

Murray Town Board Work Meeting

June 22, 2016

Present: Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Paul Hendel, Councilwoman Kathy Case, Councilmen Edwin Bower and Lloyd Christ, Attorney Jeff Martin, Code Enforcement Officer Ron Vendetti, Nathan Pace, Joe Sidonio, Doug Piedemonte

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ that the meeting agenda be amended to add the following item: Resolution to pay Barre Stone Product for blacktop used on the projects that are eligible for CHIPS reimbursement. Motion Carried

The deadline for sending the reimbursement forms to New York State in order to get our CHIPS reimbursement is August 1st. Along with the forms that are required, we need a copy of the paid invoices along with a copy of the cancelled check from Barre Stone Product for blacktop used on Carton and Phillips Road. These road projects are part of the 2016 Capital projects eligible for our CHIPS reimbursement. If we waited until the July 12th meeting to approve payment we very likely wouldn't have the cancelled check by the deadline and this would mean the Town wouldn't get reimbursed until December 15th.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower to pay Barre Stone Product \$111,243.48 for 2,221.16 tons @ 50.31 for blacktop used on Carton and Phillips Roads in order to receive our CHIPS reimbursement. Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower amending the June 14th resolution authorizing the payment of \$10,000 from the general fund to the highway DA account to read: *authorizing the **first** payment of \$10,000* Motion Carried

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ authorizing Supervisor John Morriss to sign the proposal of Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe, LLP for bond counsel services in connection with the purchase and financing of a 2017 Mack 10-wheel dump truck Motion Carried

Cindy Oliver entered the meeting.

Resident Doug Piedemonte of 16827 Lynch Road spoke of his concerns regarding parking on the sides of Lynch Road near the school during events that take place at the High School. It is a very dangerous situation.

Supervisor Morriss entered the meeting.

Resident Amy Machamer of 3803 Hurd Road discussed with the Board the steps that Hurd Orchards have taken to ensure that their guests park in their parking area and not the roadside. Ron Vendetti and Councilman Hendel both stated they've seen a dramatic improvement in the parking at Hurd Orchards. Amy stated that one or two stragglers are no different than the occasional graduation party, garage sale, etc. She thinks that the entire length of Ridge Road should be marked uniformly so everyone is treated the same, whether it is a business or residence.

Kerri Neal stated that tax revenue is down and tax rates are up – we shouldn't be doing anything that hurts our businesses.

Steve Brown, owner of the antique barn on Ridge Road informed the Board that he put a small parking area on the east side of the property and some customers use it while others still park in the front. This had made the parking situation a bit better but he hasn't been able to get all customers to park in the new parking area.

Attorney Nathan Pace represents A&M Automotive stated that A&M have made dramatic improvements concerning parking. There has not been an accident caused by any kind of parking at A&M Automotive. They have no alternative parking space as they cannot utilize the lot south of the building. In August of 2015 Mr. Pace contacted David Gearing of NYS DOT and he specifically stated that a town does not have the authority to regulate parking on state roads. Most businesses would prefer to have ample parking lots but small businesses can't afford the cost and these additional expenses can put them out of business.

Brief discussion regarding 'sandwich signs' and how they could be beneficial and effective in curtailing parking in areas that could be dangerous.

Ron Vendetti stated that he doesn't think the Board should wait to take action regarding the parking issues. Just because there have been no accidents does not mean it is not a safety concern. Keep in mind, he is not suggesting that anyone gets paved parking. Councilman Hendel said that from the statements made tonight, there has been lots of voluntary compliance and the business owners are asking the Town to allow them to take on the responsibility of supplying other parking. Attorney Jeff Martin stated that safety is the Town's biggest issue and the Board realizes we will never be able to get absolute compliance. He commended those who appearing tonight. Jeff said the parking issue on Lynch Road is clearly a safety issue and he will discuss this with the school at their July meeting. Ron informed the Board that the owners of the Murray Superette have made no attempt at compliance and would like to ask the DOT to put no parking signs up at that location.

Supervisor Morriss informed Ron Vendetti that the placard symbols that were on the house on Hurd Road and the structure at the end of Hurd Road are missing. Amy Machamer stated that they removed the placard from the Hurd Road home as they replaced the front door and they did not replace the placard.

In summary, the Town will continue to monitor parking condition at businesses and assist in any way they can. The Town will try to put a meeting together with the Town, school and Village to discuss the parking situation on Lynch Road. Ron will get recommendation from NYS DOT for no parking signs at the Murray Superette location.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Case to adjourn the meeting Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Oliver
Murray Town Clerk