

Town of Olive  
County of Ulster  
State of New York  
Monday, June 12, 2023

Minutes of the audit meeting of the Town of Olive Town Board, held Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Bostock Road, Shokan, NY 12481

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

Present: Brian Burns, Highway Superintendent, Peggy Haug, Town Justice; Timothy Cox, Corporate Counsel for the CWC; Allyson Philips, Young Sommer; Nick Warner, Lamont Engineers; Amy Grant, Liaison for the Shokan Wastewater District

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

The Town Board was presented the Statement of Expenditures Report from Bookkeeper Marlies Rosier for 4/30/2023 (**#56-23**)

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

On a **Sofranko/Read**, motion the Town Board adjourned into Executive Session to discuss privileged information for the Shokan Sewer District and a legal issue with the Building Department at 7:16 pm.

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

Executive Session was adjourned on a **Boggess/Read** motion at 8:38 pm.

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

No further pertinent business needing to be discussed the meeting adjourned on an **Edinger/Boggess** motion at 8:40 pm.

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

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Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Town of Olive Town Board, held Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Bostock Road, Shokan, NY 12481

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

Present: Brian Burns, Highway Superintendent; Ternice Winne, Olive Day Coordinator; Gene Sorbellini, Buildings and Recreation Director; Tom Planz; Timothy Cox, Town Justice

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

On a **Boggess/Edinger** motion, the Town Board approved the May minutes.

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

**Correspondence: #57-23**

On a **Sofranko/Edinger** motion, the Town Board approved new Olive Fire Department Member Jason Curtis.

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

**#58-23**

NYS DEC – Inactive Landfill Initiative water testing in the area.

**#59-23**

NYMIR- David Bloodgood – concerning battery disconnects for garage vehicles

**#60-23**

Heather Gierloff- Girl Scout Troop #60059- verifying that a lifeguard for Girl Scout Party will be present for 6/22/23 party and she will be resigning at the end of this year. The Town Board on a **Sofranko/Boggess** motion, requested a letter be sent to Heather thanking her for her dedication to the scouts.

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

**#61-23**

NYS DOT- response concerning the speed zone reduction for Boiceville.

**#62-23**

Councilman Cook, Town of Huntington NY- Requesting support for a Resolution to the Governor for voter ID.

**Budget Modifications:** On a **Sofranko/Read** motion, the Town Board approved the following budget modification in the General Fund:

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

Transfer \$22.00 from A1990.4 Contingency to the following:

Increase A1340.4 – Budget Contractual \$22.00

Increase A8090.4 Environmental Control- Contractual \$70.00

(OCAC Expenses being paid from 2022 NYSERDA Grant)

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

Aye: Bogges, Kelder, Edinger, Read and Sofranko      Nay:      Absent:

General Fund Vouchers #224-#276	\$ 42,008.78
Highway Fund Vouchers #92-#114	\$ 32,267.39
Special Lighting Vouchers #5	\$ 77.68

April Cash Received: \$29,012.22  
 April Interest: \$23,999.80

**Additional Business:**

Supervisor Sofranko brought up for discussion that Jane Wolfrum an Olive resident was reserving the Park for St Francis De Sales Church in Phoenicia and asked if the Town would waive the fee. The Town Board asked if the Supervisor could go back and verify that this has been done before for an out of town church.

On a **Sofranko/Kelder** motion, the Town Board appointed Ryan Perry to the Olive Day Committee.

Aye: Bogges, Kelder, Edinger, Read and Sofranko      Nay:      Absent:

On a Sofranko/Kelder motion, the town board approved the Day Camp staff roster and salaries as follows:

Aye: Bogges, Kelder, Edinger, Read and Sofranko      Nay:      Absent:

**Camp supervisor:** Lori Matteson \$3,850.00      **Asst. Camp supervisor:** Brittany Burgher \$2,900.00

**Senior Recreation Leader:** Kylie Kleine (Sports & K Group) - \$2,400.00

**Recreation Leader (sports) -** Zach Fulford \$1,200.00

**Senior Counselors 5 @ \$1050 each:**

Darla Stokes, Ben Cox, Lilyana DeGondea, Sefie Loizou, Evan Loizou

**Junior Counselors: 5 @ \$950.00 each:**

David Traeger, Chase Matteson, Charlee Kennoch, Sadie Konjas, Natalie Hastie

**Counselor in Training (CIT) 7 @ \$850.00:**

Max Scanlan, Jude Signor, Nick Bodner, Austin Fatum, Sara Metawee, Lila Metawee, Brooke Burger

On a **Sofranko/Edinger** motion, the Town Board approved Zach Fulford as the new Park Ranger at a pay rate of \$15.50 an hour.

Aye: Bogges, Kelder, Edinger, Read and Sofranko      Nay:      Absent:

On a **Bogges/Edinger** motion, the Town Board appointed Ed Maldonaldo to the Planning Board.

Aye: Bogges, Kelder, Edinger, Read and Sofranko      Nay:      Absent:

On a **Sofranko/Read** motion, the Town Board approved the Agreement for the Expenditures of Highway Monies as per section 284 of the Highway Law.

Aye: Bogges, Kelder, Edinger, Read and Sofranko      Nay:      Absent:

On a **Sofranko/Bogges** motion, the Town Board approved the single sourced proposal by LaBella to complete the Comprehensive Plan.

Aye: Bogges, Kelder, Edinger, Read and Sofranko      Nay:      Absent:

**Updates:**

Supervisor Sofranko is working on completing NYS DOS Grant Contract for Comprehensive Plan.

The Supervisor is slowly chipping away at the 5 year update to the hazards in town for the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan. Critical Environmental Areas- the OCAC has completed 2 presentations, the next step is a SEQR and public hearing. The Town Board tabled this until the July meeting.

Transfer Station- Bruce Proper sent letter for alternative hours of operation, eliminating Sunday. The UCRRA has not been making the pulls on schedule which means the bins are full over the weekend. The supervisor stated the Town Board had time to think this over since no change would be made until January. Supervisor Sofranko commented about checking on a cardboard compactor which might eliminate some pulls for cardboard.

The Stucki Embroidery demolition should be complete by the end of July.

Supervisor Sofranko spoke with the NYCDEP concerning the condition of Route 28A and the Dividing Weir. There is a possibility that the dividing weir will get paved late summer into fall.

**Committees, Commission, Department Reports:****Parks and Recreation Committee- Scott Kelder, Liaison**

The Committee approved the Day Camp personnel. Olive was chosen to host little league tournament. This is great for Mountain Valley Little League. The fence around Davis Park should be installed soon. Softball is going well. The Committee discussed allowing an aquatics class to be held at the town pool, this was tabled by the Town Board until July.

**Highway Department: Brian Burns, Highway Superintendent**

They have been busy doing tree work and prepping Bostock Road. Paving on Upper Boiceville should begin the beginning of July. There is lots of road work going on. Brian and Jim are still working with the Engineers over the cold storage garage.

**Police Department- Drew Boggess, Liaison**

The police vehicle that got approved last month should be ready for pick up.

**Town Clerk- Dawn Giuditta (#63-23)**

May- \$38,092.15

May Tax collection \$230, 344.57

**Olive Fire Department: Chris Winne, Fire Chief (#64-23)**

May Monthly Calls-16

Auto Accidents- 2 Structure Fire- 0 Mutual Aid- 2 Automatic Alarm- 4 Brush Fire- 0 Assist PD- 0

EMS Assist/Rescue-2 Public Service-3 Wires Down-3 Control Burn-0 Smoke investigation- 0

**Olive First Aid Unit- Virginia Wiswall, Chief (#65-23)**

Total calls May- 32

Olivebridge- 9 Shokan- 10 Boiceville- 6 Samsonville-3 West Shokan-2 Shandaken- 1

West Hurley-1

**OCAC- Vikki Read, Liaison**

Close to bronze status, assisted with information to Zoning Committee. The council wants to know if the Town Board is interested in them looking into a grant to do an open space inventory.

**Zoning Committee- Drew Boggess, Liaison**

The Committee is reviewing Chapter 155 working on district definitions and their principle uses. They are looking to make clarification of In Home Occupations.

**Building Committee-Scott Kelder, Liaison**

The Town Hall and court office renovation is underway. Pool installed chlorine generators, fencing for Davis Park to commence soon. They have been staining picnic tables and replaced a swing. The Generator at the Town Hall was installed with help from the Highway Department and should be operational soon.

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

The Coalition has been working with Hunter /Tannersville area. They discussed a land swap in Neversink. The Coalition would like to see more communication with the towns.

**Affordable Housing Committee- Vikki Read, Liaison**

The Housing Task Force is to meet with Dennis Doyle and discuss their goals and objectives. A County consult should be available to help right any laws. The Housing Committee will meet ½ hour before the Zoning Committee meetings.

**Olive Day Committee- Drew Boggess, Liaison**

Ternice sent a letter for elected officials to sign up to help at the event. Safety issues are all being addressed. The Olive Fire Department requested volunteers from Fire Police to handle traffic and parking issues and a Fire truck and ambulance will remain on site for emergencies. A Command center is being set up and there will be 2 ATV's on site.

With no further pertinent business to attend to the meeting adjourned on a **Sofranko/Read** motion at 8:07 pm in memory of Thomas Barringer & Charles Wood.

Aye: Boggess, Kelder, Edinger, Read and Sofranko

Nay:

Absent:

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Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk