

**Work Meeting – Murray Town Board**  
September 30, 2014

Present: Supervisor John Morriss, Councilwoman Kathy Case, Councilmen Lloyd Christ and Paul Hendel, Attorney Jeff Martin, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver  
Absent: Councilman Bower

Pledge to the flag.

Brief discussion regarding 'Certificate of Need' for ambulance service. It is up to the Town to make provisions for ambulance service to our residents. John or Jeff will ask Ron Meiers for a letter confirming their intent to disband Holley Volunteer Ambulance service, a date this will take place and ask him when their certificate of need expires. Supervisor Morriss would like to have Mark Butler meet with the Board to explain and go through this process.

A legal notice will be published informing stating that the tentative tax roll for the water districts is on file all are welcome to come look at it. The public hearing on the charges to each water district will take place before the November meeting. This is a way for all to know in advance what the water district charge will be on their tax bill in January.

Reminder that Assemblyman Steve Hawley will be holding a Town Hall meeting on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at the Murray Town Hall.

Thompson Insurance will be holding a Health Care Informational Seminar at the Clarion Hotel in Batavia on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Let Cindy know by October 4<sup>th</sup> if you wish to attend.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Hendel declaring the old garage overhead doors obsolete and no longer needed for town use Motion Carried

If he can, Ed will sell them. Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Case authorizing Ed Morgan to sell the old overhead doors for a minimum of \$100 each Motion Carried

The Board went through and discussed the tentative budget. One thing the Board had previously done is dip into our reserve funds in order to help us stay under the tax cap. At this point, our reserves are very low and we need to concentrate on watching spending and rebuilding our reserves. In order to stay under the tax cap, \$58,000 would have to be cut from the budget. The Board doesn't see where that can be done. Village assessments are down \$1,000,000 and the amount of fines collected by the court \$10,000 lower than

last year. There is nothing in this budget that is not needed. The main server will have to wait until the Town is in a better position to do this.

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

The November Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> immediately following the public hearings on the budget and the tentative assessment roll for the water districts.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next work meeting will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Work Meeting – Murray Town Board**  
October 7, 2014

Present: Supervisor John Morriss, Councilwoman Kathy Case, Councilman Ed Bower, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver      Absent:      Councilmen Hendel and Christ

Pledge to the flag.

The tentative budget was again discussed. The 29¢ tax increase looks like a big jump but if you look back at the last six years, we haven't raised taxes so it amounts to 5¢ per year. Cost of living, the village assessments, decrease in court fines collected and the pay-back to the highway fund has taken it out of our control.

Councilman Bower suggested finding out the cost of the Bonadio Group doing a Justice Court audit and building that amount into the budget for 2016. The court audit can be done in-house for 2015 and Bonadio can perform an audit the following year. Supervisor Morriss will inquire about the cost.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Case declaring this the preliminary budget  
Motion Carried

Reminder: The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for 6:30 on November 5<sup>th</sup>, with the regular board meeting to follow.

Motion by Case, Seconded by Bower that the meeting be adjourned  
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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