

Town of Olive
County of Ulster
State of New York

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

Minutes of a special budget workshop meeting of the Town of Olive Town Board, held Tuesday, September 30, 2014, 7:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan, NY.

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

Recording Secretary: Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

Others Present: Janice Lanzarotta, Bookkeeper; Drew Boggess, Planning Board Chairman & Deputy Supervisor; Gene Sorbellini, Recreation Director; Tom Vasta, Police Chief; Jim Fugel, Highway Superintendent

Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 6:57 pm.

The Town Clerk presented the 2015 Tentative Budget to the Town Board members present.

Supervisor Rozzelle suggested going over the tentative budget line by line and at the end the Board can go over a couple of items. She stated that the tentative budget came in at 2.79%, she did not believe that the town would make the State 1.56% cap.

Supervisor Rozzelle advised the Town Board of a new line item (# A1440.4 Engineer \$20,000) to develop plans for a new office building.

The Town Board discussed the increasing of revenues by raising fees.

Supervisor Rozzelle made a recommendation that the Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk receive a 2% increase. It was suggested at the August 18th budget workshop that elected officials stay at a 1.56% increase. Board Member Friedel stated that he was against elected officials receiving 2% increase due to the fact that the Board negotiates with the union for salary increases. He stated he would agree to any other percentage other than 2%. A lengthy discussion ensued with a general consensus agreeing to all elected officials except the Highway Superintendent receiving a 1.56% increase.

A motion was made by Board Member Friedel to set the Highway Superintendent salary at \$60,000. Seconded by Supervisor Rozzelle.

AYE- VanBuren, Kelder, Sofranko, Friedel, Rozzelle **Nay**

Supervisor Rozzelle brought up that the Town is in negotiation with the police PBA union and that the Board had to set potential salaries for the full time and part time police officers to present at the next negotiation meeting. Supervisor Rozzelle stated we have a current full time officer who makes \$22.55 an hour and every week he gets 4 hours overtime, when that officer was hired he was told by the Police Commission that his job would include full benefits for himself and his family. The Commission had not checked with the personnel dept. before offering these benefits. The Police Commission gave him 4 hours overtime to cover his benefits. The Union

Consultant suggested that the Town Board come up with an hourly pay rate based on a 40 hour week. After doing the calculations the new hourly pay rate for the full time officer came out to be \$26.45. For the part time officers 2% was added to the current pay rate which increased to \$21.46 an hour. Supervisor Rozzelle stated she needed Town Board approval to present this to the PBA.

There was a general consensus of the Town Board that the full time officer will be paid \$26.45 an hour and the part time officer's \$21.46 an hour.

The Town Board reviewed the Police Department budget. Upon a general consensus of the Town Board the following changes were made to the police budget:

1. Police Chief salary- \$21,500 increased 2% to 21,930
2. Vests- \$16,250.00 grant will reimburse 50%. Town Board decreased vest to \$8,125.00.

The Town Board was in general consensus that if \$18,000 remained in the police budget at the end of the year, they would commit to putting it in the Police equipment reserve.

Equipment (photo/video/recording)

Chief Vasta stated, "The District Attorney's office is requiring that anything that is misdemeanor and above be videotaped on interviews and recorded on interviews. We have none of that equipment to do anything with right now."

Supervisor Rozzelle asked Chief Vasta to repeat that.

Chief Vasta stated "the District attorney, every interview that you have all your interviews all your stuff like that for arrest they want it all video and audio recorded."

Supervisor Rozzelle: "Do they have available funds to supply us with that."

Board Member Sofranko: "In 2014 you had \$1200 for that kind of equipment." "Did you spend that money?"

Chief Vasta: "No, that money still is in there. I didn't purchase any of that stuff last year at all. What we do need, we need an evidence camera, and we don't have any audio recording equipment at all."

Board Member Sofranko: "Is this something for the office or on the road."

Chief Vasta: "In the office, we have to have a centrally located place to interview a person that video and audio could be permanently set up. Chief Vasta asked the Chief in Lloyd if he took a room and put cameras in how much would it be and he stated about \$2,000." Chief Vasta stated, "It did not have to be done this year, but if we can afford to do that we could continue to keep moving forward."

Chief Vasta continued through the equipment budget explaining the other items in this category. A lengthy discussion ensued over additional funds for replacement computers if needed. Supervisor Rozzelle expressed whether or not that was needed since they purchased a new computer this year. Board Members Friedel and Sofranko supported keeping the computers in the budget.

The Town Clerk presented to the Town Board the Proposed Local law #1 of 2014, A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c.

There will be additional budget workshop meetings on October 6th and October 9th at 7:00 pm.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board of the Town of Olive adjourned at 9:37 pm on a Rozzelle/Friedel motion.

AYE- VanBuren, Kelder, Sofranko, Friedel, Rozzelle **Nay**

Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk