

Town of Murray Town Board Meeting

April 10, 2018

Present: Supervisor Robert Miller, Councilmen Ed Bower, Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Attorney Jeff Martin, Highway and Water Superintendent Ed Morgan, Assessor Lynn Wood, Louise Passarell, Code Enforcement Officer Ron Vendetti, Neil Valentine, Richard Downey, Joe Sidonio, Kerri Neale, Dean Penna, Alex Penna

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower accepting the minutes of the March Public Hearings and Board Meeting as presented Motion Carried

Assessor

Lynn explained that the state assesses the special franchises and this year the only one that had appreciation was National Grid. All others went down a combined \$234,000 in assessments. Louise and Lynn have been on the road looking at improvements. We have one new house that is partially built at this time.

Lynn said that the Diaz houses that have been added back to the tax roll have added around \$200,000 to the tax roll.

Code Enforcement

Since the section of the Property Maintenance Law regarding garbage cans being left at the road is brand new, a letter will be sent to violators to make them aware of this before any violations are given. Ron reported that there is one new house finishing up on Creek Road and also an addition to a business on Ridge Road that isn't quite complete yet. The Planning Board will be finishing up working on the last parts of our zoning changes. When done, they will make their recommendations to the Town Board. The Planning Board has had great input and discussions while doing this project.

Old Business

Jeff reached out to NYMIR to find out what the wording should be for the No Trespassing signs on the Town's property. Ed Morgan stated that a Risk Management representative from NYMIR will be coming to the building on Friday at 2:00 p.m. to inspect the areas and make a recommendation.

New Business

Water District No. 3, Ext. 1: Jeff was able to secure the easement and it has been recorded. Jeff sent the package to Rural Development. Dawn Kuras informed us by letter that the Town can go out to bid. Hopefully by the May

8th Board meeting, the contract can be awarded. We are in the process of borrowing the local share of \$456,000. A notice of sale will be sent out to prospective bidders. The sale date will be May 2nd, with a closing date of May 17th. Jeff reminded the Assessor's office that we will have to make sure that the water assessments for that districts are in for the 2019 county and town taxes.

Ed informed all that Rural Development requires a resolution for standardization stating that only hydrants and valves manufactured by Mueller Corporation will be utilized for the project.

We had a small number of hard copies of the Town newsletter printed and they are available at the Town Hall and the Village Clerk's office. It has also been posted on the Town website. This will be a quarterly newsletter to keep residents informed.

Councilman Hendel updated all that Legislator DeRoller and Jim Bensley have been working hard to get the Canal Corp to come to Orleans County for a meeting to discuss the canal project. They have enlisted the help of Senator Ort. Councilman Hendel is confident Senator Ort's office and Legislator DeRoller will keep pushing this issue until the Canal Corp. comes to our County.

Councilman Hendel also spoke about the shard services meeting he attended at the County. Topics discussed were consolidation of utility bidding for municipalities and consolidating utilities for municipal buildings, schools, libraries and fire departments as there is a cost savings to pooling those bids. Other possibilities included IT, grant writing and code enforcement.

Attorney

The Local Laws No. 1 and 2 that were adopted last month have been filed, so both are in effect. Jeff asked the Town Board to go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss possible litigation. Ron and Jeff both informed the Board the situation regarding Roy Kenyon's special use permit for his topsoil/mulch business. Since looking at past records, we realized that Roy Kenyon and Craig Kenyon were issued perpetual permits so no special use permit is required for him to resume his business.

Town Clerk

March receipts totaled \$611.00 with \$576.00 going into the general fund.

Highway and Water Superintendent

\$237,240 will be expended this year for work on West Kendall Road from Route 104 to the Kendall-Murray town line, and on Lake Road from Route 31

to the Clarendon-Murray town line. Whatever may be left over will be spend on any Town roads that need improvement.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ approving the 2018 Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys. Motion Carried

Supervisor and Councilmen each signed the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys.

Ed reported that the Town will be getting about \$400 more than last year from CHIPs.

There have been some water vales leaking due to corrosion of bolts, valve nuts and stems, so the valves are not shutting down properly.

Public Comments

Kerri Neale thinks the Town newsletter is a good idea. He thanked Councilman Hendel for pushing forward with getting the Canal Corp to Orleans County and to see what they can do for our community. Access to the canal was briefly discussed and Mr. Neale encouraged Supervisor Miller to push that issue. Supervisor Miller said he thought perhaps Murray would be a good place for a refueling area.

Dean Penna asked why we are paying people other than our full-time workers help to fix water lines. Water Superintendent Morgan said it all depends on the situation and that he makes decisions based on the Town's best interest to get a leak or break fixed safely and quickly. Dean also asked why our bolts in the town rot out? Ed stated that the makeup of the soil isn't in the Town's control.

Joe Sidonio said that the intent of the law regarding garbage cans was to avoid problems with snow plow operators. Since we are a farming community perhaps the law could be amended and allow rubbish out by the road during the eight months when there is no snow plowing. This could help when residents are cleaning property, barns, etc. Ron stated that the primary reason for this law was not for the snow plows. For the most part people take care of their trash in a timely manner. This is an effort to keep trash and cans from blowing all over the community.

Doris Allport said that any town with a canal running through it is a wonderful thing. Keep in mind that the canal bank is used by many walkers, joggers and cyclists. Shade is important to the people that utilize the canal banks also. Please keep this in mind that this project doesn't ruin that.

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

General Fund	Claims 86-117	\$20,306.77
Highway Fund	Claims 40-50	\$18,567.95
Water District No. 1	Claims 7-9	\$422.44
Water District No. 2	Claims 12-14	\$6,907.00
Water District No. 3	Claims 8-9	\$2,590.43
Water District No. 4	Claims 5-6	\$1,168.52
Water District No. 5	Claims 5-6	\$736.63
Water District No. 6	Claims 18-22	\$5,111.86
Water District No. 7	Claims 6-7	\$6,095.89
Water District No. 8	Claims 5-6	\$2,270.42
Water District No. 9	Claims 5-6	\$1,164.08
Water District No. 10	Claims 10-14	\$2,327.17
Water District No. 11	Claims 18-22	\$12,352.93
Water District No. 12	Claims 7-8	\$1,313.18
Water District No. 13	Claims 5-6	\$1,241.21
Water District No. 14	Claim 5	\$10.07
Water District No. 15	Claims 7-11	\$2,404.86
Water District No. 20	Claim 2	\$987.10
Water District No. 3, Ext. 1	NONE	\$0.00

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Hendel for the Board to enter into executive session to discuss possible litigation Motion Carried

Town Board entered into executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower that the Board return to regular session with no action taken Motion Carried

Town Board returned to regular session at 8:05 p.m.

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

So adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver