

Town of Murray Board Meeting

February 10, 2015

Present: Supervisor John Morriss, Councilwoman Kathy Case, Councilmen Ed Bower, Lloyd Christ and Paul Hendel, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Ed Morgan, Assessor Lynn Wood, Attorney Jeff Martin, Dave Knapp, Joe Sidonio, Joe Morlino, Chris Chilson, Barb Morlino, John Totter, Laurie Schwab, Jason Spencer, Wade Schwab, Kevin Sheehan, Tony Gianni

Pledge to the flag.

Councilwoman Case stated that the January meeting minutes should be changed to read *Account Clerk* as Louise Passarell's job title.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Hendel approving the January 2015 meeting minutes with the above mentioned correction Motion Carried

COVA

Laurie Schwab, General Manager of COVA gave the Board an overview of their organization and supplied them with folders containing call log, map, and response times. She would like the Board to consider COVA as the Town's ambulance service. Ms. Schwab stated that COVA's capability is equal to Monroe Ambulance. She informed all that they presently have three ambulances with a fourth brand new one coming. Their equipment has the newest technology, power stretchers, etc. They recently purchased a second building and hired Barb Morlino. Their goal is to start an Orleans training center where they could do the required course training for the county including CPR and EMT Certification. Ms. Schwab said COVA is willing to put an ambulance in the Town 24/7. Councilman Hendel asked if that would be written in the contract and they said it would be. COVA presently has 35 employees, four of which are full-time, and a handful of volunteers. COVA would direct bill so there would be no charge to the Town. Councilwoman Case asked for a financial statement. Ms. Schwab will email it to Cindy. Attorney Jeff Martin asked who COVA bills if the patient has no medical insurance. Ms. Schwab said patients with no medical insurance can fill out an application and the amount they would be charged would be based on their income. They will also be willing to provide training for Holley students and to provide stand by at local events such as St. Rocco's Italian Festival and June Fest at no charge. Supervisor Morriss also asked for a copy of their typical contract to be emailed along with their financial statements.

Assessor

Lynn Wood reported that 75% of the exemption forms have been turned in. On Monday a second reminder will be sent to those who have yet to return them.

Old Business

Reminder that the public hearing on the no parking issue is scheduled for February 17th at 7:00 p.m.

New Business

None

Attorney Jeff Martin

Jeff sent an email to Mark Butler with some questions he had regarding the timing of the Certificate of Need and the payment of the transfer fee. He has not yet gotten a response.

Town Clerk

Cindy reported January receipts totaling \$456.00 with \$377.78 going into the general fund.

To date, the Clerk's office has collected \$2,913,226.20 in property taxes and \$246,640 in recycling/waste charges. The full amount of \$1,350,424.89 due to the Town of Murray from the collection of taxes has been turned over to the Supervisor.

Highway and Water Superintendent

Highway Dept. is having serious electronic issues with the Gasboy fuel system. Technicians have been here three or four times to try and rectify the issue to no avail. There is a way to hard-wire it but that gives us no records. This is not something we budgeted for but we cannot do without for that long as we service two other municipalities. If we go with a totally different system, the cost will be well over \$20,000. If we stay with Gasboy, they will just be upgrading the system which will cost \$15,000. We had the original system installed in 1994 at a cost of \$12,000.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower authorizing Ed Morgan to purchase upgraded Gasboy system when our present system fails, with the amount not to exceed \$20,000 Motion Carried

Public Comments

Fancher Hulberton Murray Fire Chief Joe Morlino asked if the Board could hold some sort of work meeting with the Fire Chiefs and/or Commissioners. He believes they can be of help to the Board as far as things to ask the ambulance

services that the Board may not be aware of. There may be some things to ask for in the contract that can help the Board make a decision.

Joe also asked what the procedure is for posting vacant houses. Can the Town have Ron post them as there are quite a few in the Town. Supervisor Morriss will have Ron contact Joe regarding these vacant houses.

John Totter, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Holley Joint Fire District is in agreement with Joe Morlino. Supervisor Morriss said he will schedule a work meeting with the Fire Chiefs and Commissioners to discuss certain things in order to help us make a decision on what ambulance service the Town will contract with.

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

General Fund	Claims 20-51	\$19,591.52
Highway Fund	Claims 24-44	49,141.52
Water District No. 1	Claims 3-5	\$365.79
Water District No. 2	Claims 3-6	\$8,399.39
Water District No. 3	Claims 3-5	\$183.45
Water District No. 4	Claim 1	\$53.35
Water District No. 5	Claim 1	\$53.35
Water District No. 6	Claims 4-8	\$1,069.03
Water District No. 7	Claim 1	\$53.35
Water District No. 8	Claim 1	\$53.35
Water District No. 9	Claim 2	\$53.35
Water District No. 10	Claims 3-5	\$97.25
Water District No. 11	Claims 5-11	\$1,942.78
Water District No. 12	Claim 1	\$53.35
Water District No. 13	Claim 1	\$53.35
Water District No. 14	Claim 1	\$274.04
Water District No. 15	Claim 2	\$53.35
Water District No. 16	NONE	\$0.00

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matter Motion Carried

Board entered into executive session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Case to return to regular meeting
Motion Carried

Board returned to regular session at 8:32 p.m.

Reminder that the March 10th meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

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

So adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
