Ashokan Center in Olivebridge.
- Part Time Clerical Position—Application can be obtained online at www.town.olive.ny.us Submit application & resume to PO Box 180, West Shokan, NY 12494.

Committees & Commission Chairs & Liaisons:

- Town Buildings—Jim Sofranko & Scott Kelder, Co-Chairs: The committee failed to meet due to scheduling conflicts.
- Emergency Response Plan Development—Peter Friedel, Chair: They failed to meet due to weather issues.
- Olive Wastewater Advisory Committee—Don VanBuren, Chair: Keith Moree will be returning to the wastewater treatment plant as Chief Operator.
- Cable Franchise Negotiations Committee—Jim Sofranko, Chair: The committee sent out a mailing in the form of a post card. It will have a web address for the survey if you do not have internet you can go to the Olive Free Library or forms are available for pick up at the Town offices.
- Parks & Recreation Committee—Scott Kelder, Liaison: Recreation Committee finally met after a couple of postponements due to weather. Onteora School district wants to use the Babe Ruth field at Davis Park for their baseball program. The original agreement with the school was for the modified program; however, the last few years that has escalated to junior varsity and varsity. We offered the use to the school with some stipulation on when the field will be ready. There is an agreement there but it has to be finalized. There was a discussion on the use of the Library for summer recreation program and how that might grow. The committee has reached out to last year’s counselors to see how many are returning before applications are to be accepted. We are still working on park use policy. The recreation committee chose not to be involved with the park policy process. Board Member Kelder will work something up for Town Board approval with some help from Recreation Director Gene Sorbellini.
- Police Commission—Peter Friedel, Liaison: The Commission canceled last month’s meeting but Board Member Friedel did have a report from Chief Vasta.

Police Department Report:

Medical 911	11	Custody Disputes	1
Harassments	1	Identity theft	2
Larceny Misdemeanor	1	Larceny in progress	1
Lockouts	2	Lost Persons	1

Neighbor Disputes	1	Property checks with open doors	2
Patrol requests	12	Request assistance	5
Order of Protections	3	Security checks	147
Suspicious persons	2	Suspicious vehicle	1
Missed Dialed Calls	3	Traffic hazards	4
Traffic Posts	1	Unwanted subjects	1
Vehicle traffic complaints	17	911	3
Accidents	2	Robberies	1
Personal Property	8	Aggravated Harassment	1
Animal Complaints	4	Alarms not founded	3
Alarms founded	4	Welfare Checks	3
Vehicle Stops	1		

Transfer Station Report:

23 permits issued for \$575.00
 117 Tickets sold for \$3,510.00
 Total revenue for month \$4,085.00
 12 bins pulled weighing 45.92 tons for an expense of \$4,270.56
 A garbage pull charge of \$516.00
 A recycling pull charge of \$258.00
 A fuel surcharge of \$309.60
 Total expenses \$5,354.16
 Tri-State Recycling service removed 400 gallons of oil for no charge
 UCRRA fees changed from \$90 per ton to \$93 per ton for garbage
 \$40 for pull charges to \$43 per pull

Supervisor's Report: Utilities expenditures January 1st through February 11th 2014

<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Fuel Oil</u>	<u>Electric</u>
American Legion	\$1,585.27	\$445.75
Town Offices & Garage	\$1,116.21	\$860.46
Town Meeting Hall		\$1,187.20
<u>Highway Garages</u>		
Metal Bldg. & Garage	\$2,650.24	
Metal Bldg.		\$333.62
Main Garage		\$174.68
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	\$5,371.72	\$3,680.11

Statement of Expenditures & Appropriations ending 1/31/2014 distributed to Town Board Members.

Highway Department Manpower to General Fund:

Transfer Station-	\$191.40	Repair of Loader
General buildings-	\$444.96	
Police Department-	<u>\$102.08</u>	car repairs
Total -	\$738.44	

On a Rozzelle/ Kelder motion the Town Board meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm in Memory of Francis "Frank" Ecker, Anna T. Muller, and Emma "Dolly" Weber all members were in favor.

Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk