

Town of Olive
County of Ulster
State of New York
Thursday, October 12, 2017

Minutes of the Budget meeting of the Town of Olive Town Board, held Thursday, October 12, 2017, 7:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan, NY.

Members Present: Sylvia Rozzelle, Supervisor
Drew Boggess, Board Member
Scott Kelder, Board Member
Peter Friedel, Board Member

Members Not Present- Jim Sofranko, Board Member

Recording Secretary: Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

Others Present: Brian Burns, Highway Superintendent; Ternice Winne, Olive Day Committee; Janice Lanzarotta, Bookkeeper & Assistant Budget Officer
Supervisor Rozzelle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Town Board reviewed the General Fund Budget line per line and made the following adjustments:

1440.400- Engineer Contractual reduced \$5000
1620.400-Buildings Contractual increased \$3500
3120.200-Police Equipment-reduced \$5000
3510.100-Control of dogs Personal Service reduced \$1162
3510.400-Control of dogs Contractual reduced \$700
5132.400-Garage Contractual- reduced \$5000
7110.400- Parks Contractual- reduced \$5000
7180.400-Pool Contractual-reduced \$5000

The Town Board reviewed the Highway Budget with the Highway Superintendent.

On a Friedel/Rozzelle motion, the Town Board approved the Highway Superintendent to place a 1980's pay loader for bid on Auctions International with a minimum bid of \$10,000.

AYE- Boggess, Kelder, Friedel, Rozzelle **Nay** **Absent:** Sofranko

The Town Board approved the following elected official's salaries:

Supervisor- \$54,978
Councilman (4) - \$ 8,820
Town Justices (2) - \$13,668
Town Clerk- \$61,200
Superintendent of Highways- \$63,648

The Town Board will meet next on Tuesday, October 17, 2016 at 7 pm to discuss the budget. All pertinent business having been discussed the Town Board adjourned the meeting on a Rozzelle/Boggess motion at 9:55 pm

AYE- Boggess, Kelder, Friedel, Rozzelle **Nay** **Absent:** Sofranko

Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

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Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Minutes of the Budget meeting of the Town of Olive Town Board, held Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 7:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan, NY.

Members Present: Sylvia Rozzelle, Supervisor
Drew Boggess, Board Member
Scott Kelder, Board Member
Peter Friedel, Board Member

Members Not Present: Jim Sofranko, Board Member

Recording Secretary: Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

Others Present: Brian Burns, Highway Superintendent; Janice Lanzarotta, Bookkeeper & Assistant Budget Officer; Ternice Winne, Olive Day Committee

Supervisor Rozzelle called the meeting to order at 6:53 pm.

On a Rozzelle/Boggess motion the Town Board adjourned into executive session to discuss Police PBA negotiations at 6:54 pm.

AYE- Boggess, Kelder, Friedel, Rozzelle **Nay** **Absent:** Sofranko

On a Rozzelle/Boggess motion, the Town Board adjourned from executive session at 7:10 pm

AYE- Boggess, Kelder, Friedel, Rozzelle **Nay** **Absent:** Sofranko

The Town Board reviewed the Police, General Fund and Highway budgets and made the following changes:

- 1620.400 Buildings Contractual reduced by \$4000.
- 1110.400 Parks Contractual reduced by \$6000.
- 2801.00 Inter-fund Revenues reduced by \$10,000
- 1110.100 Justice Court Personal services- Clerk 2 reduce amount of hours to 7 a week
- 5132.400 Garage contractual reduced by \$5000

The Town Board discussed the propane tank for the Highway Garage new heating system. It was agreed that the propane tanks would be place above ground.

The next budget meeting will be held on October 23, 2017 at 7PM.

All pertinent business having been discussed the meeting was adjourned on Rozzelle/Friedel motion at 8:55 pm.

AYE- Boggess, Kelder, Friedel, Rozzelle **Nay** **Absent:** Sofranko

Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

Town of Olive
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Monday, October 23, 2017

Minutes of the Budget meeting of the Town of Olive Town Board, held Monday, October 23, 2017, 7:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan, NY.

Members Present: Sylvia Rozzelle, Supervisor
Drew Boggess, Board Member
Scott Kelder, Board Member
Peter Friedel, Board Member
Jim Sofranko, Board Member

Recording Secretary: Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

Others Present: Brian Burns, Highway Superintendent; Janice Lanzarotta, Bookkeeper & Assistant Budget Officer; Ternice Winne, Olive Day Committee; John Kurz, Bob Krause & Earla VanKleeck Police Commissioners

Supervisor Rozzelle called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

On a Rozzelle/Friedel motion, the Town Board adjourned into executive session to discuss Police PBA negotiations.

AYE- Boggess, Kelder, Sofranko Friedel, Rozzelle **Nay** **Absent:**

The Police Commissioners joined the Town Board in executive session.

On a Rozzelle/Boggess motion the Town Board adjourned from executive session at 7:48pm

AYE- Boggess, Kelder, Sofranko Friedel, Rozzelle **Nay** **Absent:**

The Town Board reviewed the Police budget and a discussed the possibility of the Police Department going part time only. Supervisor Rozzelle asked the opinion of the Police Commission.

Police Commissioner Bob Krause was elected to speak on behalf of all the Commissioners. Mr. Krause stated they were brought on board collectively as a unit and given instruction to work within the budget. This year the budget saw a couple of costs that there was no way around (car, computer systems). Basically when we sat down we gave a budget that we hoped would walk a fine line between what we really needed to operate effectively and would cover our concerns of things that we would need in the future. There are always some unknowns that come up. We have said theoretically we would like to have a full time police officer, but given the budget reality that we find ourselves in and the amount of money that can be saved by going to part time, we would certainly understand the Town Boards decision to go to an all part time Police.

Supervisor Rozzelle asked if all the Commissioners were in agreement to Police Commissioner Krause's statements and they acknowledged yes. Police Commissioner Kurz also mentioned the lack of union support to work this out was taken into consideration.

Supervisor Rozzelle commented that this has been talked about for many years as a possibility. Police Commissioner Krause stated it was not a decision that they came to lightly. Police Commissioner Kurz stated they did not want to short change the community.

Supervisor Rozzelle polled the Town Board for their opinions. Board Member Kelder specifically thanked the Police Commission for their efforts and time put into a no win situation. Board Member Kelder stated that if the Board went down this path and eliminated the full time position we are still paying a lot of money for an expense to the Town. I think we are going to need some record keeping that if we fail to have coverage and we start to fall on our face, similar to what happened with the First Aid Squad, that we consider our next decision. Mr. Krause stated that of course there will be a period of evaluation of the effect of this decision. He stated he expects there to be some transition time and if it doesn't work out the Town Board will make whatever decision they feel is appropriate.

Board Member Friedel stated as far as budgetary stand point we have to try this. I insist that we still have what I consider full time coverage with a part time force just because of the dollar saving in doing that. It was talked about 3-4 years ago to do the exact same thing. I don't think we have much options because the way things are going I don't think it is sustainable to keep going this way.

Board Member Boggess stated he is pretty much where Peter is. To me it's a budgetary thing that depending on how you calculate it's almost 1% of our tax levy and that starts to be an issue with people. To me from a financial point of view it's the right way to go.

Board Member Sofranko stated that he is probably the most torn about this. I look at the value we have discussed in other meetings of having a full time officer and I think that brings a tremendous value to the Town. I have a very hard time taking someone's job away for budgetary reasons. My feeling is how much the savings of \$33,000 changes my tax bill.

Supervisor Rozzelle stated that she did not have a problem going to an all part time department, she feels that it will succeed with the people that are on the Police Commission and the Police Chief we have now. Do I personally like it, NO, but I'm not sitting here personally. I'm sitting here as a Supervisor on a Town Board that continually gets asked what you are doing with the Police Department and can we get rid of it. I don't want to get rid of it, but the costs.

Supervisor Rozzelle made a motion that we go to an all part time Police Department due to budgetary issues.

Board Member Boggess seconded the motion and a roll call was taken.

A Vote was Duly Taken:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Sylvia Rozzelle, Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Jim Sofranko, Board Member	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Andrew Boggess, Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Scott Kelder, Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Peter Friedel, Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Board Member Sofranko noted that even though he is voting no on this motion he will support the final budget.

