

**Public Hearing and Town Board Meeting**

March 13, 2018

Present: Supervisor Robert Miller, Councilmen Ed Bower, Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel and Mike Mele, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Attorney Jeff Martin, Assessor Lynn Wood, Code Enforcement Officer Ron Vendetti, Andrew and LynMarie Liese, David Knapp, Frank Long, Tim and Shirley Bader, David Piedmonte, Joe Sidonio, Tom Rivers, Michael Vinca, Beth Miller, Ted Karpenko, Art Knab, Krista Wiley, Kerri Neale, Dean Penna

Pledge to the flag.

**Public Hearing** – *Local Law No. 1 of 2018 – Amending Town of Murray Local Law No. 1 of 2009 to Extend the Effective Period of the Partial Exemption from Taxation on Qualifying Real Property Owned by Cold War Veterans*

Cold War Veterans is defined as anyone serving between 09/02/45 and 12/26/91.

Is there any way of notifying Cold War Veterans of this exemption? Lynn Wood said there really is no way of knowing who is eligible until they ask. Cindy said she will put the local law on the website.

Supervisor Miller thanked the veterans present for their service. Joe Sidonio thanked the Board for extending the period of exemption.

Public Hearing Closed.

**Public Hearing** – *Local Law No. 2 of 2018 – Repealing Town of Murray Local Law No. 2 of 1999, Local Law No. 1 of 2008 and Local Law No. 1 of 2010 With Respect to the Control, Confining, Leashing and Licensing of Dogs*

These Local Laws are being repealed as the County is now taking care of all dog control throughout the County. One Local Law for the whole county is easier for the County Animal Control than to have different local laws in place for each town.

No questions or comments from those present.

Public Hearing Closed.

**Town Board Meeting**

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele accepting the February meeting minutes as submitted Motion Carried

Assessor Lynn reported that the office is through the busiest time handling exemptions and things are beginning to slow down. Many residents eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption forget that they have to apply each year. For these residents, Louise and Lynn have tracked them down with either phone calls or going to their houses to make sure these people don't lose their exemptions. Supervisor Miller thanked Louise and Lynn for going above and beyond in order to ensure these residents can continue receiving their enhanced STAR exemption.

#### Old Business

No Trespassing signs are needed on the Town property. It has been an issue for quite some time out back and in the triangle across the road. Jeff will speak to NYMIR about the wordage that should be used.

Issue tabled until next month.

#### New Business

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, §2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that town justices annually provide their court records and dockets to the town board for examination and audit; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board feels that it would be prudent to have an independent audit of such records and dockets for calendar year 2017 undertaken by a qualified accounting firm; and

WHEREAS, the Town has solicited proposals for such services and EFPR Solutions LLC has submitted a written proposal which the Town Board finds reasonable and is inclined to accept;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the January 19, 2018 proposal of EFPR Solutions LLC to perform the services outlined in such proposal for a fixed fee of \$900; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to sign the proposal on behalf of the Town.

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

Councilman Bower stated that the Board should think about EFPR performing the Justice Court audit each year as the price is reasonable.

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

“RESOLVED, that proposed Town of Murray Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2018 entitled “A Local Law Amending Town of Murray Local Law No. 1 of 2009 to Extend the Effective Period of the Partial Exemption from Taxation on Qualifying Real Property Owned by Cold War Veterans,” be and the same hereby is adopted; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Jeffrey R. Martin, Attorney for the Town of Murray, shall attend to filing such local law with the Department of State.”

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

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele to adopt the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that proposed Town of Murray Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2018 entitled “A Local Law Repealing Town of Murray Local Law No. 2 of 1999, Local Law No. 1 of 2008 and Local Law No. 1 of 2010 With Respect to the Control, Confining, Leashing and Licensing of Dogs” be and the same hereby is adopted; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Jeffrey R. Martin, Attorney for the Town of Murray, shall attend to filing such local law with the Department of State.”

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

Councilman Hendel attended the meeting on the NYS Canal Embankment Maintenance Program that was held in Brockport. Most of the meeting was focused on Brockport. Paul along with a few others from Orleans County spoke to the presenters about having an informational meeting in Orleans County for all of Orleans County residents. They are now working with the Department of Planning to put together a meeting in early spring for our residents. Paul will keep us informed.

Code Enforcement Ron informed all that the Property Maintenance Law is now in effect as it has been filed with the Secretary of State. There was a complaint

on Ridge Road about a neighboring property and with the new law on the books it was resolved.

A building permit for a house being built on Creek Road has been issued, special use permit is in the works for Roy Kenyon as he is resuming his topsoil business and permits for a couple additions have been issued. Ron will be in training classes this week.

Attorney Jeff Martin stated that we are trying to get the Water District No. 3, ext. 1 project out to bid but have been delayed due an easement that is needed. Jeff's attempts have not been fruitful but there is another option with a resident that is new to the area. Jeff is in the process of trying to obtain an easement from them. He will keep all informed. Once that is completed the certificate that Rural Development requires regarding the easement can be signed and the project can hopefully go out to bid.

Supervisor Miller thanked Jeff for all the extra time he has spent on this water project.

Town Clerk Receipts for February totaled \$608.40 with \$594.40 going into the general fund. Cindy will be attending the NYS Association of Tax Receivers and Collectors training seminar this year instead of going to the NYS Town Clerks conference. Cindy has never attended the Tax Receivers training and thinks it would be beneficial. The seminar takes place in Lake Placid from June 10<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Public Comments

David Piedmonte briefly spoke regarding the state handgun registry.

Kerri Neale spoke of his concerns regarding the canal embankment project. Including the speed with which it was started and their reasoning of it being a safety issue. What are their plans for remediation, renovation and long term upkeep? Can we put the brakes on the project and can all of our concerns be addressed before it is too late? Councilman Hendel informed Kerri about the informational meeting that is being set up for Orleans County residents as he was not here when Paul discussed it. At the meeting, we can ask our questions and state our concerns.

Earl Skellen said the project was stopped at Niagara County and Monroe County because many of their politicians got involved.

Art Knab had a question about solar panels and the moratorium. He was informed that the moratorium is over and the roof mounted solar panels are allowed on residential homes.

Joe Sidonio asked if the Canal Corp. applied for a storm water prevention plan.

At the public hearing on the water districts Bob Fox was retained by the Town to work on a policy of how the operation and maintenance costs were going to be distributed throughout the districts. Mr. Sidonio would like to know where we stand with that.

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

General Fund	Claims 55-85	\$15,338.79
Highway Fund	Claims 25-39	\$6,247.70
Water District No. 1	Claims 3-6	\$479.92
Water District No. 2	Claims 6-11	\$5,753.66
Water District No. 3	Claims 3-7	\$2,220.95
Water District No. 4	Claims 2-4	\$134.34
Water District No. 5	Claims 2-4	\$71.50
Water District No. 6	Claims 8-17	\$6,674.04
Water District No. 7	Claims 1-5	\$435.32
Water District No. 8	Claims 2-4	\$272.63
Water District No. 9	Claims 2-4	\$100.82
Water District No. 10	Claims 4-9	\$305.94
Water District No. 11	Claims 11-17	\$4,424.97
Water District No. 12	Claims 4-6	\$117.58
Water District No. 13	Claims 2-4	\$134.34
Water District No. 14	Claims 1-4	\$3,023.65
Water District No. 15	Claims 3-6	\$321.54
Water District No. 20	NONE	\$0.00
Water Dist. No. 3, Ext. 1	NONE	\$0.00

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

So adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Oliver