

Town of Olive  
County of Ulster  
State of New York  
Thursday, November 10, 2022

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Thursday, November 10, 2022, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. The purpose of the Public Hearing as stated in the legal notice was to hear all comments on any item or items in the 2023 Preliminary Budget.

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

Recording Secretary: Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

Others Present: Marlies Rosier, Bookkeeper & Budget Officer; Brian Burns, Highway Superintendent; Gene Sorbellini, Buildings Facilitator and Recreation Director

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

The Town Clerk acknowledged that the legal ad for this meeting was placed in the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 issue of the Daily Freeman.

Supervisor Sofranko presented the 2023 Preliminary Budget to the residents in attendance. The 2023 budget came in at \$6,468,856.00 the amount to be raised by taxes \$5,023,595.00.

**Preliminary  
Budget notes for 2023  
Appropriations**

General Fund total appropriations increased	\$112,676.00 ~ 3.5178%
Highway Fund total appropriations increased	\$117,283.00 ~ 5.0505%
Special Fire District appropriations increased	\$12,630.00 ~ 1.8036%
Special Lighting (Onteora Court) appropriations	0.0000%
Total Budget appropriations increased	\$242589.00 ~ 3.8962%

**Amount to be raised by taxes**

General Fund amount to be raised by taxes increased	\$34716.00 ~ 1.5957%
Highway Fund amount to be raised by taxes increased	\$116,083.00 ~ -5.8522%
Special Fire District amount to be raised by taxes increased	\$12,630.00. ~ 1.8036%
Special Light District (Onteora Court)	\$00.00 ~ 0.0000%

Total amount to be raised by taxes increased from 2023 \$163,429.00 ~ 3.3626%

#### Town tax rate

2023 rate for General Fund approximately \$1.49341 per thousand  
 2023 rate for Highway Fund approximately \$1.41868 per thousand  
 2023 rate for Special Fire approximately \$0.47354 per thousand  
 2023 rate for Special Light approximately \$0.14477 per thousand

Elected Official's Salaries will be as follows:

Supervisor	\$60,000
Councilman (4)	\$ 9,229
Justice (2)	\$13,668
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$63,000
Highway Superintendent	\$67,600

Supervisor Sofranko commented that the big increases in the budget were due to a 5.5% increase in Health Insurance, a 4% wage increase and increases in energy costs. He stated that there could be an increase in some revenues, but chose to be conservative in revenue increases.

Board Member Read thanked the bookkeeper Marlies rosier and Supervisor Sofranko for their hard work on the 2023 budget.

Supervisor Sofranko opened the meeting to comments.

The only member of the public in attendance was Allison Irwin and she asked questions about salaries and why the Attorney Contractual Expense line 1420.4 was such a large increase. Supervisor Sofranko stated that the actual expenditure in this line for 2021 was \$20,230.48 in 2022 we budgeted \$97,200 and 2023 we are budgeting for \$90,000, which a decrease from what was budgeted in 2022. He stated the Attorney fees can be quite costly and if we have to go to trial on anything it could cost thousands. He also stated that we did not have a year to day expenditure for that line at this meeting.

All pertinent business having been conducted the Town Board adjourned the Public Hearing on the budget at 7:21 PM on a **Read/Boggess** motion.

**AYE-** Boggess, Kelder, Edinger, Read, Sofranko      **Nay**      **Absent:**

Town of Olive  
County of Ulster  
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Monday November 14, 2022

Minutes of the monthly audit meeting of the Town of Olive Town Board, held Monday November 14, 2022 7 pm at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan.

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

Recording Secretary: Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

Others Present: Brian Burns, Highway Superintendent; Gene Sorbellini, Buildings Facilitator & Recreation Director; Timothy Cox, Town Justice; Cynthia Nikitin, Renewable Places Strategist; Karine Duteil, KaN Landscape Design

Supervisor Sofranko opened the workshop meeting at 7:00pm

The Town Board audited the monthly bills and reviewed the agenda for the Tuesday night meeting.

The LED lighting has been completed in the Town Office, Town Hall, and pool buildings.

The Buildings Committee has been looking into replace of the ceiling tiles and insulating ceiling of the Town Hall. Board Member Kelder stated that if completed in house the material cost would be about \$3000.00.

The Town Board discussed the use of the Legion Hall by New Genesis Productions on Sunday for about 12 weeks through the winter. The Board reviewed the Legion Hall Lease and the Buildings Use Policy.

Supervisor Sofranko gave a quick update on affordable housing. He trying to get a representative from Hudson River Housing and/or RUPCO to come to the next Zoning Committee meeting in December.

Climate Smart Communities PE9 outreach and engagement program- Supervisor Sofranko informed the Board that the project provides technical assistance to communities with emergency responses on the website and social media.

The Recreation Committee reviewed the pavilion use policy for the parks due to a complaint about the noise at Davis Park. The Committee has agreed that a 10 pm shut off for amplified music would be added to the policy.

The Town Board was presented the Statement of Expenditures Report from Bookkeeper Marlies Rosier for 9/30/2022.  
**(#94-22)**

On a **Sofranko/Edinger** motion, the Town Board adjourned into executive session to discuss a legal matter at 7:39pm.

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

Cynthia Nikitin and Karine Duteil joined the Town Board in executive session to discuss a contract issue at 8:12 pm.

On a **Boggess/Edinger** motion, the Town Board adjourned from executive session at 9:22 pm.

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

All pertinent business having been discussed the meeting adjourned on **Boggess/Edinger** motion at 9:23 pm.

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

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Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

Town of Olive  
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Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Town of Olive Town Board, held Tuesday November 15, 2022 7 pm at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan

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

Recording Secretary:      Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

Others Present: Gene Sorbellini, Facilities & Recreation Director; Brian Burns, Highway Superintendent; Timothy Cox, Town Justice; Amanda Winne, Deputy Town Clerk; Chris Winne, Fire Chief; Dennis Doyle, Director UC Planning Department; Steve Peterson, Deputy Director Department of Emergency Services

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

On a **Boggess/Kelder** motion, the Town Board approved the October minutes.

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

**Budget Modifications:** On a **Sofranko/Read** motion, the Town Board approved the following budget modifications:

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

**Nay:**

**General Fund Modifications:**

Transfer from Reserve "D" Parks and Playground Equipment to the following:

7110.2 Parks- Equipment \$6,995.00 as per Resolution #27 of 2022

Increase 2705 Gifts and Donations \$500

7550.4 Celebrations- Contractual \$500

Increase 2590 Permits, other \$4000

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3620.4 Safety Insp- Contractual \$4000

Transfer \$16,755.00 from 1990.4 Contingency to the following:

1010.4 Town Board- Contractual \$6,300

1110.4 Justices – Contractual \$1,100

3620.4 Safety Inspection- Contractual \$1,100

7180.4 Pool – Contractual \$365

7550.4 Celebrations – Contractual \$1,140

8160.4 Refuse and Garbage – Contractual \$6,750

**Approve Payment of Audited Bills:** On a **Boggess/Kelder** motion, the Town Board approved the paying of the following bills:

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

**Nay:**

General Fund Vouchers #495-#551 \$210,364.27

Highway Fund Vouchers #196-#221 \$295,632.13

Special Lighting Voucher #10 \$ 83.36

General Fund Voucher #552 \$ 5,800.00

August Cash Received: \$224,581.10

August Interest: \$655.55

**Presentation:** Dennis Doyle, the Director of U C Planning Board was in attendance to make a petition for a balance of public interest on the UC Public Safety Radio Tower. The County is seeking relief from the following: **(#95-22)**

- \* Relief from any use restrictions in the zoning statute for the addition of height to a public safety radio tower.
- Relief from the submittal of a site plan and/or special permit application to the planning board.
- Relief from any restrictions regarding the placement of additional antennas related to public safety.
- Relief from any minimum lot size or set back provisions
- Relief from issuance of a building permit by the Town;
- Other relief as necessary for the purposes of constructing a public safety radio tower on Tonche Mountain as proposed

The Town Board tabled this until the next meeting to put a resolution together to move forward towards a public hearing on the matter. The Power Point on this issue can be found on the website: [townofolive.org](http://townofolive.org)

Chris Winne at the public be heard section of the meeting brought a personnel issue before the Town Board. Supervisor Sofranko stopped the conversation and suggested that this issue be held in executive session like all personnel issues are held. He asked Chris Winne to send his information to him at the office and he would look into it.

**Additional Business:**

On a **Sofranko/Bogges** motion, the Town Board approved the 2023 Final Budget.

**Aye:** Bogges, Kelder, Edinger, Read & Sofranko      **Nay:**

On an **Edinger/Read** motion, the Town Board approved the new policy for appointing Electrical Inspectors in the Town of Olive

**Aye:** Bogges, Kelder, Edinger, Read & Sofranko      **Nay:**

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On a **Sofranko/Kelder** motion, the own Board approved SAS Electrical/Yuri Bradovich as new Electrical Inspectors in the Town of Olive.

**Aye:** Bogges, Kelder, Edinger, Read & Sofranko      **Nay:**

On a **Sofranko/Bogges** motion, the Town Board approved payment of voucher #552 for Rivka Tadjer in the amount of \$5,800.00 contingent upon the signing of a legal release to the town by Ms. Tadjer.

**Aye:** Bogges, Kelder, Edinger, Read & Sofranko      **Nay:**

On a **Sofranko/Bogges** motion, the Town Board approved the use of the Legion Hall by Genesis theater group as scheduling allows.

**Aye:** Bogges, Edinger, Read & Sofranko      **Nay:** Kelder

On a **Sofranko/Read** motion, the Town Board approved the updated Park Pavilion Policy.

**Aye:** Bogges, Kelder, Edinger, Read & Sofranko      **Nay:**

On a **Read/Edinger** motion, the Town Board authorized the Supervisor to sign letter of participation in the Climate Smart Communities PE9.

**Aye:** Bogges, Kelder, Edinger, Read & Sofranko      **Nay:**

**Committees, Commission, Department Reports:**

**Cable Franchise Negotiations Committee—Jim Sofranko, Chair**

The Committee did not meet. Supervisor Sofranko has been engaged with the County Digital Commission where they are looking into cable franchises, mapping and fiber companies that are doing build out.

**Parks & Recreation Committee—Scott Kelder, Liaison**

The Committee met with the Mountain Valley Little league District Leadership to clear up some issues for next year. Adult and youth basketball has started, Soccer ends on Saturday. The parks are closed for the seasons, Gene is trying to limit vehicle access into the parks to curb vandalism.

**Highway Department- Brian Burns, Highway Superintendent**

The Highway Department wrapped up road work and is preparing for the upcoming weather event.

**Police Commission—Drew Bogges, Liaison (#96 & #97-22)**

The new car is in and should be ready for use by December.

September total Calls 404

October total Calls 384

Year to date calls 3824

**Town Clerk---Dawn Giuditta (#98-22)**

October 2022- \$70,184.54

**Olive First Aid- Chief Yvonne Fuller (#99-22)**

**Total calls 42**

Shokan- 17 Olivebridge- 13 Boiceville-7 West Shokan- 3 Phoenicia- 1 Shandaken- 1

**Olive Fire Department- Chief Christopher Winne (#100-22)**

**October calls 2022- 24**

Auto Accidents- 6 Structure Fire- 2 Mutual Aid- 6 Automatic Alarm- 4 Smoke Investigation- 1 Wires Down- 2  
Hazardous Materials- 1 Carbon Monoxide- 2

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**Scenic Byway---David Edinger, Liaison**

They met via ZOOM. Hurley gave a presentation on its intrinsic value and the committee talked about how to work better with the DOT.

**Conservation Advisory Council—Vikki Read, Liaison**

The Council is still working on negotiating a bronze certification. They are looking at various grant opportunities. Kingston has made a choice for their Community Choice Aggregation. The Council will make recommendations for CCA in Olive.

**Zoning Committee- Drew Boggess, Liaison**

The Committee is still looking at changes that can be made to the code separate from housing, but they will be addressing affordable housing for lack of a better term.

**Buildings & Grounds- Scott Kelder, Liaison**

Is looking to change and insulate the ceiling tiles in the Town Hall. Board Member Kelder believes the materials will be about \$3,000.

**Coalition of Watershed Towns- David Edinger, Liaison**

They have not met in the last couple of months.

**Comprehensive Plan Committee- Drew Boggess, Liaison**

The Committee will meet on Thursday with the results from the survey. The power point is still being worked on. The Committee will give a presentation, and answer questions to wrap up the Comprehensive plan survey. They hope to know next month if the Town was awarded the grant to continue on.

Barry Ruland, LVDV Operations Chief Operator sent the Town Board the Boiceville Sewer District Monthly Operating Report for August and September 2022. **(#101-22)**

All pertinent business having been conducted, the Town Board on a **Sofranko/Boggess** motion, adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

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

**Nay:**

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