

## TOWN OF MURRAY BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2014

Present: Supervisor John Morriss, Councilpersons Kathy Case, Lloyd Christ and Paul Hendel, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Ed Morgan, Assessor Lynn Wood, Attorney Jeff Martin, Code Enforcement Officer Ron Vendetti, Richard Downey, Stan Kemp, Joe Sidonio, Holley High School Student

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Case, Seconded by Christ accepting the May meeting minutes with a correction to the first line of the Assessor's report to read '*the tentative roll was filed on May 1<sup>st</sup>*', and also accepting the work meeting minutes with a correction to the first paragraph deleting the sentence '*Ed Morgan cannot think of anything the Town could purchase that would benefit the new district with any leftover grant money*' Motion Carried

Assessor: Grievance day was a fairly quiet day. Only two property owners appeared before the Board of Assessment Review and both left satisfied. Our equalization rate is at 100%.

### Code Enforcement Officer:

Ron informed all of the results of the Planning Board meeting that was held on June 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss revocation of A & M Auto's special use permit. Ron has allowed Mr. Manno to temporarily re-occupy the next-door parking lot as it is safer than parking cars across the road. During inspection of the property there were some housekeeping issues but other than that it was considerably better than the last time Ron was there and a good number of vehicles have been removed from the back. The Planning Board asked Mr. Manno's attorney for a realistic plan for clean-up of the property but Ron thinks it is moving in a positive direction. They will be updating the Planning Board at their regular monthly meetings. Councilman Hendel said Ron's effort is appreciated and understands being accommodating to a point but not in the manner as it has been in the past.

Kathy Britt has been served to appear in court as she is using the building on her property and there are numerous things inside. The building is supposed to be secured and free of combustibles.

Ron reported issuing pool and deck permits and also an addition is being worked on.

The problem with parking on the right-of-way was discussed. Ron will try to get the State D.O.T. involved. Jeff will look into who would enforce this. There will be a small work meeting to discuss this further.

Jeff informed all on the developments with the Creek Road property. Mr. Combs is proposing to deed the property to George Berg for one dollar and George would pay any taxes that are in arrears. The liens would stay in place until they eventually drop off. Jeff has confirmed this with George and also informed him that the Board is concerned with getting the house removed.

Old Business:

Jeff has the Albion Redemption Center Agreement. They will stop each week and pick up any electronics that have been dropped off at the building. John will sign the agreement on behalf of the Town.

New Business:

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ adopting the SEQRA Resolution in connection with the highway repair project Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Case to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of \$150,000 bonds of the Town of Murray, to pay the cost of the reconstruction and resurfacing of various roads throughout and in and for the Town of Murray. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Aye	4	Case, Christ, Hendel, Morriss
Nay	0	
Absent	1	Bower

The resolution was thereupon adopted.

Our auditors recommended the Town increase our capitalization threshold from \$500 to \$5,000. Albion Agencies also agreed with this recommendation.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ to increase the capitalization threshold from the current \$500 to \$5,000 Motion Carried

Motion by Case, Seconded by Christ adopting the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Case approving Water District No. 10, Ext. No. 1 Pay Application to Pilon Construction in the amount of \$218,056.23

Motion Carried

Supervisor Morriss and Councilman Hendel met with the director of the Strong West facility in Brockport. They informed all of the services Strong West currently offers and of the additional services they will be providing in the future.

Councilman Hendel stated that the June Fest was a success and commended and thanked everyone who played a part in it.

Attorney:

Moving toward the close out of the water district, Supervisor Morriss needs to sign the agreement accepting the \$712,000 grant, the borrowing of \$1,340,000 and Municipal Solutions agreement for \$1,900 for their services in connection with the borrowing of the money.

Town Clerk:

Receipts for May totaled \$962, with \$555.98 going into the general fund. The tax books are balanced and reconciled. The Town Clerk's office collected a total of \$3,406,783.46 in property taxes plus \$7,831.59 in penalties. 189 unpaid tax bills totaling \$549,165.75 were turned over to the County Treasurer. Cindy submitted a check to Supervisor Morriss for tax penalties collected, one returned check fee and interest remaining in the tax collector checking account from last year for a total of \$7,868.37.

Highway and Water Superintendent:

A walk-through of the water district and a meeting with Rural Development is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>. Rural Development has given us approval to direct bill the project for water used to flush the line to prepare it for public use.

The signs for the abandoned cemeteries are ready and will soon be put up.

Ed attended Cornell Road School and was awarded for his 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive year attending. He was also asked to sit on a committee being formed to develop a class for new Highway Superintendents.

Our Town Justices sometimes order a defendant to community service work in the highway dept. Ed is concerned about liability and insurance if one of these workers gets injured. We need to check with our insurance carrier. Ed also asked if high school summer workers have to be 18 years of age. Councilperson Case said anyone under the age of 18 has to have working papers and there are certain restrictions.

At the May meeting, the Town Board authorized Ed to purchase a new pickup truck for the Highway Dept. Ed asked the Board if they have any objections to him buying a used truck as he found a used truck that seems to be equipped with all that they would need in the highway dept. Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Case to amend the May Town Board resolution to state "The Town Board authorizes Ed Morgan to purchase a new *or used* pick-up truck with the same maximum cost level"Motion Carried

Board members present signed the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys.

Public Comments:

Stan Kemp asked what happens to the money that was set aside for the canal crossing, now that it will not be used. Will that reduce the bond repayment amount? Ed Morgan informed him that it does not change the bond amount because the loan money has to be used first and the grant money must be used last.

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

General Fund	Claims 157-191	\$242,746.13
Highway Fund	Claims 123-139	\$20,788.96
Water District No. 1	Claims 12-14	\$464.35
Water District No. 2	Claims 19-25	\$8,528.84
Water District No. 3	Claims 17-22	\$5,109.69
Water District No. 4	Claims 8-10	\$1,299.20
Water District No. 5	Claims 8-10	\$663.83
Water District No. 6	Claims 28-35	\$6,715.64
Water District No. 7	Claims 10-12	\$3,899.84
Water District No. 8	Claims 9-12	\$3,213.69
Water District No. 9	Claims 8-10	\$1,301.72
Water District No. 10	Claims 18-22	\$1,506.85
Water District No. 11	Claims 29-38	\$7,098.17
Water District No. 12	Claims 8-10	\$747.56
Water District No. 13	Claims 8-10	\$1,404.11
Water District No. 14	Claim 5	\$70.00
Water District No. 15	Claims 10-14	\$2,136.02
Water District No. 20	Claims 8-9	\$1,171.60

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Hendel that the meeting be adjourned  
Motion Carried

So adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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