

Town of Murray Town Board Meeting
February 13, 2018

Present: Supervisor Robert Miller, Councilmen Ed Bower, Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel, Michael Mele, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Attorney Jeff Martin, Assessor Lynn Wood, Louise Passarell, Neil Valentine, David Knapp, Legislator John DeFilipps, Mark Porter, Richard Downey, Elaine Berg, Michael Vinca, Beth Miller, Ted Karpenko

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower approving the minutes of the December 19, 2017, December 28, 2017 and the January 9, 2018 meetings as submitted. Motion Carried

Assessor: Lynn thanked Louise for taking care of things during his absence during one of the busiest times of the year. Everything is caught up and he is now assisting Louise which is working out well. Sales are strong and 60% of sales are over assessed valuation. Supervisor Miller also thanked Louise and thanked Lynn for being available during his recovery.

Code Enforcement: Ron didn't get the revised code to the Town Board as the Planning Board meeting was canceled due to a couple small issues. He removed the signage references from the Property Maintenance Law and he now has to get it into the zoning ordinance. Jeff Martin will be calling the Dept. of State to find out if the Property Maintenance Law has been filed yet. There is a site plan and special use permit on the agenda for the next planning board meeting. Ron will be attending the Association of Town's conference Monday through Wednesday and will be back on Thursday.

Old Business:

Supervisor Miller spoke to Bob Fox regarding the Justice Court audit. He will be getting the written code to us within the next few days.

New Business:

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ authorizing the Town of Murray to borrow \$456,000 for the Water District No. 3, Extension 1 project and to accept a Rural Development grant not to exceed \$369,000. After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Miller
Nays	0	
Absent	0	

The resolution was thereupon considered adopted.

Jeff has been trying to obtain an easement needed for the water district project. He mailed the easement information to the parcel's owner on January 22nd and has not received it back yet. Jeff emailed Scott from Chatfield Engineers to see if there is an alternative other than the easement. Jeff thinks the property owner may be opposed to the easement but will follow up with another letter. Jeff will keep the Board informed.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele authorizing Water District 3, Extension 1 project for bid, once all permits, approvals and easements have been obtained, with a bid date to be established by Chatfield Engineers, P.C.

Motion Carried

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ introducing Local Law No. 1 of 2018, entitled *A Local Law Amending Town of Murray Local Law No. 1 of 2009 to Extend the Effective Period of the Partial Exemption from Taxation on Qualifying Real Property Owned by Cold War Veterans.*

Motion Carried

This local law extends the exemption indefinitely.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ introducing Local Law No. 2 of 2018, entitled *A Local Law Repealing Town of Murray Local Law No. 2 of 1999, Local Law No. 1 of 2008 and Local Law No. 1 of 2010 With Respect to the Control, Confining, Leashing and Licensing of Dogs.*

Motion Carried

The County-wide Animal Control Law was effective January 1, 2018.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the benefit package for Town Highway Department employees adopted at the January 9, 2018 organizational meeting provides that full time employees are required to pay 10% of the total premium cost for the health insurance, based on 2016 rates, and to assume responsibility for any future premium increases beginning in 2017; and

WHEREAS, with recent double digit increases in health insurance premiums, annual pay increases to Highway Department employees are more than offset by their out-of-pocket health insurance costs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board feels that under these circumstances, a revision to the benefit package is warranted:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, that the Highway Department employee benefits package is hereby revised, effective immediately, to provide that employees are required to pay 10% of the total annual premium cost for their health insurance; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in all other respects, the benefit package adopted at the January 9, 2018 meeting shall remain in full force and effect.

Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Town Clerk: Receipts for January totaled \$611.00 with \$474.54 going into the general fund. Cindy thanked Val for manning the office the last week of January while Cindy was out of state. Tax Collection is going smoothly. As of today, 73% (\$2,905,547.95) of property taxes has been collected. There have been a handful of residents that have made partial payments on their tax bills. It has been working out well.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele that the following bills be approved and paid: Motion Carried

General Fund	Claims 24-54	\$30,139.82
Highway Fund	Claims 10-24	\$72,914.00
Water District No. 1	Claim 2	\$269.45
Water District No. 2	Claims 4-5	\$6,234.94
Water District No. 3	Claims 1-2	\$10,751.58
Water District No. 4	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 5	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 6	Claims 4-7	\$3,712.22
Water District No. 7	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 8	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 9	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 10	Claim 3	\$2.59
Water District No. 11	Claims 8-10	\$3,669.19
Water District No. 12	Claim 3	\$78.19
Water District No. 13	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 14	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 15	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 20	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 3, Ext. 1	-	\$0.00

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ to adjourn the meeting.
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver