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**Murray Town Board Meeting**

August 11, 2015

Present: Supervisor John Morriss, Councilwoman Kathy Case, Councilmen Lloyd Christ and Paul Hendel, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Ed Morgan, Attorney Jeff Martin, Code Enforcement Officer Ron Vendetti, Assessor Lynn Wood, Charlie Diehl, Kevin Diehl, Charlie Felice, Neil Valentine, Joe Sidonio, Bob Taylor, Stan Kemp, David Piedmonte, Bill Herring, R. Finnefrock, Mike Bove and Mark Porter of Monroe Ambulance  
Absent: Councilman Ed Bower

Pledge to the flag.

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

Assessor: Lynn reported they've finished reviewing sales and the comp documents have been printed for the residences. Normal day to day operations in the Assessor's office.

Kevin Diehl addressed the Board regarding Hickory Ridge's plan to expand the RV Resort by 87 sites. The original plan was submitted to the Planning Board in 2014. These plans cost over \$20,000. If he would have been made aware that the zoning was incorrect for the use he had in mind, he would not have spent this money on the plans. Mr. Diehl indicated according to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, this zoning issue should not prevent them from developing their property. He pointed out several sections of the Comprehensive Plan that support his request for expansion. If the zoning can be changed to allow this expansion, the Town will benefit from more property taxes, more sales tax and new customers for local businesses. Hickory Ridge also has over 60 employees, most of which are young, local employees. This is a huge benefit to our community and with the expansion, the number of employees will be higher.

Supervisor Morriss stated that the Board will be having a work meeting later next week and will make a determination at that time.

Code Enforcement Officer: Along with the proposed zoning change Ron stated that there were some concerns regarding noise levels from both campers and the pumps on the golf course. The pumps will be replaced with something quieter and the Planning Board voted to recommend the zoning be changed to RA. This would enable Hickory Ridge to move forward. At the work meeting, if the Town Board makes a recommendation, it can be sent to the County. This will only be an alteration in our map. When it comes back from

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the County we will hold a public hearing so there is an opportunity for any residents to be heard. There are two reasons why the Planning Board felt this would not be spot zoning; 1) because it is enlarging a district that already exists, and 2) because it is consistent with some of the visions of the Comprehensive Plan. Ron added that not everyone on the Planning Board were in agreement to this change.

The Planning Board also looked specifically at our Zoning Ordinance; Section 715 Motor Vehicle Repair Shops to see if changes could be made. Section 715 F, should be amended to read '*hard or durable surface*'. Also, Section 715 I, Hours of Operation should be amended as this cannot legally be enforced. Ron handed out minutes of the Planning Board meeting and informed the Board that they are ready to move forward with these changes.

Regarding property maintenance, some mowing has been done. This is costly but the two properties that were mowed are now in reasonable shape. Mowing these properties has prompted other property owners who were initially defiant about mowing, to get their properties mowed.

#### Old Business

Supervisor Morriss reminded all that the Town picnic is scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Reminder that the regular September Board meeting has been moved to September 1<sup>st</sup>. These changes can be seen on the website calendar and the Town Board page.

Brief discussion regarding the electronic drop off. There will be three collection sites in the County; the Town of Murray, County Highway and the Town of Shelby. There will be no cost to the Town as the county will be absorbing the cost.

The budget work meeting is still scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The budget worksheets will be handed out to department heads soon.

August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. was decided upon for a Town Board work meeting. This is not a budget meeting.

Attorney: Jeff spoke to Danny Mawn of the Historical Society and said that they will be signing the agreement. The Town has not given them any funds for three years. Do we pay for the last few years even though the Historical Society never signed the agreement and didn't supply the Town with any records or utility bills? Danny would like to come to a future meeting and

make a request for more funding for 2016. Jeff will inform him of the meeting on Wednesday so he can talk to the Board then.

Jeff thanked Assessor Lynn Wood for his help correcting with a school district issue regarding a parcel on Ridge Road. Even though the tax roll was final, Lynn worked with Dawn Allen so the roll could be changed.

Town Clerk: July receipts totaled \$1,512.75 with \$1,391.41 going into the general fund. Sporting licenses went on sale yesterday and the system has been down, state-wide. We have been told not to sell any more licenses until further notice from NYSDEC. Cindy informed all that any board meetings, work meetings and meeting agendas are on the town website. You can see the scheduled meetings and any meeting changes on the Town Board page.

Highway and Water Superintendent: Ed informed all of the roads that the Highway Department has done work on; Hindsburg Road from Route 31 to the canal, Lynch Road from Transit Rd. to Hulberton Rd., Gulf Road, Center Road and Paddleford Road.

Ed informed the Board of the small claims case regarding the car that hit a 'men working' sign. The claimant dropped the case as the insurance company was paying the claim. Jeff Martin explained that it was probably cheaper to settle the \$1,500 than for NYMIR to assign special council to defend the claim. Although this decision is understandable, the Town should have been notified that they were settling.

Public Comments:

Neil Valentine addressed the Board as a resident and stated the reasons for his opposition to the expansion of Hickory Ridge RV Resort. The property cited for expansion is zoned Rural Residential and is not in a Business District. The Board was supplied with a letter addressing Mr. Valentine's concerns including property values, the community, the environment, and a list of the disruption and problems that will affect his homestead. Mr. Valentine asked the Board to consider these concerns when making their decision.

Bob Taylor has tried unsuccessfully to contact a couple board members and would like to know the best way to get in touch with them. Councilman Hendel stated his telephone was out of service but would be happy to talk with him tonight.

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

General Fund	Claims 208-241	\$34,338.76
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Highway Fund	Claims 165-178	\$19,083.41
Water District No. 1	Claims 21-22	\$1,564.55
Water District No. 2	Claims 31-35	\$6,229.72
Water District No. 3	Claims 26-28	\$8,653.40
Water District No. 4	Claim 13	\$998.37
Water District No. 5	Claim 12	\$513.12
Water District No. 6	Claims 42-45	\$1,907.15
Water District No. 7	Claim 15	\$4,370.16
Water District No. 8	Claims 12-14	\$2,467.21
Water District No. 9	Claims 11-12	\$1,241.94
Water District No. 10	Claims 23-26	\$1,853.75
Water District No. 11	Claims 44-51	\$9,906.72
Water District No. 12	Claim 11	\$932.04
Water District No. 13	Claim 11	\$1,354.11
Water District No. 14	Claim 4	\$139.53
Water District No. 15	Claims 10-11	\$1,792.71
Water District No. 20	Claim 3	\$1,302.00

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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