

Town of Murray Board Meeting
July 20, 2020

Present: Supervisor Joe Sidonio, Councilpersons Randall Bower, Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Code Enforcement Officer Fred Case, Assessor Louise Passarell, Lynn Wood, Randy Shephard of Bonadio & Co.

Also present via Zoom: Councilman Michael Mele

Moment of silent reflection.

Pledge to the flag.

Randy Shephard of Bonadio & Co. was present and presented the 2019 audit of the financial statements. There were no significant findings. Councilman Hendel asked if they found any inappropriate expenditures or missing funds and Mr. Shephard said there were none.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Councilman Mele informed all that there is now community testing for the virus at the Oak Orchard Health Clinic. Everyone still needs to remain diligent about wearing facemasks, not attending large gatherings and washing hands frequently.

Brief discussion regarding re-opening the Town Hall for business. All business will be conducted at the Town Clerk counter. No entry will be allowed without a facemask. Surfaces will be wiped frequently. One customer at a time will be allowed at the counter. All will exit through the exit door to the left of the counter. Sanitizer and facemasks will be available.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Hendel that the Town Hall re-opens for administrative purposes on Tuesday, July 21st at 9:00 a.m.

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ that the April 2020 meeting minutes be amended on page 2 to read: *Motion by Mele, Seconded by Hendel appointing Randall Bower as Town Councilperson to a term ending 12/31/2020.*

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Motion Carried

Town Clerk's Report

June receipts totaled \$1,672.75 with \$1,231.52 going into the general fund.

DEC changed their sporting license sales software and printer. Annette and Cindy have gone through the necessary training for the new system, set up the new printer and are prepared for the new launch.

Municipay, the company we use for credit card sales has changed their software and card readers. Annette and Cindy have gone through that training also, installed the new card readers and we are up and running with the new system.

RTO Wireless (Rural Technology Operators) were in the office this week installing the free WiFi. Every town and village office in the county have agreed to this with one exception. The system is totally separate from our WiFi network. This will enable police, ambulances, etc. to access free WiFi from our parking lot.

Because of COVID-19, the NYS Town Clerk's conference was originally postponed until August. The decision has now been made to cancel it altogether. The Town will be receiving reimbursements for the hotel and classes totaling \$902.00.

Assessor's Report

Louise will begin checking on permits for completed work.

There was a complaint from a resident regarding their assessment and an exemption. It is not the Assessor's responsibility to find exemptions for homeowners. But Louise does agree with a point they made; we should consider posting a listing of local laws on our website.

Sales are still coming in way above assessment.

Highway Report

Scott cannot get his inspection license transferred as he was told the Town would need to have a minimum of 25 vehicles.

Louise spoke with John Papponetti of Orleans County Highway. We are scheduling paving of West Kendall Road for the week of August 3rd. Louise has cancelled plans to pave East Transit Church Road.

The guys have begun work on the Hulberton Road cemetery.

There was an accident involving truck 554 at Hanson in Clarendon. We were not at fault. The front bumper needs replacing. A claim has already been submitted.

We had a complaint about 'bridge closed' signage on Hindsburg Road. Louise has addressed the issue with the resident and with NYS DOT, who is investigating and will determine if changes need to be made.

Louise pointed out that they have had a number of requests to put in culverts and level out ditches on state roads. This is not our responsibility and her stand for the remainder of the year, is that we will not be doing maintenance on ditches on state roads. Residents are urged to call NYS DOT to have them come out and look at their issues.

Lastly, Louise was not present at the last meeting, but wanted to publicly say thank you to Ed Morgan. This town has been so fortunate to have had Ed as Superintendent for the last 30 years. He has been a true leader; he inspires his employees to do their best and to do the job right. Luckily, he has done such a good job at keeping our roads in good repair and our equipment current, that we will be able to be conservative with our spending this year and next. Even working with him for the past 12 years, she never realized, just how much he had to take care of on a daily basis. So, thank you Ed, for all you've done.

Water Department

2nd quarter readings showed a loss reduction of 11%. This would mainly be due to work completed before Ed retired. We are taking a 30-day reading at the end of the month and expect to see even more improvement as we have repaired a hydrant that was leaking on West Kendall Road.

Louise has spoken with Gregg from Monroe County Water Authority and discussed their schedule for testing their master meters and other issues. He suggested doing the same things we are currently doing such as testing household meters.

We have begun scheduling for the replacement and testing of household meters. The guys will replace them and Louise has learned how to test, which will speed up the process.

We have completed listening to curb stops for long services in districts #2 and #3 is almost complete. We have found one metered leak in district #3.

Dennis was called out on July 4th for a spigot at Sandy Creek cemetery that was broken and had to be shut off.

A hydrant at Hulberton Road and Telegraph road was repaired; had to flush about 30,000 gallons.

A car hit a hydrant on Rout 31 on June 28th. Hydrant needs to be replaced. A claim is in for that.

New Business

We've been advised by NYMIR to amend our discrimination and harassment policy. The Board was forwarded the amendments.

All are in agreement that the compliance officers should be the Attorney for the Town, the Town Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor. All in agreement that if those positions change hands, the responsibility should stay with the position and not the individual.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ to adopt the updated discrimination and harassment policy for the Town of Murray

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Motion Carried

All employees are required to schedule their harassment in the workplace sessions for 7/8, 8/11 or 8/25 to take the training online.

The Town is in receipt of a generous \$10,000 donation from Fred Fiorito for the restoration of the WWII Monument/Fancher clock in honor of the ten residents of Fancher, Brockville and Hulberton who lost their lives in the war. Bob Fox's recommendation is to deposit the donation into the gifts and donations account in the general fund. If not expended by year-end, it will be earmarked going forward specifically for this project. Supervisor Sidonio has recruited Dan Mawn and Chad Fabry to assist, forming a three-person committee to manage the project.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ to accept the \$10,000 donation and deposit said funds into the gifts and donations general account (A2705)

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes 5 Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Supervisor Sidonio reminded all that the Youth Commission contract expires at the end of this year. He will email all a copy of the contract.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Hendel to approve the Supervisor’s financial report and that the following bills be paid:

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes 5 Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
 Nays 0

Motion Carried

General Fund	\$24,327.87
Highway Fund	\$8,744.09
Water District No. 1	\$1,193.56
Water District No. 2	\$13,224.88
Water District No. 3	\$8,094.44
Water District No. 4	\$10.81
Water District No. 5	\$4.99
Water District No. 6	\$4,971.53
Water District No. 7	\$1,041.51
Water District No. 8	\$37.04
Water District No. 9	\$7.90
Water District No. 10	\$513.82
Water District No. 11	\$6,817.94
Water District No. 12	\$9.98
Water District No. 13	\$12.06
Water District No. 14	\$464.00
Water District No. 15	\$22.87
Water District No. 16	\$4.99
Water District No. 20	\$12.48

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ that the Town Board enter into executive session at 7:51 p.m. regarding a personnel matter

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ that the Town Board return to regular session at 9:19 p.m. with no action taken

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower to adjourn the meeting

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Motion Carried

So adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver