

MURRAY TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2014

Present: Supervisor John Morriss, Councilwoman Kathy Case, Councilmen Ed Bower, Lloyd Christ and Paul Hendel, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway & Water Superintendent Ed Morgan, Assessor Lynn Wood, Attorney Jeff Martin, Charles Felice, Joe Sidonio, Lou Bergey, Bill Herring, John Fitzak, Stan Kemp

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Case, Seconded by Christ approving the minutes of the March meeting as submitted Motion Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Bill Herring discussed Town Zoning Ordinance Section 715 – Motor Vehicle Repair Shops. It is his opinion that there are a few parts of this section that seem unreasonable to him and asked the Board to review the highlighted items on the copies he handed out. Mr. Herring stated he understands there are problems with some shops in the Town but he thinks that there are certain circumstances that should be taken into consideration. Supervisor Morriss thanked him for his input.

John Fitzak of the Albion Redemption Center spoke to the Board regarding the removal and handling services for old electronics and equipment. We would like to continue allowing residents to drop off these items at the building and Mr. Fitzak stated that the center would pick up these items from the building on a weekly basis. Discussion regarding the registration number issued by NYSDEC for E-waste collection sites. Our number can be transferred to the redemption center. This issue is tabled until next month so Jeff can read the proposal and make up a simple agreement.

Assessor: Lynn and Louise have been out to check on some properties. They are getting ready to finalize the tentative roll. During update years the state has paid us \$5/parcel for doing the update and \$2/parcel for the interim years. This year there is no guarantee there will be anything paid by the state.

Old Business:

The *Building Use Form* was approved by the Board.

Attorney Jeff Martin updated all on the status of the Creek Road property. Mr. Combs came into Jeff's office and Jeff explained to him the situation of the 6 judgments/liens against his property. Mr. Combs indicated that he

would be assuming responsibility for cleaning up the property but he would like to have until the end of summer to do this. Jeff informed him that mid-June is a reasonable date to have the clean-up completed. If the Town incurred the \$5,000 - \$6,000 to clean the property, we may never recover that money. The board is in agreement for Jeff to formalize this in writing but in the meantime, Mr. Combs needs to comply with the property maintenance law regarding mowing, he needs to get the vehicles off the property and the house needs to be gone by June 15th.

New Business:

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower authorizing Supervisor Morriss to sign the Indemnification Agreement between the Town of Murray, Village of Holley and Holley Central School Motion Carried

This is required in order for the June Fest Fireworks to take place on the school's property.

The Town of Murray is the host of the May Supervisors/Legislators meeting. Dawn Allen would like to speak regarding the senior citizen exemption and to share some other data with us. The meeting is being held on May 27th.

Councilwoman Case discussed a story from R News that stated not many children have signed up for baseball and it is unsure if they will have it in the summer recreation program. Wouldn't the program director contact the Towns and Village Boards before they go public? Councilman Hendel will see what he can find out.

Attorney:

Jeff wrote a letter to John Sansone, Attorney for the Village of Holley informing him that the Murray Town Board decided not to waive the \$150.00 water fee on Lake Road.

Jeff handed out a copy of the letter he sent to Dave Piedmonte regarding the water district charges on his mother's parcels on Lynch Rd.

Town Clerk:

Receipts for March totaled \$452.25 with \$332.51 going into the general fund.

We received the County Animal Shelter Inspection Report and Dog Control Officer Inspection Report from the Department of Ag. And Markets. Both were given a satisfactory rating. Cindy had the reports on hand for anyone to look at.

Cindy informed the Board that under General Municipal Law, a municipality cannot charge more than a \$20.00 fee for returned checks. This will be changed on the fee schedule from \$25.00 to \$20.00.

Cindy handed out a Tax Collection Summary. As of today, the Town Clerk's office has collected 83% of taxes due.

Highway and Water Superintendent:

Jeff and Ed will be firming up a date to meet with T.J. Foster regarding the easement for the Hulberton Rd. cemetery.

CHIPs allowance will be the same as last year. There is an added line item with \$8,200 more for 2014/2015. This is for one time only because of the severity of this winter.

As our generator is getting old Ed would like to enter into a maintenance agreement with Cummins Inc. They will provide two visits per year, minor inspections for \$917.60 per year. Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower to enter into a maintenance agreement with Cummins Inc. for maintenance to our generator at a cost of \$917.60 per year Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower authorizing Ed Morgan to dispose of the old broom tractor and old service truck at the Palmyra auction, and to purchase a newer used pickup at the auction, not to exceed \$25,000
Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ authorizing Ed Morgan to purchase a rock hound and broom for the bobcat, not to exceed \$12,000
Motion Carried

The DEC inspected our fuel tanks. We received a good inspection report: the paperwork and all tanks were good, but the quarter turn shut-off valves weren't lockable. They haven't been lockable since 1995 but that has already been corrected.

Regarding Water District #10, Extension #1: due to the extreme weather, the contractor got a late start on the canal boar and couldn't complete it by the April 15th deadline when they begin to fill the canal. It is our hope to possibly revisit it when the canal is drained in September. Ed will try and keep everyone up to date regarding this district.

Public Comments:

Lou Bergey asked the board about the old electronics drop-off. She also stated that we are lucky to have Ed Morgan as our Highway and Water

Superintendent as he is very knowledgeable and when the time comes, he will be hard to replace.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Case approving the Supervisor’s financial report and to pay the following bills: Motion Carried

General Fund	Claims 94 – 123	\$20,245.78
Highway Fund	Claims 62-83	\$31,991.38
Water District No. 1	Claim 8	\$301.15
Water District No. 2	Claims 11-13	\$122.68
Water District No. 3	Claims 10-12	\$2,653.13
Water District No. 6	Claims 14-19	\$6,035.84
Water District No. 10	Claims 13-14	\$47.73
Water District No. 11	Claims 16-21	\$270.34

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower to adjourn the meeting Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
