

Town of Murray Town Board Meeting Via Zoom
November 16, 2020

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Town Councilmen Randall Bower, Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Assessor and Interim Highway Superintendent Louise Passarell

Pledge to the American Flag.

Moment of silent reflection.

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Christ approving the October 19th meeting minutes as submitted

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

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

Motion was thereupon adopted.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ approving the October 21st meeting minutes as submitted

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

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

Motion was thereupon adopted.

Town Clerk

Receipts for October totaled \$2,178.00 with \$1,331.44 going into the general fund.

Assessor

The exemption renewals are printed and ready to be mailed. The last few months we have seen houses selling for well over assessed value; \$37,000, \$75,000, \$125,000 and \$140,000 over assessed value. There are more but the ones mentioned are the highest.

Highway

The guys have been busy in the shop overhauling chainsaws, fixing a couple driveways on West Kendall Road. Maintenance on plow trucks included putting

the wings on; hydraulic cylinders. Tractor has been cleaned and put away for the winter. They have also completed the final mow of the cemeteries for the year; trimmed trees, chipped brush. Scott repaired our wood chipper. He did end up getting it to work but it is in bad shape as it is 14 years old.

Water

A leak was fixed in the Transit Road pit. A small sump pump leak was fixed in the Petersmith Road pit. A sump pump was replaced in the Fancher Road pit. There are a couple of meter-change appointments scheduled for this week but in light of recent events Louise is thinking we should cancel them.

The Board asked Louise to see if we could find out regarding water charge increases to us. Albion and Gaines will have no change. She did not hear back from the Village of Holley. Monroe County Water Authority said their meter charge will go from \$225.60 to \$271.50 and the water rate will go from \$3.72 to \$3.88/M.

The Board is in agreement to keep the meter change appointments as long as the homeowners are okay with it.

The town received a bill from MRB Group for fire flow testing for the Big Guys Campground property. Brief discussion regarding any bills incurred for this project. All in agreement that the project should incur the costs. Supervisor Sidonio reminded department heads to be aware when those bills come to us so the town can be reimbursed.

New Business

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Mele adopting the 2021 preliminary budget as the 2021 Final Budget for the Town of Murray.

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

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

Resolution was thereupon adopted.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele introducing proposed Local Law. No. 1 of 2020 entitled 'A Local Law Repealing Local Laws No. 4 of 2006 and No. 1 of 2012 that Implemented Limitations for the Payment of Cash in Lieu of Health Insurance Coverage to Eligible Employees of the Town of Murray'

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

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

Resolution was thereupon adopted

A public hearing on the proposed local law will take place at 7:00 p.m. on December 21st before the regular Town Board meeting.

Brief discussion regarding the Joint Youth Recreation Commission. Councilman Hendel previously recommended that the contract be reduced from five years to two years and to cut the contributions from the municipalities and the school in half. It is also the responsibility of the municipalities and/or the school to collect money, pay bills, etc. The individual who has been doing this has done a great job but is retiring from the Village of Holley. Councilman Hendel said it is not a huge job but does take some time and there may be program funds that could go towards hiring someone for the job. That would be a decision for the Youth Commission.

Old Business

The County Planning Board needs a representative from the Town of Murray. This is something to think about and the vacancy can hopefully be filled at the organizational meeting in January.

Councilman Christ said that it is his understanding that special use permits are to be inspected/reviewed for compliance every two years. He was informed that this is not being done. Supervisor Sidonio said that moving forward, this can be addressed by our Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilman Christ also questioned that there are certain individuals that do not have special use permits that possibly should. Supervisor Sidonio stated that there are plenty of places in the town that need improvement and that our new Code Enforcement Officer will be reviewing everything. He is very qualified as he is licensed in code enforcement, fire inspection and soil and storm water inspection.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ 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:

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

Motion was thereupon adopted

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| General Fund | \$11,127.09 |
| Highway Fund | \$6,840.76 |
| Lighting | 1,114.85 |
| Water District No. 1 | \$565.75 |
| Water District No. 2 | \$4,044.17 |
| Water District No. 3 | \$4,257.60 |
| Water District No. 4 | \$500.00 |
| Water District No. 6 | \$2,819.16 |
| Water District No. 10 | \$2.59 |
| Water District No. 11 | \$6,987.39 |
| Water District No. 15 | \$59.70 |
| Water District No. 20 | \$494.03 |

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ that the Town Board enter into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss possible litigation and the employee benefit policy

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

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

Motion was thereupon adopted

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Bower that the Town Board returns to regular session with no action taken at 9:00 p.m.

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

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

Motion was thereupon adopted

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

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

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

Motion was thereupon adopted.

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Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Oliver