

Town of Murray Town Board Meeting
June 11, 2019

Present: Supervisor Robert Miller, Councilmen Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel, Michael Mele and Neil Valentine, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Attorney Jeffrey Martin, Randall Shepard, Partner at Bonadio Group, Assessor Lynn Wood, Louise Passarell, Charles Felice, Bruce and Bette Rex, Jeana Hayes, Kellie Gregoire, David Piedmonte, Joe Sidonio

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele accepting the minutes of the May Town Board meeting as submitted Motion Carried

Assessor

Successful grievance day on May 28th. Board of Assessment Review worked until 10:00 p.m. 50% of the sales coming through are over the new assessed valuations, some by \$10-12,000. The Board thanked Lynn and Louise for all the work they put into the 2019 update.

Old Business

Brief discussion regarding the proposed Special Events at Farms and Wineries local law. Jeff made some minor revisions based on comments from the public hearing.

David Paul entered the meeting.

One minor revision is the setback was reduced from 100 feet to 50 feet. A Short Form EAF is prepared and the Board can consider if they want to move forward with adoption or if they decide to table the matter. Councilman Hendel stated that the concept of this local law provides an opportunity that doesn't presently exist. This is a land use issue, so do we want our farmers to be offering non-farm related activities, especially if the non-farm related activity is most of their income. The Board appreciates the hard work that went into this. Councilman Valentine stated this was done with good intentions, to offer the opportunity to people who did not qualify to hold these events. Now we will have to revert back to what the zoning law states. This law would have negated that. Councilman Mele spoke to neighbors of Kateland Farms. Some are happy that there are no events, some miss the horse events. He thinks we have a zoning law and if Kateland Farms wishes to proceed with their wedding events, they will have to change their business plan to make it legal for their operation.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Mele that proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2019 not be adopted Motion Carried

New Business

Supervisor Miller spoke regarding the USDA European Cherry Fruit Fly Program. The European Cherry Fruit Fly has traveled across the Niagara Peninsula and is now in Niagara County. It has the potential to ruin 100% of our sweet cherry trees. Mitchell Hitchcock of the USDA would like permission to put traps on town property. They will be visiting land owners to get permission for them to place these traps on resident's property also. Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele authorizing Supervisor Miller to sign agreement for USDA to place traps on the Town property Motion Carried

Randy Shepard of Bonadio Group went through the Independent Auditor's Report/Financial Statements for the year 2018. Mr. Shepard stated that the Town had a clean audit which is the highest level of assurance they give.

No action was taken regarding the amendment to the zoning law regarding an affordable senior housing district. There is nothing solid to be sent to County Planning at this time. It will first have to go before the Town Planning Board in July.

Town Clerk

May receipts totaled \$685.40 with \$551.32 going into the general fund. Motion by Mele, Seconded by Christ to accept the Town Clerk's report Motion Carried

Large recycle bin delivery to residents should be completed by June 30th. The new schedule is posted on the Town's website.

Public Comments

Joe Sidonio stated that it is unfortunate we didn't get an opportunity to speak to the auditor. He would have liked to ask why the Town does not comply with the agreements to the water users in each district.

Kellie Gregoire asked about the traps for the European Cherry Fruit Fly. Supervisor Miller told her the USDA will be getting permission from individual land owners to place traps on their land.

Bette Rex explained how she has been treating about 30 trees on her property for the Emerald Ash Borer. She is treating trees that are not yet affected but is treating one that is already partially affected to see if it can be saved.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele approving the Supervisor’s Financial Report and that the following bills be paid:

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

Ayes	4	Christ, Mele, Valentine, Miller
Nays	0	
Abstain	1	Hendel

Motion was thereupon adopted

General Fund	\$16,897.26
Street Light Fund	\$586.91
Highway Fund	\$20,112.18
Capital Projects	\$14,500.00
Water District No. 1	\$460.39
Water District No. 2	\$9,170.48
Water District No. 3	\$153.39
Water District No. 4	\$67.73
Water District No. 5	\$30.10
Water District No. 6	\$323.87
Water District No. 7	\$208.21
Water District No. 8	\$150.51
Water District No. 9	\$47.66
Water District No. 10	\$70.32
Water District No. 11	\$2,959.77
Water District No. 12	\$57.70
Water District No. 13	\$152.40
Water District No. 14	\$20.07
Water District No. 15	\$137.99
Water District No. 16	22.45
Water District No. 20	\$54.25

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

So adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver