

Town of Murray Town Board Meeting
December 10, 2019

Present: Supervisor Robert Miller, Councilmen Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel, Michael Mele and Neil Valentine, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Attorney Jeffrey Martin, Code Enforcement Officer Fred Case, Lynn Wood, Mallory Diefenbach, Sandy Shaw, David Piedmonte, Joseph Sidonio, Elaine Berg, Robert McClaren, Brian Fauci, Beth Miller, Art Knab

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Valentine, Seconded by Mele approving the minutes of the November 12th Town Board meeting as submitted Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele approving the minutes of the October 29th public hearings as submitted Motion Carried

Old Business

David Paul was present and said he thought the County Planning Board had all documents needed to get his proposed senior housing project approved. After a discussion regarding the correct protocol, Councilman Hendel stated that when Mr. Paul and his attorney submit paperwork directly to the County Planning Board without going through the proper channels, it only leads to confusion and sets everything back. The Board has different documents than County Planning has. Attorney Jeff Martin informed Mr. Paul that a letter that Mr. Rosenbaum sent incorrectly stated that per the November meeting, Jeff was to prepare and submit any materials to County Planning. Jeff has done exactly what the Town Board has directed him and preparing and submitting the materials to the County Planning was not one of them. The Town Board did not make any decisions last month regarding Mr. Paul's proposed senior housing as the application at that time was considered incomplete. Councilman Hendel advised Mr. Paul that County Planning should be getting the documents from the Town, not from his attorney. The Town Planning Board must approve a map amendment before it goes to County Planning.

New Business

The Board is in receipt of Charlie Felice's letter of resignation from the Town Planning Board effective 11/29/19. Supervisor Miller thanked him for his many years of service on the Board.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Hendel appointing Elaine Berg to the Board of Assessment Review to a five-year term ending 09/30/24 Motion Carried

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Valentine reappointing Edward Downey to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a five-year term beginning 01/01/20 and ending 12/31/24 Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Mele appointing Chad Fabry to the Town Planning Board to fill the vacancy left by Charles Felice, to a term ending 12/31/22 Motion Carried

Supervisor Miller stated that Chad has a wealth of knowledge and experience and will be a huge asset to the Planning Board.

A resolution honoring Theodore A. Fiorito, Jr. for 60 years of service to the Fancher Hulberton Murray Fire Company and to the residents of the Town of Murray was unanimously passed. Supervisor Miller and each Councilman signed the resolution.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Valentine authorizing Supervisor Miller to sign the contract with LaBella Associates for our Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance update, not to exceed \$45,000, subject to prior review by attorney Motion Carried

Of the proposals we received LaBella provides for the greatest community input and also includes the zoning ordinance update.

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Valentine appointing Kevin Dann as the Town’s primary representative to the Orleans County Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee and appointing Joseph Sidonio as our Alternate Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Hendel authorizing Supervisor Miller to sign the engagement letter from Bonadio & Co. for the 2019 independent audit Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ authorizing the following interfund transfers: Motion Carried

To:		
A5031	Interfund Transfer	<u>\$8,725.00</u>
From:		
SW1-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$587.00
SW2-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$1,025.00
SW3-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$712.00
SW4-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$337.00

SW5-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$275.00
SW6-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$900.00
SW7-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$775.00
SW8-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$1,125.00
SW9-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$275.00
SW10-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$338.00
SW11-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$1,050.00
SW12-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$338.00
SW13-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$338.00
SW15-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$650.00
		<u>\$8,275.00</u>
To:		
DA5031	Interfund Transfer	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
From:		
A9901.9	Interfund Transfer	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

Attorney

Jeff informed the Board that he will not be seeking reappointment for the year 2020. The year-end meeting will be Jeff's last. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Attorney for the Town for the last 34 years but as his practice has exploded, he needs to eliminate some things. The Board thanked Jeff for all he does for the Town, he will be greatly missed. Upon the Board's request, Jeff will put a list of names together of Attorneys with municipal experience. They can submit proposals and the Board will hold interviews.

Town Clerk

Receipts for November totaled \$1,348.00 with \$364.13 going into the general fund.

Valerie will be leaving at the end of this month. Annette Curtis is training at the moment and will be the new Deputy Town Clerk.

Public Comments

David Piedmonte spoke briefly about Governor Schumer wanting the federal government to increase mental health resources in rural communities, especially for farmers. He said the farmers have a suicide rate almost 4 times the general population. Causes of this can include financial worries, weather issues and fear of losing their farms. Suicides among Police Officers is still high also.

Lynn Wood thanked the Board for all their work through this year. He also thanked Supervisor Miller for being a helpful, loyal Town Supervisor and for the close interaction you've had with the Town employees. Thank you to Jeff Martin who has always been available whenever any one of us has needed him. You will both be missed.

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

General Fund	\$20,966.94
Highway Fund	\$9,353.74
Water District No. 1	\$255.50
Water District No. 2	\$3,631.44
Water District No. 3	\$13,830.00
Water District No. 4	\$83.67
Water District No. 6	\$3,838.13
Water District No. 7	\$24.09
Water District No. 10	\$2.59
Water District No. 11	\$2,379.61
Water District No. 1	\$670.00

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Mele that the Town Board enters into executive session to discuss personnel matters Motion Carried

Board entered into executive session at 7:52 PM.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Mele that the Town Board returns to regular session with no action taken Motion Carried

Board returned to regular session at 8:26 PM.

Supervisor Miller wished incoming Supervisor Joe Sidonio luck and thanked employees of the Town as it has been his pleasure being Town Supervisor.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele that meeting be adjourned Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver