

Town of Murray Board Meeting

March 16, 2017

Present: Supervisor John Morriss, Councilmen Ed Bower, Paul Hendel, Bob Miller, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Attorney Jeff Martin, Highway & Water Superintendent Ed Morgan, Louise Passarell, Code Enforcement Officer Ron Vendetti, Art Knab, Randy Piedmonte, Farin Seiler, Kerri Neale, Joe Sidonio
 Absent: Councilman Lloyd Christ

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Miller, Seconded by Bower approving the minutes of the November public hearing and the February meeting minutes as submitted Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Miller amending the November 2016 Board meeting minutes, listing the tax rate as \$3.06 per thousand instead of \$2.06 Motion Carried

New Business

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Miller approving and authorizing Supervisor John Morriss to sign the proposal from Labella Associates for assembling and submitting the Final Application for Water District No. 3, Ext. 1 at a cost of \$2,000 Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower approving the proposal from Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliff for bond counsel services Motion Carried

Motion by Miller, Seconded by Bower approving the proposal from Labella Associates for services as project manager for Water District No. 3, Ext. 1, not to exceed \$15,000 Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Miller approving the Supervisor's financial report and that the following bills be paid: Motion Carried

General Fund	Claims 54-82	\$23,096.41
Highway Fund	Claims 31-43	\$14,917.13
Water District No. 1	Claims 4-6	\$276.34
Water District No. 2	Claims 8-11	\$5,025.29
Water District No. 3	Claims 1-3	\$184.37
Water District No. 4	Claims 3-4	\$44.86
Water District No. 5	Claims 2-3	\$28.92
Water District No. 6	Claims 11-15	\$2,275.63

Water District No. 7	Claims 3-4	\$104.17
Water District No. 8	Claims 2-3	\$79.78
Water District No. 9	Claims 2-3	\$38.50
Water District No. 10	Claims 4-6	\$47.84
Water District No. 11	Claims 12-16	\$2,660.54
Water District No. 12	Claims 2-3	\$38.50
Water District No. 13	Claims 2-3	\$43.82
Water District No. 14	Claims 1-2	\$24.65
Water District No. 15	Claims 3-4	\$68.21
Water District No. 20	Claim 1	\$31.79

The public hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2017 will take place on April 11th at 7:00 P.M. with the regular Town Board meeting to follow.

Discussion regarding water rates and policies. Ed handed out packets to the Board including research he has done and the Town's rules and regulations. Among items discussed were: dead-ends, which account for much of the water flushing, water rates for farmers, water haulers and residents, putting meter charges on all meters, fund balances, water breaks. We are currently charging farmers and haulers less than the residential charge. These rates need to be addressed. The Town doesn't want to take the services away from farmers and haulers but we must make it cost effective. Many different suggestions were discussed. Currently we are charging \$4.25 per thousand. We need to determine what charge will be sufficient to cover our cost, water loss, maintenance and sustainability while keeping it reasonable for our water users. Ed will get back to the Board with his recommendations on rates and our water policies next meeting. Hydrant policy needs to be addressed as the Water Department will start getting requests for meters in May.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Hendel adopting the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is providing incentives to municipalities to adopt a New York State Unified Solar Permit to facilitate the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Murray would like to promote the streamlining of the application process for small-scale photovoltaic system installations and receive the \$2,500 incentive for small communities to adopt the New York State Unified Solar Permit and procedures for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town of Murray hereby approves and adopts the New York State Unified Solar Permit Application and procedures for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town's Code Enforcement Officer is hereby directed to utilize said Unified Application in issuing Building Permits for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the certification statement upon notification of the award; and it is

RESOLVED, that the permit fee for a NYS Unified Solar Permit is hereby established at \$50.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Oliver