

Town of Murray Town Board Meeting

January 10, 2017

Present: Supervisor John Morriss, Councilpersons Ed Bower, Lloyd Christ and Paul Hendel, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Attorney Jeff Martin, Assessor Lynn Wood, Code Enforcement Officer Ron Vendetti, Louise Passarell, Krista Wiley-Neale, Joe Sidonio, Mary Dewey, Skip Brien, Dale Passarell, Tamara Leach, David Leach, Neil Valentine, Ted Karpenko, Dave Piedmonte, Richard Downey, Robert Miller

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower approving the December meeting minutes as submitted Motion Carried

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Hendel accepting Kathleen Case's letter of resignation from the Murray Town Board Motion Carried

The Town Board appreciates all the time and hard work Kathy put into her job as Councilperson.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower appointing Robert Miller to the Town Board to serve for the remainder of Kathleen Case's term ending December 31, 2017 Motion Carried

Robert Miller was given the oath of office.

Assessor The office has been busy as it is exemption renewal time. There was another land sale today which totals 17 land sales in the last six months.

Code Enforcement Ron has completed the fire safety inspections of all the businesses in the community. He's had good cooperation from all. There are a couple re-inspections that need to be done but for the most part, everyone is in good shape. Ron spoke about the sign issue that was brought up last meeting. The letters his department sends to violators state *if you believe you received this communication in error or your circumstances require more time, please contact me.* The ordinance states that signs cannot be placed on a public utility pole or traffic control pole. It was brought up that Councilman Christ is the biggest violator of the sign ordinance with his tractor pull signs. His tractor pull profits are all donated. Not-for-profit organizations/events are exempt. Ron stated he has been doing code enforcement for 21 years and follows the training he has been given. He keeps the Board informed about any issues that may arise so they are well aware of how he runs his department.

Old Business

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower introducing Town of Murray Local Law No. 1 of 2017, *Moratorium on Installation of Freestanding or Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems* Motion Carried

A public hearing on the proposed local law will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> prior to the regular Board meeting.

New Business:

A reminder that the informational meeting for property owners in proposed water district no. 3 ext. 1 will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The 2% increase was not calculated into the water salaries for 2017. Line transfers need to be approved for this reason. Motion by Bower, Seconded by Hendel approving the following water line transfers: Motion Carried

		<u>WATER DISTRICT #1</u>	
<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW1-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$42.00
			<u>\$42.00</u>

<i>Transfer to:</i>	SW1-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$28.00
	SW1-8310.11	Admin. Pers. Services Clerk	<u>\$14.00</u>
			<u>\$42.00</u>

		<u>WATER DISTRICT #2</u>	
<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW2-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$84.00
			<u>\$84.00</u>

<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW2-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$56.00
	SW2-8310.11	Admin. Pers. Services Clerk	<u>\$28.00</u>
			<u>\$84.00</u>

		<u>WATER DISTRICT #3</u>	
<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW3-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$54.00
			<u>\$54.00</u>

<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW3-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$36.00
	SW3-8310.11	Admin. Pers. Services Clerk	<u>\$18.00</u>
			<u>\$54.00</u>

		<u>WATER DISTRICT #4</u>	
<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW4-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$18.00
			<u>\$18.00</u>

<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW4-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$12.00
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	SW4-8310.11	Admin. Pers. Services Clerk	\$ 6.00 <u>\$18.00</u>
		<u>WATER DISTRICT #5</u>	
<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW5-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$12.00 <u>\$12.00</u>
<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW5-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$ 8.00
	SW5-8310.11	Admin. Pers. Services Clerk	\$ 4.00 <u>\$12.00</u>
		<u>WATER DISTRICT #6</u>	
<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW6-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$72.00 <u>\$72.00</u>
<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW6-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$48.00
	SW6-8310.11	Admin. Pers. Services Clerk	\$24.00 <u>\$72.00</u>
		<u>WATER DISTRICT #7</u>	
<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW7-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$60.00 <u>\$60.00</u>
<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW7-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$40.00
	SW7-8310.11	Admin. Pers. Services Clerk	\$20.00 <u>\$60.00</u>
		<u>WATER DISTRICT #8</u>	
<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW8-8310.4	Administration Contractual	\$36.00 <u>\$36.00</u>
<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW8-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$24.00
	SW8-8310.11	Admin. Pers. Services Clerk	\$12.00 <u>\$36.00</u>
		<u>WATER DISTRICT #9</u>	
<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW9-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$12.00 <u>\$12.00</u>
<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW9-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$ 8.00
	SW9-8310.11	Admin. Pers. Services Clerk	\$ 4.00 <u>\$12.00</u>
		<u>WATER DISTRICT #10</u>	
<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW10-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$18.00 <u>\$18.00</u>

<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW10-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$12.00
	SW10-8310.11	Admin. Pers. Services Clerk	<u>\$ 6.00</u>
			<u>\$18.00</u>

WATER DISTRICT #11

<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW11-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$108.00
			<u>\$108.00</u>

<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW11-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$ 72.00
	SW11-8310.11	Admin. Pers. Services Clerk	<u>\$ 36.00</u>
			<u>\$108.00</u>

WATER DISTRICT #12

<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW12-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$18.00
			<u>\$18.00</u>

<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW12-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$12.00
	SW12-8310.11	Admin. Pers. Services Clerk	<u>\$ 6.00</u>
			<u>\$18.00</u>

WATER DISTRICT #13

<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW13-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$18.00
			<u>\$18.00</u>

<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW13-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$12.00
	SW13-8310.11	Admin. Pers. Services Clerk	<u>\$ 6.00</u>
			<u>\$18.00</u>

WATER DISTRICT #14

<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW14-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$ 5.00
			<u>\$ 5.00</u>

<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW14-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$ 5.00
			<u>\$ 5.00</u>

WATER DISTRICT #15

<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW15-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$48.00
			<u>\$48.00</u>

<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW15-8310.1	Administration Personal Services	\$32.00
	SW15-8310.11	Admin. Pers. Services Clerk	<u>\$16.00</u>
			<u>\$48.00</u>

WATER DISTRICT #20

<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW20-8310.4	Administrative Contractual	\$13.00
			<u>\$13.00</u>

*Transfer To:* SW20-8310.1 Administration Personal Services \$13.00  
\$13.00

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ making the following appointments:  
Motion Carried

- That Elaine Berg be appointed to the Town of Murray Planning Board for a five-year term ending on December 31, 2021
- That Robert Cone be appointed to the Town of Murray Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy left by Elaine Berg. The term will end December 31, 2020
- That Roger Passarell be reappointed to the Town of Murray Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term ending on December 31, 2021
- That Elaine Berg is recommended for appointment to the Orleans County Planning Board as the Town of Murray representative for a three-year term ending on December 31, 2019
- That Michael Mele is appointed as an alternate member of the Town of Murray Planning Board

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Hendel approving the following appointments, salaries and standard work hours for 2017: Motion Carried

- Five-Star Bank and the Bank of Castile be designated official depositories for the Town of Murray
- John Morriss is appointed property manager
- John Morriss is appointed budget manager at \$1,500 per year
- Valerie Mauro is appointed Deputy Town Clerk and Clerk to the Code Enforcement/Zoning Department
- Highway and Water Superintendent is authorized to attend schools as needed or required at Town expense
- Town Clerk is authorized to attend schools as needed or required at Town expense
- Town officials be allowed 50¢ per mile for use of their vehicles on Town business
- The Batavia Daily News be designated the official newspaper of the Town of Murray and the Orleans Hub as an additional means of advertisement for issuing notices
- Attorney Jeffrey R. Martin represent the Town for the 2017 fiscal year

- The Town authorizes pre-payment of bills if due date is prior to the next board meeting to avoid late fees and penalties
- Town Board meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Ronald Vendetti is appointed Fair Housing Officer for the Town of Murray
- Paul Hendel is appointed Deputy Supervisor
- Councilpersons Ed Bower and Bob Miller are appointed representatives to the Assessor’s office
- Supervisor John Morriss and Councilperson Paul Hendel are appointed representatives to the Highway & Water Departments and the Town Clerk’s office
- Louise Passarell is appointed Deputy Highway Superintendent
- Louise Passarell is appointed as Highway Clerk and Assessor Clerk
- Marsha DeFilipps is appointed Town Historian at a rate of \$900 per year
- Highway Superintendent is reimbursed \$100 per month for cell phone
- Councilpersons Ed Bower and Paul Hendel are appointed the Town of Murray representatives to the Youth Commission
- Councilpersons Lloyd Christ and Bob Miller are appointed as representatives to the Justice Court, Codes/Zoning Departments and Historical Society
- Ed Morgan is appointed Water Superintendent and be compensated \$21,462 per year
- Cynthia Oliver is appointed Water Collection Clerk and be compensated \$10,243 per year
- Louise Passarell is appointed Water Billing Clerk and be compensated \$12.73 per hour
- EFPR Solutions is designated as accountants/bookkeepers for the Town of Murray
- Cynthia Oliver is appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics and be compensated \$600 per year
- Valerie Mauro is appointed Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics
- Ronald Vendetti is appointed Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Officer and be compensated \$29.55 per hour
- Approving and accepting the 2017 Employee Benefit Package, Vehicle Use Policy, Driver Record-Check Police and the Town of Murray Code of Ethics
- Appointing Chatfield Engineers, P.C. as engineers for the Town of Murray

2017 SALARIES

Supervisor	\$8,500
Town Clerk	\$30,152
Highway Superintendent	\$63,305

Councilpersons (4)	\$3,400
Town Justice (2)	\$12,665
Assessor	\$24,990
Building Inspector/Code Enforcer	\$29.55/hour
Codes/Zoning Clerk	\$12.28/hour
Board of Assessment Review	\$350
Zoning & Planning Board Chairperson	\$60/meeting
Zoning and Planning Board Members	\$30/meeting
Deputy Town Clerk	\$12.28/hour
Highway and Assessor Account Clerk	\$12.73/hour
Full-Time MEO Base Rate +/- steps	\$23.93/hour
Part-Time MEO	\$17.96
Court Clerk (2)	\$12.61

2017 STANDARD WORK HOURS PER DAY AS REQUIRED BY NEW YORK  
STATE FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES ONLY

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STANDARD DAILY HOURS</u>
Deputy Town Clerk	6
M.E.O.	8
Historian	6
Highway Superintendent	8
Town Clerk	6
Assessor	6
Budget Services	6
Supervisor	6
Town Justice	6
Highway, Water and Assessor Clerk	6
Councilperson	6
Laborer Part-Time	8
Clerk to the Town Justice	6
Zoning Officer Part-Time	6
Code Enforcement Officer Part-Time	6
M.E.O. Part-Time	8

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower approving the following 2017 holiday office closings and fee schedule for the Town Clerk's office Motion Carried

Town Clerk's Holiday Office Closings for 2017

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 16
- President’s Day – Monday, February 20
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 29
- Independence Day – Tuesday, July 4
- Labor Day – Monday, September 4
- Columbus Day – Monday, October 9
- Election Day – Tuesday, November 7
- Veterans Day – Friday, November 10
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24
- Christmas Day – Monday, December 25
- New Year’s Day 2018 – Monday, January 1

Town Clerk Fee Schedule for 2017

Certified copies	\$10.00
Photocopies	25¢
Facsimile	25¢
Returned check fee	\$20.00
Marriage license and certificate	\$40.00
Dog license (spayed or neutered)	\$ 7.00
Dog license (unspayed/unneutered)	\$15.00

Councilman Paul Hendel moved adoption of the following resolution, Councilman Robert Miller seconded the motion:

WHEREAS, New York State provides \$715 million in Aid and Incentives to Municipalities each year, and 90 percent of that goes to upstate cities;

WHEREAS, the AIM funding capita is \$277 per city resident and only \$7 for residents in towns and villages;

WHEREAS, there are 549 villages with a combined population of 1,918,032 in New York State, including four (Albion, Holley, Lyndonville and Medina) in Orleans County with a population of 14,770;

WHEREAS, many villages wrestle with the same problems as cities, with aging infrastructure, blighted housing, abandoned commercial sites, brownfields and increased crime rates;

WHEREAS, villages are similar to cities with a high concentration of senior citizens and low-income families;



WHEREAS, villages mirror cities as centers for culture, civic and religious life, especially in rural counties;

WHEREAS, villages are like cities with many important community structures – churches, courthouses, schools and other public buildings – that do not pay taxes, shifting the tax burden for those sites to other residents in the village or city;

WHEREAS, the state's tiny share of AIM funding for villages has put villages at a competitive disadvantage in attracting and retaining businesses and residents;

WHEREAS, the huge disparity in AIM funding between the cities and villages is a form of state-sponsored economic discrimination, resulting in much higher tax bills for village residents and a diminished quality of life;

WHEREAS, the erosion of the village tax base has shifted a greater burden of town, county and school district tax burden outside the village, punishing the outside-village residents as well;

WHEREAS, the high tax rates in the village encourage suburban sprawl and development of green space and farm land for housing tracts, industrial parks and "Big Box" stores;

WHEREAS, village residents are no less a New Yorker than a city resident;

RESOLVED, the Murray Town Board, calls on Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the State Legislature to adopt a fair formula for sharing AIM funding so village residents can enjoy municipal services and their homes without being taxed to death.

RESOLVED, that the clerk of the Murray Town Board shall forward copies of this resolution to Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Robert Ortt, Assemblyman Steve Hawley, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

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

Town Clerk Cindy Oliver reported December receipts totaling \$1,030 with \$530.94 going into the general fund. Cindy gave board a tax collection summary report showing what has been collected in taxes thus far. Cindy also gave the board a year-end report for 2016 showing receipts for the Town Clerk's office for the past year.

Councilman Hendel spoke briefly about a dog census for the Town. Cindy said the Town Clerk's office would be able to get started in the spring when tax collection is over.

Supervisor Morriss informed all that the Community Free Library is having an open house on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. to greet their new children's Librarian.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower to approve the Supervisor's financial report and that the following bills be paid: Motion Carried

General Fund	Claims 1-23	\$11,265.97
Highway Fund	Claims 1-14	\$28,458.20
Water District No. 1	Claim 1	\$396.25
Water District No. 2	Claims 1-3	\$7,104.77
Water District No. 3	NONE	\$0.00
Water District No. 4	NONE	\$0.00
Water District No. 5	NONE	\$0.00
Water District No. 6	Claims 1-4	\$2,346.70
Water District No. 7	NONE	\$0.00
Water District No. 8	NONE	\$0.00
Water District No. 9	NONE	\$0.00
Water District No. 10	Claim 1	\$2.59
Water District No. 11	Claims 1-5	\$3,137.55
Water District No. 12	NONE	\$0.00
Water District No. 13	NONE	\$0.00
Water District No. 14	NONE	\$0.00
Water District No. 15	NONE	\$0.00
Water District No. 20	NONE	\$0.00

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Hendel to adjourn the meeting  
Motion Carried

So adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver