

**Town of Murray Board Meeting**

August 12, 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, Attorney Jeff Martin, Assessor Lynn Wood, Code Enforcement Officer Ron Vendetti, Legislator Ken DeRoller, Legislator John DeFilipps, Joe Sidonio, Stan Kemp, Anthony Gianni, David Knapp

Pledge to the flag

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower approving the minutes of the July meeting as submitted. Case and Hendel abstained from the vote. Motion Carried

Legislator Ken DeRoller spoke about the infrastructure of the Holley Business Park and the data he is collecting regarding sewer, water and electric rates. He informed the board of the things he and the county are working on, including bridges within the county and the parkway maintenance issue.

Assessor: Lynn Wood reported that the state equalization final rate is at 100%. Lynn spoke about solar energy farms. These companies receive grants for environmentally unacceptable pieces of land and put in solar energy. They get a 15-year exempt status and then turn it over to the towns after the 15 years are up. Ron said there is a significant benefit to the community and they are preparing a presentation regarding solar energy farms for all Town and Village boards.

Code Enforcement Officer: Ron Vendetti reported that there have been quite a few permits issued for decks, additions and porches. A house on Transit Road north of the Ridge is just about ready to be built.

Ron stated that the Planning Board has extended A & M Auto's time to comply. Mr. Manno has to come up with some answers for next month's Planning Board meeting. He states his plan is to add six more bays so he comes into compliance. Mr. Manno is non-compliant and has been belligerent. The fence is supposed to be done by September 1<sup>st</sup>. He says he is working on things but at some point it has to come to fruition. Ron doesn't agree with the Planning Board extending his time to comply, but it isn't his decision to make.

Regarding the no parking signs, Hurds have taken many steps to address the problem, George Berg is in the process of addressing the issue also. A & M Auto has to take care of their parking issues also.

Old Business:

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ to officially close out capital project, Water District No. 13 Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower to officially close out capital project, Water District No. 14 including a pay-back of \$1,027 to General Fund Town-wide no later than December 31, 2014 Motion Carried

New Business:

Discussion regarding the disability insurance the Town was required to obtain because of the canal crossing. It is now time to renew. Does the Town want to do this? We have never had disability insurance until this point. Motion by Case, Seconded by Christ that the discussion of disability insurance be tabled until the next board meeting Motion Carried

Since raising the Senior STAR income limit will provide Town of Murray residents with a little relief, the board is in agreement to raise the Senior STAR income limit. A local law would have to be adopted no later than the February 2015 meeting in order for it to affect the tax year of 2016. Jeff will draft the local law for the board to introduce.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower adopting the repayment plan of \$40,000 from General Town-wide to Highway Town-wide in four yearly installments of \$10,000 beginning in 2015 Motion Carried

The Supervisor/Legislator meeting will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

A work meeting to go through the department budget sheets will take place on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Supervisor Morriss handed out information on Health Benefits Consortium that can be discussed at the work meeting.

Attorney: On July 22<sup>nd</sup> we closed on the 5-year \$150,000 Road Repair Bonds with an interest rate of 2.5% for the first 3 years and 2.625% in years 3 and 4.

Water District 10, Ext. 1 final closing is scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>.

The owners of the property on Hulberton Road are willing to sign the cemetery easement. They will come to Jeff's office to sign within the next couple of weeks allowing the Highway Dept. to get back to the cemetery for maintenance.

The Town needs to hold a public hearing on the tentative assessment roll for water districts, identifying each district and propose what the tentative charge would be on the upcoming tax bills in January. This is especially important as there were some wrinkles in the water district 10, ext. 1 tax bills and the residents of that district should know what they will be paying come January. Dawn Allen said she would assist us in compiling the figures.

Jeff will provide the Board with the information he has gathered regarding Town Constables and the authority that position has.

Town Clerk: August receipts totaled \$1,429.20 with \$1,297.58 going into the General Fund. DEC license sales began a 'soft sell' on Friday, although they are advertising sales to begin on August 13<sup>th</sup>. There have been many problems since the DEC switched to a new provider. Our office has been able to resolve the issues but many other towns are still not able to sell due to software and printing problems.

Highway and Water Superintendent: The three street lights on Route 31, east of Holley have been installed. Ed's department has been helping the state with the paving of Route 31. The project has been well orchestrated and has worked out great.

Discussion of one of our hydrant users who is protected by the courts but still owes \$700 for water. Jeff can get the information on the bankruptcy and find out why the Town is not receiving anything.

Ed has presented Rural Development with the bills for hydrants, valves, pipe, automatic hydrant flushes, generator etc., to be paid for with the surplus grant money. The bills totaled \$41,243 and we were approved to spend \$42,000.

Hickory Ridge is in need of water for their 86 proposed sites off of Padelford Rd. Would the Board be supportive with the same scenario as the last time, where they supplied the equipment and material and we helped with the installation? This can all be discussed at a later time when things are more concrete.

Town is doing what they can to make sure drivers are aware well in advance that the bridge over Sandy Creek on Hulberton Road is closed. The county did not consult with Ed regarding the detour therefore they had traffic going on secondary town roads and not on county or state roads.

Bennetts Corners Road between Route 31 and Gulf Road has been paved. Ed will check how much money is left to see if anything else can be done.

Ed met with Paul Chatfield to look at potential districts for water. Areas looked at were Norway Road, Center Road to the Kendall line, Hindsburg Road from E. Transit Church Road to Route 104, and County Line Road going north. It appeared that we should go forward on Hindsburg, West Kendall and Center Roads.

Public Comments: Stan Kemp has been dealing with the Canal Authority in order to get the navigational lights on both sides of the Route 237 canal bridge replaced. The lights haven't been replaced for 2 ½ years and they won't replace them. Can the Town or Legislator DeRoller help? Legislator DeRoller said he will see what he can do.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Case approving the Supervisor's Financial Report and that the following bills be paid: Motion Carried

General Fund	Claims 227-265	\$77,111.33
Highway Fund	Claims 166-181	\$131,618.22
Water District No. 1	Claims 18-19	\$505.08
Water District No. 2	Claims 30-34	\$8,939.22
Water District No. 3	Claims 28-30	\$557.60
Water District No. 4	Claim 13	\$1,383.18
Water District No. 5	Claim 13	\$666.39
Water District No. 6	Claims 41-45	\$5,163.95
Water District No. 7	Claims 16-17	\$4,162.85
Water District No. 8	Claims 15-16	\$3,508.21
Water District No. 9	Claim 13	\$2,009.49
Water District No. 10	Claims 27-29	\$1,368.27
Water District No. 11	Claims 44-51	\$9,043.70
Water District No. 12	Claim 13	\$770.70
Water District No. 13	Claims 13-14	\$1,600.58
Water District No. 14	Claim 8	\$154.29
Water District No. 15	Claims 17-19	\$2,496.27
Water District No. 20	Claim 10	\$1,323.84

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

So adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

