

TOWN OF MURRAY PUBLIC HEARINGS

October 29, 2019

Present: Supervisor Robert Miller, Councilmen Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel, Michael Mele and Neil Valentine, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Attorney Jeffrey Martin, Joseph Sidonio

Pledge to the flag.

The public notice published in the Batavia Daily News was read.

Public Hearing – 2020 Preliminary Budget

The Town Board went over the list of changes to be made to the preliminary budget. All are in agreement that the following changes be made:

Fire District #1 – Holley

- SF1001 Holley Fire District – increase from \$208,000.00 to \$244,165.00 to match budget received from Fire District.
- SF3140 Holley Fire District – increase from \$208,000.00 to \$244,165.00 to match budget received from Fire District.

Water District #7

- SW2140 Metered Sales – increase from \$18,000.00 to \$24,000.00 to balance budget.
- Unexpended Fund Balance – reduce from 11,185.00 to \$0.00. Use of fund balance not necessary
- SW8320 Water Purchase Contractual – reduce from \$28,500.00 to 23,315.00 to more accurately reflect cost of water purchases.

Water District #10

- Unexpended Fund Balance – reduce from \$2,861.00 to \$0.00. Use of fund balance not necessary
- SW8320 Water Purchase Contractual – reduce from \$9,500.00 to \$6,639.00 in order to more accurately reflect expected costs and balance budget.

Water District #11

- SW2148 Interest & Penalties – increase from \$0.00 to \$500.00 to more accurately reflect expected receipts

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- SW2770 Miscellaneous – increase from \$0.00 to \$3,500.00 to more accurately reflect expected receipts
- Unexpended Fund Balance – reduce from \$21,365.00 to \$3,915.00 to correct amount of fund balance needed to balance budget
- SW8320 Source of Supply Contractual – reduce \$9,000.00 to \$4,800.00 to more accurately reflect anticipated expenses.
- SW8320 Water Purchase Contractual – reduce from \$80,000.00 to \$70,000.00 to more accurately reflect anticipated expenses
- SW9060 Medical Insurance – increased from \$0.00 to \$750.00 to more accurately reflect anticipated expenses

Joe Sidonio asked what the recommended state guideline is for a municipality's fund balance. The Board is not sure that there is a state recommended guideline for fund balances. Joe also asked what line the \$10 quarterly meter fees go into.

Public Hearing closed at 7:21 p.m.

Public Hearing – Water District Assessment Roll

The 2020 water district assessment roll has been on file in the Town Clerk's office for those who wanted to see it. There was also copies made available tonight. Each water service/districts are listed showing debt service and operation and maintenance.

Joe Sidonio stated that operation and maintenance charges range from \$3.00 to \$200.00 per unit for the same service and he thinks there should be a flat fee across the board for this charge since everyone is getting the same service

Public Hearing closed at 7:28 p.m.

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Town Law §§202-a and 237, assessment rolls for each of the Town's water districts have been prepared and filed with the Murray Town Clerk for inspection by interested persons; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was scheduled for October 29, 2019 at 7:00 PM to give residents the opportunity to question the Town Board with respect to the proposed debt service and operation and maintenance charges; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was published in *The Batavia Daily News*, the Town's official newspaper, on October 18, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was held as scheduled, and all residents requesting to be heard relative to the assessment rolls were heard, and their comments considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby affirms and adopts the assessment rolls for all Town of Murray water districts in the same form as originally prepared and filed; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized and directed to sign the warrant for collection pursuant to §240(1) of the Town Law and deliver it to the Town Clerk.

Upon being put to a vote, the following voted in favor of adoption of the resolution: Councilmen Christ, Hendel, Mele and Valentine, Supervisor Miller.

The following voted against adoption of the resolution: none

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Public Hearing – Local Law No. 2 of 2019 – *To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c*

This proposed local law was introduced at the October 8, 2019 Town Board meeting. New York State limits the amount of increase that a town can adopt to 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. As a precautionary measure, the Board puts this local law in place in the event that the Town goes over the limit but the Town Board does not anticipate exceeding this limit. If we stay under the limit then the local law will be null and void.

No comments from the public.

Public Hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

Motion by Valentine, Seconded by Mele that the following resolution be adopted;

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 2 of the year 2019 of the Town of Murray, Orleans County, New York entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c" having been introduced on the 8th day of October, 2019, and such local law having been in its final form upon the desks or tables of the members of the Town Board at least seven (7)

calendar days prior to its final passage, and a public hearing on said local law having been duly called and held on October 29, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Murray Town Hall at 3840 Fancher Road in said Town, it is

“RESOLVED, that said Local Law No. 2 of the year 2019 of the Town of Murray be and the same hereby is adopted in all respects and in the same form as introduced; and it is further;

RESOLVED, that Jeffrey R. Martin, Attorney for the Town of Murray, be and is he is hereby directed to forward the appropriate copies of such local law to those individuals and/or agencies entitled to receive the same for filing.”

Upon being put to a vote, the following voted in favor of adoption of the resolution: Councilmen Christ, Hendel, Mele and Valentine, Supervisor Miller.

The following voted against adoption of the resolution: none

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

So adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver