

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

JULY 2020

Orleans County is now in Stage 4 of the re-opening plan. Thanks again to everyone for your efforts to comply with the social distancing guidelines. Your patience and cooperation with our Town Hall operations is greatly appreciated.

We re-opened our clerk's office to the public. Anyone wishing to conduct business in other departments please call ahead to schedule. Additionally, we are re-opening our town meetings to the public on a first come first served basis due to social distancing guidelines. Town meetings are on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7PM. We will continue the use of Zoom as well.

Our 2019 Bonadio Financial Statement Audit is complete. The 2019 Town of Murray Financial Statements are in compliance with GASB (Government Accounting Standards Board) and reflect our true financial position. All revenues and expenditures are accounted for. There are 9 recommendations to address in policy and procedure to improve our operations. We will be working on those in the weeks ahead.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee has made significant progress in developing the plan. The Committee meets every month with LaBella Engineering and brings a lot of energy to the meetings. In the months ahead the Committee will present a draft to everyone for comment. Thank you to everyone involved for contributing so much time to community.

As Budget Officer I am preparing the tentative budget to present to the Town Board. The COVID pandemic has placed a burden on everyone and everything. I fully recognize the financial strain property owners are experiencing and will do my absolute best with you in mind. Payroll and Benefits are the biggest expense with health care policies predicted to increase another 9%.

I am extremely proud to say we received a \$10,000.00 contribution from Mr. Fred Fiorito brother of long-time fireman Ted Fiorito of Fancher for the restoration of the Fancher War Memorial. Danny Mawn Chairman of the Holley/Murray Historical Society and Chad Fabry a seasoned historical preservationist are volunteering to make this a reality. Danny has already laced up his boots and is dug in. It's an honor to be a part of such a wonderful and significant community project. On behalf of all veterans and the residents of Murray, thank you Mr. Fiorito for your generosity. The Fancher 10 will never be forgotten.

I have been asked to mention the suspicious seed packets people are receiving in the mail from China. Please contact the authorities if you receive one of these as they may contain harmful or invasive species.

In conclusion, I am placing the Budget as my priority in the weeks ahead and thank you to the Town of Murray personnel for recognizing the financial strain everyone is experiencing.

Sincerely,

Joe Sidonio
Supervisor