

**Town of Murray Public Hearings and Town Board Meeting**  
October 14, 2014

Supervisor John Morriss, Councilwoman Kathy Case, Councilmen Ed Bower, Lloyd Christ and Paul Hendel, Highway and Water Superintendent Ed Morgan, Attorney Jeff Martin, Assessor Lynn Wood, Code Enforcement Officer Lynn Wood, Deputy Clerk Valerie Mauro, Earl Williams, Lou Bergey, Stan Kemp, Joe Sidonio, Bill Skellen, Richard Downey

Pledge to the flag.

**Public Hearings** – Local Law No. 1 of 2014 *Increasing the Maximum Income Eligibility Level for the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption under Section 467 of the Real Property Law* and Local Law No. 2 of 2014 *to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c*

Jeff Martin spoke briefly regarding both proposed local laws. No comments or questions from those present. Supervisor Morriss announced that the public hearing on the 2015 Budget is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Public hearings closed.

**Regular Town Board Meeting**

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Case approving the September board meeting minutes and the work meetings minutes Motion Carried

**Assessor:** The office has been busy with STAR exemptions. Lynn attended the annual conference and received 12 credits. Our equalization rate is at 100%.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Ron reported that one house is being built. A&M Automotive is looking a bit better but not progressing as agreed upon.

Kathy Britt is in court for discovery motion. Ron is looking to improve the safety of that area.

Ron spoke about the letter he received from the Department of State correcting their Findings of Fact regarding the winery on Hindsburg Rd. The winery is our jurisdiction and the Town is responsible. They have no liquor license and not more than 50 people allowed.

Hickory Ridge was approved for 34 additional sites. A public hearing is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> for a variance to reduce the roads within the park from 24' to 20'.

The haunted trail on Ridge Rd. has a parking problem and asked the Fire Dept. for help controlling the traffic/parking. The Fire Dept. are not authorized to do that type of thing. The permit for the haunted trail will be revoked.

**Old Business:**

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower that the Town hire a contractor at a cost of \$1,000 to demolish and bury the burned house at 15968 Creek Rd.

Motion Carried

The cost of this would be added on to the property owner's taxes.

Ed found out that the Town Board has the option to switch stop sign from W. Brockville Rd. to Hindsburg Rd., as previously discussed. Jeff would like to research this before it is put to a vote.

Reminder that our regular November meeting will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Public Hearings on water assessment and the budget are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. with the board meeting to follow.

**New Business:**

Motion by Case, Seconded by Christ to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2014 entitled *A Local Law Increasing the Maximum Income Eligibility Level for the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption Under Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law*

Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower to adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2014 entitled *A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c* Motion Carried

Supervisor Morriss will contact Jack Welch to find out where the county gets their labor law posters. Hopefully, we could possibly get them at a cheaper price.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ supporting and authorizing the application of Town Justice Spada to be submitted on behalf of the Town of Murray Justice Court for Justice Court Assistance Program grant funding for improvements to the Murray Justice Court. Motion Carried

**Attorney:** Regarding the November 5<sup>th</sup> public hearing, a formula will be done by Louise so the property owners in Water District 15 can see the correct amount they will be charged on their tax bills in January.

After a brief discussion regarding the certificate of need for ambulance service within the Town, we will try to set up a meeting with Mark Butler, attorney for HVA, the Murray Town Board and fire districts.

On June 26<sup>th</sup> Jeff sent the easement letter to Mr. Foster for access to the cemetery on Hulberton Rd. He has had no response yet.

**Town Clerk:** Receipts for September totaled \$4,593.00 with \$972.89 going into the general fund.

On October 28<sup>th</sup> Bill Downie will be training Cindy and Louise on the website maintenance.

**Highway and Water Superintendent:** The Water Dept. sent out 30 surveys to residents without public water. He has received ten yes responses and two no responses. Of the surveys that were sent to Hindsburg Rd. residents, only two responses have been sent back.

Ed updated all where we stand with the bill for the truck. The bill included a new clutch that was needed and a second rebuilt motor. The actual cost is \$24,000. Ed will check on a warranty and report back to the Board.

Regarding driveway pipes for residents on state roads, Ed stated that if the Town puts a driveway pipe in on a state road, the Town is responsible for the maintenance. In discussing Mr. Skellen's property on Route 31, he can hire a contractor to put the pipe in but he will have to get a permit from the state to do work in the right of way or he can buy the pipe and have the Town put it in. The Town would remove the old pipe, put stone and the pipe in, no blacktop. The Town will not do any piping in the lawn area.

**Motion** by Bower, **Seconded** by Christ authorizing the installation of Mr. Skellen's Route 31 driveway pipe only

After being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	4	Morriss, Bower, Christ, Hendel
Nays	1	Case
Absent	0	

**Motion was thereupon adopted**

**Public Comments:**

None

Motion by Case, Seconded by Christ to approve the Supervisor's financial report and that the following bills be paid: Motion Carried

General Fund	Claims 290-333	\$38,906.59
Highway Fund	Claims 208-225	\$53,746.70
Water District No. 1	Claims 22-24	\$636.27
Water District No. 2	Claims 39-43	\$5,581.98
Water District No. 3	Claims 34-36	\$6,829.86
Water District No. 4	Claim 15	\$63.39
Water District No. 5	Claim 15	\$42.26
Water District No. 6	Claims 51-56	\$5,478.19
Water District No. 7	Claim 23	\$211.30
Water District No. 8	Claims 18-19	\$204.47
Water District No. 9	Claim 15	\$42.26
Water District No. 10	Claims 33-35	\$106.99
Water District No. 11	Claims 59-65	\$1,114.57
Water District No. 12	Claim 15	\$63.39
Water District No. 13	Claim 16	\$63.39
Water District No. 14	NONE	\$0.00
Water District No. 15	Claim 21	\$169.02
Water District No. 20	Claim 11	\$176.72

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.  
Motion Carried

So adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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