

Town of Olive  
County of Ulster  
State of New York  
Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Town of Olive Town Board, held Tuesday July 14th 7 pm at Davis Park in West Shokan, NY 12494.

Members Present: Jim Sofranko, Supervisor  
Drew Boggess, Deputy Supervisor  
Scott Kelder, Board Member  
David Edinger, Board Member  
Victoria Read, Board Member

Recording Secretary: Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

Others Present: Daniel White, CAC; Simon Strauss, CAC & Cable Franchise Committee; Town Justices, Timothy Cox and Peggy Haug; Paul Wright, Olive Day Committee & Zoning Board; Ronald Wright, Olive Day Committee & Ethics Committee; Ternice Winne, olive Day Committee; Bruce Proper, Transfer Station Manager; Christopher Winne, Fire Chief; Amanda Winne, Deputy Town Clerk; Gene Sorbellini, Facilities Director/Recreation Director; Sean Ryan, Police Chief; Tom Sharon, Sargent, T/O/Olive Police; Dianna Carchidi, Assessor; Ingrid Haeckel, Hudson River Estuary Program/Cornell University

Supervisor Sofranko called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

On a **Boggess/Sofranko** motion, the Town Board approved the June minutes.

**Aye:** Boggess, Kelder, Edinger, Read, and Sofranko      **Nay:**      **Absent:**

The following Police Officers were sworn in as new Town of Olive Officers:  
Colt Gennarelli, Shadow Wilson, Dean Capabianca

Town Justice's Timothy Cox and Peggy Haug were present to advise the Town of the need to increase the abilities of the Special Prosecutor, Robert Krause, to prosecute tickets. Due to the COVID-19 shut down of the Town Courts there has been a back log of vehicle and traffic tickets needing to be addressed. The Special Prosecutor would be handling all vehicle and traffic except alcohol related offenses and misdemeanors. On a **Sofranko/Read** motion, the Town Board empowered the Special Prosecutor to handle all vehicle and traffic violations except alcohol offenses and misdemeanors.

**Aye:** Boggess, Kelder, Edinger, Read, and Sofranko      **Nay:**      **Absent:**

**Presentation:** Ingrid Haeckel a Conservation & Land Use Specialist with the Hudson River Estuary Program/Cornell University gave a presentation on the Town of Olive Natural Resources Inventory Project (NRI). She briefly explained the Hudson River Estuary Program and what they are working to achieve.(Clean water, Resilient communities, vital estuary ecosystem, fish, wildlife, and habitat, natural scenery, education, access, recreation and inspiration) She explained what a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) was made up of and what the Olive Natural Resources Inventory Goals were:

1. Reference for planning, designing and reviewing new development.
2. Foundation for planning and zoning updates.
3. Cultivate stewardship of resources.

The Potential Uses for the NRI:

1. Project reviews and SEQR
2. Open space planning
3. Hazard mitigation planning
4. Zoning and subdivision regulations
5. Climate Smart Communities Certification
6. Education

The NRI Project timeline:

- January 2020- Town Board Resolution #3 of 2020 approved.
- Spring 2020- Draft Maps & review
- Summer 2020- Draft Report & Public Outreach
- Fall/Winter 2020- finalization of Maps and Report.

Ms. Haeckel's entire power point presentation and maps are available for review in the Town Clerks Office. **(#74-20)**

**Correspondence: #75-20**

Penny Schetzel- Thank you to the Town and Olive Fire Dept.

**#76-20**

Resource Center for Accessible Living- Reminding the Town to keep in mid ADA guidelines and accessibility during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**#77-20**

NPO Litigation- Asks if Town wants to participate in filing a proof of claim in the Purdue bankruptcy. Supervisor Sofranko stated it wasn't worth pursuing after conferring with Town Attorney.

**Approve Payment of Audited Bills:** On a **Sofranko/Boggess** motion, the Town Board approved the payment of the following audited bills:

**Aye:** Boggess, Kelder, Edinger, Read, and Sofranko                      **Nay:**                      **Absent:**

General Fund Vouchers #255 - #315	\$ 191,919.78
Special Lighting Voucher #7	\$ 60.79
Highway Fund Vouchers #123- #145	\$ 259,072.51
Sewer Vouchers #16891-#16904	\$ 30,002.14
Special Fire Voucher #2	\$ 247,150.00

Cash Received May 2020    \$57,648.37  
 Interest Received May 2020    \$2,617.66

**Additional Business:**

Resolution #16 of 2020  
 Approve CWC Application for Construction Costs  
 Of the Burgher Road Stream Crossing

WHEREAS, the Town of Olive accepted the Local Flood Analysis (LFA) presented by the Flood Advisory Committee on August 8, 2017 and doing so made the Town eligible for funding for structural and non-structural projects to improve flood resilience; and

WHEREAS, the LFA identified the Dry Brook stream crossing at Burgher Road in West Shokan as an area of concern in need of flood mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2018 the Town Board supported application to the ASWMP for implementation grant funds for engineering design for the Burgher Road stream crossing; and

WHEREAS, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program (FHMIP) provides funding to supplement existing sources of funding for structural and nonstructural projects to improve the flood resilience of communities located within the boundaries of the New York City water-supply watershed; and

WHEREAS, the CWC FHMIP rules of eligibility includes; "Alterations to an aspect of public infrastructure identified in the LFA that is expected to reduce water surface elevations, alter flow paths, reduce velocities, and otherwise minimize the potential for flood damage (e.g. enlarging a bridge, installing floodplain drains, but not including road relocation)".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Olive approves making an application to the CWC FHMIP for construction costs related to flood mitigation of the Burgher Road stream crossing in West Shokan.

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Motion made by: Supervisor Sofranko  
Seconded by: Board Member Kelder

**A Vote was Duly Taken:**

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Jim Sofranko, Supervisor	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Victoria Read, Board Member	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Andrew Boggess, Board Member	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Scott Kelder, Board Member	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
David Edinger, Board Member	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____

Dated this 14th day of July, 2020

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Dawn Giuditta, Town of Olive Town Clerk

The Town Board discussed the Transfer Station and Bruce Proper's request for additional help. There has been an increase in the use of the Transfer Station due to the COVID-19. Year to date figures for 2019 377.41 ton was received and in 2020 458.26 ton was taken in. There has been an increase in recyclables and especially cardboard due to so

many people doing mail order, year to date comparison with 2019 21.54 ton 2020 30.86 ton.

After a lengthy discussion with Bruce, the Town Board on a **Boggess/Read** motion, approved an additional position up to 17.5 hours with the condition that this be reviewed again at budget time.

**Aye:** Boggess, Edinger, Read, and Sofranko                      **Nay:** Kelder

The Town Board also discussed increasing the fees to the Transfer Station and on a **Boggess/Read** motion, the Town Board increased the permit fee to \$40.00 from \$30.00 and the per bag fee to \$6.00 from \$5.00.

**Aye:** Boggess, Edinger, Read, and Sofranko                      **Nay:** Kelder

The Town Board discussed whether Olive Day should be held or not. The Town Clerk explained that the Olive Day Committee needed a final decision from the Board. The Committee did not want to go ahead and have everything in place with vendors just to have the Community Day canceled at the last minute. The Board discussed the issue and the liability of having Olive Day under COVID-19 conditions and on a **Read/Edinger** motion, decided to cancel Olive Day for this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Aye:** Boggess, Kelder, Edinger, Read, and Sofranko                      **Nay:**                      **Absent:**

On a **Sofranko/Boggess** motion, the Town Board awarded the bid for the Culvert Replacement at DeSilva Road and Upper Boiceville Rd to Kingston Equipment Rental, Inc. /Baker Bros. in the amount of \$882,340.25 plus alternate #1 of \$3,000.00.

**Aye:** Boggess, Kelder, Edinger, Read, and Sofranko                      **Nay:**                      **Absent:**

The following are all the bids received for the Culvert Replacement received on 7/8/2020 @ 10:00 am:

- Precise Enterprise II LTD- \$1,013,957.00 plus alternate #1 \$11,000.00
- Land Vscape Inc. - 1,000,365.85 plus alternate #1 \$5,500.00
- Casa Builders Inc. - \$1,220,100.00 plus alternate #1 \$11,000.00
- Standback - \$1,679,372.16 plus alternate #1 \$22,842.00
- The Hubbell Companies- \$1,049,193.00 plus alternate #1 \$10,000.00

On a **Sofranko/Read** motion, the Town Board approved the rate of pay for 3 Attendants and 1 Swimming Instructor as follows:

- Attendants-
- Veronica Kivlehan- \$15.00 (RTE & CPR certified)
- Rayla Hart- \$15.00 (WSI & CPR certified)
- Betty Rae- \$15.00 (First Aid & CPR certified)

Swimming Instructor-  
Rayla Hart \$18.00 (Red Cross Certified)

**Aye:** Boggess, Kelder, Edinger, Read, and Sofranko **Nay:** **Absent:**

On a **Boggess/Kelder** motion, the Town Board empowered the Supervisor to write a letter of thanks to Sarah Loertscher for her volunteer work on the Conservation Advisory Council.

**Aye:** Boggess, Kelder, Edinger, Read, and Sofranko **Nay:** **Absent:**

The Town Board members were given reports from Janice Lanzarotta, Bookkeeper (Statement of Expenditures, Encumbrances & Appropriations ending 5/31/2020) (**#78-20**) and Dianna Carchidi, Assessor was present to give her report on June Sales and Market Report (**#79-20**)

**Committees, Commission, Department Reports:  
Highway Superintendent-Brian Burns (#80-20)**

Superintendent Burns was unable to attend the meeting, however; he sent a monthly report for the Town Clerk to read. His report is available in the Town Office for review.

**Police Commission-Drew Boggess, Liaison (#81-20)**

Total June-72  
Traffic Tickets- 3  
Arrests- 4

**Town Clerk-Dawn Giuditta (#82-20)**

June Monthly Report- \$40,043.75  
June Tax Collection \$17,979.91

**Olive Fire Dept. - Chris Winne, Fire Chief (#83-20)**

June Calls- 20

**Olive First Aid- (#84-20)**

June Calls - 35

**Conservation Advisory Council- David Edinger, Liaison**

The CAC would like to do another presentation at the August meeting on the Community Choice Aggregation.

**Technology Committee- David Edinger, Chair**

David Andrews has been working on the Website. A committee meeting will be scheduled for next week to finalize the Technology Policy.

**Zoning Committee- Drew Boggess, Chair**

The committee met last month and will meet again this Thursday. The plan is to tackle some of the easier zoning codes to start with.

All pertinent business having been discussed the meeting was adjourned on **Boggess/Edinger** motion at 8:49 pm.

**Aye:** Boggess, Kelder, Edinger, Read and Sofranko

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

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Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk