

Town of Murray Town Board Meeting
September 9, 2017

Present: Supervisor John Morriss, Councilmen Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel and Bob Miller, Attorney Jeff Martin, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Jessica Murray, James Murray, Elaine Berg, Neil Valentine, Kerri Neale, Tim Luksha

Pledge to the flag.

Brief discussion regarding the proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2017 entitled *Dog Control Law of the County of Orleans*. The County would oversee the control of dogs in all towns of the county. The County Legislature will be holding a public hearing introducing the local law at 4:25 p.m. on September 27th.

New Business

Supervisor Morriss spoke of the ongoing issue of the neighbors to the south of the building using the Town's triangle of land for driving their four wheelers, bikes, etc. They also are in the side parking lot, sometimes riding on the piles out back. Jeff Martin said there is potential for a lawsuit should someone get hurt. No Trespassing – Violators Will Be Prosecuted signs will be ordered and placed out back and on the land across the road in the triangle.

Councilman Hendel reminded all that there will be a vote on the purchase of a fire truck at a cost of \$950,000 for residents of the Holley Joint Fire District on September 19th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Voting will take place at the Holley Firehouse.

Councilman Christ stated that the new road striping on Groth Road heading north just past Skillington Road is, in his opinion, dangerous as it creates a dangerous passing zone. He believes it should be solid lines, not broken. Supervisor Morriss said that the Town was told by the DOT that, whether it is a state, county or town road, the state engineers determine what the striping will be.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Morriss answered the questions from last month's meeting:

Michael Curtis stated that his neighbor on County Line Road/Route 272 has had a collapsed driveway pipe and was told the Highway Department was going to take care of this problem. He asked the Board last month what was being done regarding this. Supervisor Morriss read aloud a letter he sent to Mr. Curtis explaining the situation that has taken place since the collapsed driveway pipe was first brought to Highway Superintendent Ed Morgan's

attention. Last May, Highway Supt. Morgan told Mr. Specht that the road he lives on (Route 272) is a state road and that he needs to contact the State Dept. of Transportation. He stated that if NYSDOT could not or would not replace it, that the Town of Murray would install what the state required, as to the diameter of pipe, flared end-sections and safety grate. Supt. Morgan also made it clear that all materials would be at the expense of the homeowner and that the Town would also be charging for a couple loads of 2" crusher run. He stated that the Town would do the installation at no charge for labor or equipment. Mr. Specht was told to check with NYSDOT and get back to Supt. Morgan to let him know how he made out. Supt. Morgan did not hear anything back until mid-July, when Mr. Mark Puma stopped into the office to tell him there was pipe on location. Supt. Morgan asked if the flared end-sections and safety grates were also there. Mr. Puma told him there were not. Supt. Morgan then told him the Town could not do the job until all materials were on site and told him to check with NYSDOT to see if they would permit just the pipe being installed at this time. Mr. Puma never got back in touch with Supt. Morgan. As of this date, nothing has been heard from Mr. Puma, Mr. Specht's brother or NYSDOT.

Does the Code Enforcement Officer receive overtime pay? No, it is a part-time position and he does not receive overtime.

In answer to questions regarding water loss: Supervisor Morriss stated that people should not forget that in any water district there is unmetered water. We should not call it water loss. There are many reasons why every town has unmetered water in their water districts: The Town of Murray has 31 dead ends that need regular flushing, fire department training, flushing of hydrants all contribute to unmetered/unbillable water. Leaks are continually looked for. Jeff Martin stated that water leaks are not always obvious. Depending on the location and/or soil of where a leak may be. Leaks are not always easily detectible. The Town has new equipment that helps narrow down certain areas where a leak may be.

Councilman Hendel spoke of a comment at a recent board meeting about the Town not needing lights in the back parking lot after hours. He disagrees, as there is court two to three times each week and that parking lot is used for the court. We have police, defendants, attorneys and the judges that are walking in and out of the building at night. We also need these lights for the safety of our facility and the Town's equipment.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Miller that the following bills be paid:
Motion Carried

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General Fund	Claims 253-283	\$26,550.15
Highway Fund	Claims 99-114	\$66,230.00
Water District No. 1	Claims 17-18	\$1,295.45
Water District No. 2	Claims 26-28	\$9,274.95
Water District No. 3	Claims 12-13	\$2,065.18
Water District No. 4	Claim 11	\$543.60
Water District No. 5	Claim 10	\$241.20
Water District No. 6	Claims 40-42	\$9,273.50
Water District No. 7	Claims 13-14	\$1,983.60
Water District No. 8	Claim 11	\$1,206.00
Water District No. 9	Claim 10	\$423.00
Water District No. 10	Claims 18-19	\$546.19
Water District No. 11	Claims 43-44	\$8,982.35
Water District No. 12	Claim 9	\$423.00
Water District No. 13	Claim 10	\$523.80
Water District No. 14	Claim 10	\$160.20
Water District No. 15	Claim 14	\$986.40
Water District No. 20	Claim 6	\$603.00

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Miller to enter into executive session regarding pending and possible litigation. Motion Carried

Board entered into executive session at 9:26 a.m.

Motion by Miller, Seconded by Christ that the Town Board return to regular session with no action taken. Motion Carried

Town Board returned to regular session at 9:39 a.m.

Councilman Hendel wished Councilman Christ good luck on his upcoming surgery.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver