

Town of Olive
 County of Ulster
 State of New York
 Monday, July 10, 2023

Minutes of the audit meeting of the Town of Olive Town Board, held Monday, July 10, 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, Gene Sorbellini, Facilities & Recreation Director; Dianna Carchidi, Assessor

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 5/31/2023 (#66-23)

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

Dianna Carchidi, Assessor gave the Town Board an updated on the tax rolls and some changes to the Senior Exemption. She stated the 2023 Tax Roll has wrapped up successfully. Grievance Day had no attendees and 1 dismissal is anticipated to result in a SCAR hearing. There are changes to RPTL 467: Senior Discount. It encourages towns to max out at \$50,000, or by local option, elect to raise the scale to \$58,400. The Town of Olive is currently at \$32,400. The process for calculating income will also be changed. Dianna stated the Town Board take the change to income into consideration before making any changes.

Board Member Edinger asked if the Town Board was going to revisit the volunteer firefighter tax exemption. Supervisor Sofranko stated he is all for giving a break to volunteer fire fighters; however, the law as is it is now is flawed and not equitable to all equally. The Supervisor expressed support to funding to the next OFD contract to provide annual bonuses for qualified firefighters provided the bonuses are equitable and administered by the OFD.

No further pertinent business needing to be discussed the meeting adjourned on an **Edinger/Kelder** motion at 7:59 pm.

Aye: Boggess, Kelder, Edinger, Read and Sofranko

Nay:

Absent:


 Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

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:

Increase A8090.4 Environmental Control – Contractual \$475.00
(OCAC Expenses being paid from 2022 NYSERDA Grant)

On a **Sofranko/Boggess** motion, the Town Board approved the following budget modification in the Highway:

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

Highway Fund:

Increase D3501 Consolidated highway Aid \$200,760.00
Increase D5112.2 Permanent Improvements- Capital \$200,760.00
(CHIPS roll over to be reimbursed in September 2023)

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

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

General Fund Vouchers #277-#337	\$301,240.04
Highway Fund Vouchers #115-#135	\$365,377.10
Special Fire District Vouchers #2	\$207,640.00

May Cash Received: \$70,725.86
May Interest: \$25,021.30

Additional Business:

**Town of Olive
Resolution #9 of 2023**

Request NYS DOT to Reduce the Speed Limit on NYS Route 28 in Boiceville

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Design and Construction project, identified as CAT- 252, will redesign and relocate the intersection of NYS Routes 28 and 28A in Boiceville, NY creating new traffic lanes and sightlines on both highways in both directions; and,

WHEREAS, The Ashokan Rail Trail termination will be relocated from its present location on the west side of the Esopus Creek over a new RT 28A Esopus Bridge to the east side of the Esopus Creek in Boiceville terminating at the intersection of NYS Route 28 and 28A; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of Transportation will be extending a pathway on the east side of NYS Route 28 at the termination of the Ashokan Rail Trail northward on NYS Route 28 to a newly located crosswalk near the Onteora High School; and

WHEREAS, the results of the Safe Routes to School survey conducted in March of 2023 at the Onteora High School located in Boiceville indicated most students would like the opportunity to have safer walking and biking access throughout the hamlet of Boiceville, and

WHEREAS, the Onteora High School and Onteora Middle School, both located on NYS Route 28 in Boiceville, use the Ashokan Rail Trail for athletic activities throughout the school year; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Olive and NYC DEP are acquiring flood buyout properties along this same section of NYS Route 28 in Boiceville to eventually be used for outdoor recreational activities and will have parking areas for such uses creating additional new traffic and traffic patterns on NYS Route 28 between the new Rt 28A intersection and Onteora High School; and

WHEREAS, the existing businesses along this section of NYS Route 28 include a busy supermarket, liquor store, pharmacy, post office, gas station, two restaurants, a bank, and retail stores; and

WHEREAS, a new motel located on Route 28 between Onteora High School and Winne Road has created additional traffic and traffic patterns of drivers who may not be familiar with the area in the immediate vicinity north of the high school; and

WHEREAS, there has been many automobile accidents, including one fatal accident, at the intersection of NYS Route 28 and Old Route 28 where traffic enters and exits from the newly expanded Bread Alone Bakery;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Olive requests the New York State Department of Transportation reduce the speed limit to 45mph on NYS Route 28 in Boiceville from the intersection of Lohrer Road to the intersection of Winne Road,

AND FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Olive requests the New York State Department of Transportation further reduce the speed limit to 35mph on Route 28 in Boiceville from the intersection of Route 28A to the intersection of Piney Point Road.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Motion made by: Board Member Boggess

Seconded By: Board Member Kelder

A Vote was Duly Taken:

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

Dated this 11th day of July, 2023



Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

Town of Olive
Resolution #10 of 2023

Transfer of Reserve Funds for a Highway Department Vehicle

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Olive established Highway Reserve A: Machinery Fund pursuant to Section 6-c of the NYS General Municipal Law to provide funding for the acquisition of equipment for the Town of Olive Highway Department, and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Olive at its December 21, 2022 meeting authorized, by motion, to accept a vehicle bid for the amount of \$61,594.60 and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Olive at its March 20, 2023 meeting authorized, by motion, to outfit the vehicle with dump body and snow removal equipment for bid amount of \$45,880.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Olive authorizes a transfer not to exceed \$107,474.60 from Reserve A: Machinery to Highway Fund DA5130.2 Machinery/Equipment, and

Be It Further Resolved; this resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Motion made by: Board Member Edinger

Seconded By: Board Member Read

A Vote was Duly Taken:

	Aye	Nay
Jim Sofranko, Supervisor	_X_	_____
David Edinger, Board Member	_X_	_____
Andrew Boggess, Board Member	_X_	_____
Scott Kelder, Board Member	_X_	_____
Victoria Read, Board Member	_X_	_____

Dated this 11th day of July, 2023



Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

The following resolution was introduced by Supervisor Sofranko to be voted on after a Public Hearing is held in August.

**Town of Olive
Resolution #11 of 2023**

Transfer of Repair Reserve Funds for the
Replacement of the Crossing over the Beaver Dam Creek on
Upper Sahler Mill Road

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Olive in Resolution #32 of 2017 established Reserve Fund H entitled Highway Bridge Repair Reserve to provide for infrastructure repairs under the jurisdiction of the Olive Highway Department, and

Whereas, the Town of Olive Highway Department seeks to replace the Crossing over the Beaver Dam Creek on Upper Sahler Mill Road in an amount not to exceed \$96,000, and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Olive transfer \$96,000 from Reserve H: Highway Bridge Repair to Highway Fund DA5120.4 Bridges, and

Be It Further Resolved; this resolution is subject to a public hearing prior to its passage pursuant to Section- 6c of the General Municipal Law.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Motion made by:

Seconded By: Board

A Vote was Duly Taken:

	Aye	Nay
Jim Sofranko, Supervisor	_____	_____
David Edinger, Board Member	_____	_____
Andrew Boggess, Board Member	_____	_____
Scott Kelder, Board Member	_____	_____
Victoria Read, Board Member	_____	_____

Dated this day of August 8, 2023

Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

On a **Sofranko/Edinger** motion, the Town Board scheduled a public hearing to hear any and all comments for or opposed to the above resolution to transfer Repair Reserve Funds for the replacement of the crossing over the Beaver Dam on Upper Sahler Mill Road for august 8th at 6:45 pm.

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

On a **Sofranko/Read** motion the Town Board approved the hiring of Nan Stolzenburg as a Zoning Consultant and to help update the town 's Major Subdivision Code at a \$120.00/hr., and Rick Lederer-Barnes at \$100 per hour (GIS Planner) as needed with a total cap of \$8,000.00 without further board approval.

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

On a **Sofranko/Kelder** motion, the Town Board approved waiving the fee for the use of the Davis Park by the St Francis of De Sale and St. Augustine Catholic Churches.

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

Updates:

Stucki Embroidery Property- Supervisor Sofranko made an application to AWSMP for a grant to hire a landscape architect to develop the streamside area \$18,000.00. The Supervisor should know in about two weeks if the grant is awarded. If the town receives the grant, they will discuss at the August meeting who they will hire for the project.

Ulster County Park Grant- The town received grant funds to install fencing around the perimeter of Davis Park in the amount of \$17,250 to be matched by the town. The fencing installation should commence on Friday July 14th.

Highway Cold Storage Garage- The engineers have made a site visit and done some soil testing and should be starting the design work soon. They stated that the soil was good so no further testing should be needed.

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

Supervisor Sofranko acknowledged Gene Sorbellini for a well-run Day Camp. Gene stated that Day Camp is very popular this year with approximately 100 kids per day in the first 4 days. He commented that the pool is a big hit. They have a new leadership team and they are doing well. Matt Savagty from Cornell Cooperative will be there tomorrow to do a streamside visit and they go to the Library on Thursday. The Town of Olive little league field was selected to host a baseball tournament which is great for the Mountain Valley Little League program. Adult softball is going well. The pool has had mixed weather conditions to contend with, but there was still 93 people in the pool just tonight. On a regular nice sunny day there is approximately 100 people in the pool. Parking has become an issue with people parking along Lang Road. The free concert in the park will be held on August 3rd. The Day Camp and pool facilities were inspected by the County Health Department and result were flawless. Gene commented that there is a need for new picnic tables at Shokan Park and he would request using reserve funds to purchase 10 picnic tables.

On a **Sofranko/Kelder** motion, the Town Board authorized Gene Sorbellini to purchase at \$550.00 each. A resolution for the funds will be presented at the August meeting.

Aye: Boggess, Kelder, Edinger, Read and Sofranko

Nay:

Absent:

Highway Department: Brian Burns, Highway Superintendent

The Highway Department has been busy with lots of road work. They have been paving Bostock Road, addressing shoulders and legally posting the 35 mph zone on Bostock. Superintendent Burns will reach out to the Police Chief and let him know it's been posted. They are moving to the other side of town to address some culvert pipes. The grant application for the Red Maple/Bostock Road crossing was not successful but Superintendent Burns is searching for some new funding opportunities. They will pave part of Tongore Park Road the end of July beginning of August.

Police Department- Drew Boggess, Liaison (#70-23)

The Police Department received their new vehicle and it should be ready to run by end of the month.

2023 total Calls- 2515

Total June 370

Arrests- 2 MHL

Tickets- 10

Town Clerk- Dawn Giuditta (#71-23)

June- \$60,981.72

June Tax collection \$12,544.93

Olive Fire Department: Chris Winne, Fire Chief (#72-23)

June Monthly Calls-16

Auto Accidents- 0 Structure Fire- 0 Mutual Aid- 1 Automatic Alarm- 7 Brush Fire- 0 Assist PD- 0

EMS Assist/Rescue-0 Public Service-0 Wires Down-5 Control Burn-2 Smoke investigation- 0
Carbon Monoxide- 1

Olive First Aid Unit- Virginia Wiswall, Chief (#73-23)

Total calls June- 32

Olivebridge- 11 Shokan- 9 Boiceville- 5 Samsonville-2 West Shokan-1 Shandaken- 1
West Hurley-1 Big Indian 1 misc. - 1

OCAC- Vikki Read, Liaison

The Council is preparing their report to the Zoning Committee. They would ask the Town Board if they can approve minutes online due to not meeting a quorum. Supervisor Sofranko stated no. They would like to be scheduled to give a presentation on the CCA to the Town Board.

Zoning Committee- Drew Boggess, Liaison

The Committee will be meeting on July 20th with the intention of flushing out their view points on what needs to be added to the Zoning Code.

Building Committee-Scott Kelder, Liaison

Board Member Kelder stated as you can see the town Court Office is coming together. Ramp installation for the handicapped access has started and should be finished by Thursday. Training will be given to court personal and Gene, but should be operated by the user. There are some last things to do, but it is coming along. The generator install by Margaretville Telephone should be up and running by August 1st and the Town Hall should have fiber optics by mid-August. The O& M on generator will be at Margaretville Telephone’s costs.

Coalition of Watershed Towns- David Edinger, Liaison

The Coalition discussed municipal owned sewer districts and that land swapping can’t be done.

Affordable Housing Committee- Vikki Read, Liaison

They will meet on Thursday and they are working on a document to send to the zoning committee.

Olive Day Committee- Drew Boggess, Liaison

First responders are in place with a command center and plenty of outdoor lighting is planned.

The Boiceville Sewer District monthly operating report for March was received from Barry Ruland and is available in the Town Clerk’s office. (#74-23)

On a **Boggess/Sofranko** motion, the Town Board dedicated a page in the minutes in honor of Stephanie Basalone.

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

With no further pertinent business to attend to the meeting adjourned on a **Boggess/Sofranko** motion at 8:07 pm in memory of Stephanie Basalone.

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


Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk

This page is dedicated
In Memory of Stephanie Basalone.
After summering in the Town of Olive for many
years,
Stephanie became a permanent resident in
Town around 1970.

She was a Town of Olive Employee for
25 years
1989-2014

As the Building Department Clerk
Clerk to the Code Enforcement Office
And Planning Board Clerk
She was a loving Wife, Mother and
Grandmother

She will be missed!

