

Town of Murray Town Board Meeting
September 21, 2020

Present: Supervisor Joe Sidonio, Town Councilmen Randall Bower, Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Assessor and Highway Superintendent Louise Passarell, Water Superintendent Dennis Mandigo, Attorney John Sansone, Scott Underwood, TJ Knight, Maritza Nieves, George Curtis, Annette Curtis, James DeFilipps, William Moroz, Peter Reese, Ellen Reese, Mallory Diefenbach, Dave Knapp, Sandy Shaw, Krista Wiley, Kerri Neale, Art Knab, Eric Fredendall, Lindsay Fredendall, Tom Rivers, Dirk Lammes, Amy Machamer

Moment of Silent Reflection

Pledge to the American Flag

Councilman Mele gave an update on COVID-19. Cases in the county continue to remain low. Our biggest obstacle is school re-opening. All must remain cautious and continue safety measures.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Mele approving the August Town Board meeting minutes as submitted Motion Carried

Town Clerk: Receipts for August totaled \$2,514.00 with \$978.58 going into the general fund.

Assessor: Louise and Lynn have gone out and checked out new building permits. They are currently working on those.

Highway: Regarding the complaint about signage on Hindsburg Road in reference to the closed bridge; the Dept. of Transportation reviewed the road and notified the Highway Dept. that they will be putting up dead end signs at the nearest intersections of the bridge.

West Kendall Road has been paved and Louise would like to pave Lynch Road from Hindsburg to Route 31 since we will be receiving a check for sales tax.

Water:

The department has been busy replacing meters. They also located and uncovered 125-130 curb stops and New York Rural Water was out and listened for leaks today on Ridge Road.

At the work meeting Louise informed the Board that they repaired a large leak under Ridge Road. She handed out reports showing that usage went

drastically down from the date of the repair to present. Councilman Hendel thanked the Water Department for locating and repairing the leak. Their knowledge and hard work are appreciated. Louise stated that there has been talk that the Supervisor feels this was a 'fake' leak. She said this is not true; it was a great find and a great repair and the guys should be acknowledged for that instead of having their reputations smeared with untruths. Supervisor Sidonio stated he heard the same rumor and discussed it with a Councilman.

Councilman Hendel stated that before the first of the year, we need to discuss raising the water rates to farmers.

Supervisor Sidonio asked if the Board is willing to retain one of the three accounting firms that submitted proposals suggesting we study the water billing system.

Councilman Bower reminded him that both of the accounting firms that submitted proposals suggested since the water department is having success finding leaks, we should wait until snow comes and then reevaluate to see if it is still needed. Board is in agreement to put \$3,000 away for next year and look at it at that time.

Code Enforcement/Zoning:

Fred reported on permits issued. Future projects include a telecommunications tower near Kendall Murray line on Carton Road. Also, the old Brockport Country Club has been sold and the new owners plan to turn it into an RV Park. They have gone through the pre-approval process with the Planning Board last month.

New Business:

Brief discussion regarding the cleaning of the Town Hall. We have a proposal from a resident but the Board believes we should advertise. All in agreement to wait until the first of the year to decide once the budget is complete.

Bob Fox came up with the idea to refinance the water districts debt. There are very low rates right now and through interest reduction we could save a significant amount.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Mele authorizing Jeff Smith of Municipal Solutions to proceed with the refinancing of the debt of the Town's water districts Motion Carried

Supervisor Sidonio asked the Board if they are interested in updating the Town's website. Moving forward we need to codify things, give more town

history, etc. He stated that Elaine Berg is interested in spearheading this. Board is in agreement to look into updating the website.

Supervisor Sidonio stated that the Planning Board Chairman was frustrated at last Planning Board meeting as only two out of five members attended. They will be discussing a time change in hopes to improve attendance.

Discussion regarding Section 601 H of our Zoning Ordinance: GENERAL SIGN STANDARDS. As it is currently written (*temporary, unlighted signs shall be allowed to be posted a maximum of thirty days prior to any and all general election campaigns*) it is unclear when an election campaign technically begins. Attorney John Sansone stated that it will be impossible for Fred to try to enforce this as it is written. All in agreement that it needs to be clearer.

Supervisor Sidonio stated he believes political signs are freedom of speech and read what free speech means to him.

Public Comments:

Ron Vendetti spoke of water loss and reports he has requested, the exemption that he filed for, that he thinks the Town Board’s highest priority should be water and local laws and exemptions being listed on the town website.

Kerri Neale stated he hopes everyone can work together and put differences aside.

Sandy Shaw thanked the community for being patient with the library during COVID-19. If any one has questions, please feel free to contact her.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ approving the Supervisor’s financial report and that the following bills be paid: Motion Carried

General Fund	\$48,890.66
Highway Fund	\$54,872.62
Water District No. 1	\$1,022.23
Water District No. 2	\$9,495.67
Water District No. 3	\$7,546.80
Water District No. 4	\$2,136.28
Water District No. 5	\$1,019.19
Water District No. 6	\$884.84
Water District No. 7	\$5,901.60
Water District No. 8	\$4,547.83
Water District No. 9	\$893.65

Water District No. 10	\$1,527.76
Water District No. 11	\$16,632.14
Water District No. 12	\$1,368.17
Water District No. 13	\$2,344.60
Water District No. 14	\$33.19
Water District No. 15	\$5,035.83
Water District No. 16	\$1,074.75
Water District No. 20	\$274.44

Councilman Mele thanked the community for supporting the Back the Blue ride two Saturdays ago. They had a very nice turn out.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Mele that the Board enters into executive session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation
Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele that the Board return to regular session at 9:38 p.m. with no action taken Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m.
Motion Carried

So adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver