

**Town of Murray Town Board Meeting**  
September 11, 2018

Present: Supervisor Bob Miller, Councilmen Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel and Neil Valentine, Attorney Jeff Martin, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Ed Morgan, Code Enforcement Officer Ron Vendetti, Assessor Lynn Wood, Stan Kemp, Charlie Felice, Elaine Berg, Mark Porter, Kerri Neale, Alma Gilman, Richard Downey, Dirk Lammes  
Absent: Councilman Michael Mele

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Hendel accepting the August board meeting minutes as submitted                    Motion Carried

Assessor:

Lynn Wood reported regular day to day operations in the office. They are preparing for the upcoming update. There are a few more improvements on properties that Louise and Lynn will be checking out within the next week.

Supervisor Miller congratulated Louise on getting the top position on the Real Property Appraisal Technician/Trainee civil service test.

Beth Miller entered the meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer:

Brief discussion of the line of site at intersections. Ron reviewed the new property maintenance law and informed all that there is a section that deals with this. He has informed those at the intersection of Groth Road and Route 104 and they said it will be rectified.

There are still residents that have garbage bins out at the road left there from last Friday. The office has no intention of writing tickets for first and second time offenders but after two warnings residents should be aware of what the law states. They will receive a ticket if it continues.

Ron wanted to make it clear to all that no work has been done on updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Board had asked Ron to come to the Town Board, which he did a few months ago and asked the Board if there was any way funds could be built into the budget to hire a consultant to work on the Comprehensive Plan. Other than, no work has been done, nor will be done unless it is in compliance with the law and follows the procedures outlined in the law.

Art Knab and Joseph Kellenberger entered the meeting.

New Business:

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ approving water district no. 3, ext. 1 pay application no. 2 for \$248,975.66 to Pilon Construction Co., Inc. Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Valentine adopting the resolution Approving Professional Services between Orleans County and Wendel for Regional Water System Study Motion Carried

This dates back to July of 2017 when we passed a resolution that would assist the county in applying for a grant for a regional water system study: dates back to July of 2017 where we passed resolution that we would assist county in applying for a grant. Orleans County towns and villages will each contribute \$2,000.

A budget work meeting is set for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Attorney:

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

“RESOLVED, that proposed Town of Murray Local Law No. 3 of the Year 218 entitled “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c” be and the same hereby is introduced, and a public hearing shall be held on October 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. To consider the adoption of such local law; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Jeffrey R. Martin, Attorney for the Town of Murray, shall attend to publishing a legal notice in The Batavia Daily News at least five (5) days in advance of such public hearing.”

Upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	4	Christ, Hendel, Valentine, Miller
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Mele

The Resolution was thereupon adopted.

Town Clerk:

Receipts for August totaled \$2,556 with \$1,257.68 going into the general fund.

Highway and Water Superintendent

Currently the county is striping roads. When they are finished, some of the Town of Murray roads will be done also.

Public Comments:

Kerri Neale questioned the resolution that was adopted regarding the regional water system study. Supervisor Miller stated that Wendel will be looking at

different options, not so much about combining all districts and taking control from the towns, but consolidation allowing for countywide crews and updating infrastructure. Perhaps increasing pumping stations capacity and making the entire system more up do date for the future. Probably one of the end goals is to make Orleans County self-sufficient down the line.

Kerri also questioned the Local Law that was introduced. Jeff Martin informed him that if taxed have to be raised, we cannot raise them over 2%. At this time, before the budget is completed, we don't know where we are going to be budget-wise. This way, the board can adopt it if need be or not adopt it at all. This is just precautionary.

Art Knab thanked Ed for taking care of the ditch on Hindsburg Road.

Councilman Hendel addressed a comment that was made by a letter writer to the Orleans Hub. In the letter, the author stated that "the Town's water department is operating in the red and charging disproportionate amounts to consumers." The author stating that the 217 Bonadio Audit report confirmed this by stating, "The Town has concerns over the cost of general maintenance and operation of the town facilities equipment."

In the 2017 Bonadio Audit section "Factors Bearing on the Town's Future (pages 9-10) lists four factors that were raised by Town Officials during the audit development that could have an effect on the Town's financial position in the future. Factor #3 states, "The Town also has concerns over the cost of general maintenance and operation of the Town facilities and equipment. In addition, there are other upgrades to the facilities that would improve communication with the public, the funding for which is not currently in the budget." The general maintenance and operation of the Town facilities and equipment would include: water, buildings, highway equipment, telephones, computers and other assets owned by the Town. There is no mention in the audit report of the water department operating in the red and charging disproportionate amount to consumers.

Councilman Hendel wanted to ensure that readers had all the facts and therefore could be in the best position to make decisions about Town Operations.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ that the board enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue Motion Carried

Board entered executive session at 7:31 p.m.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ that the board returns to regular session Motion Carried

Board returned to regular session at 7:50 p.m. with no action taken.

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

General Fund	Claims 255-282	\$293,981.96
Highway Fund	Claims 112-127	65,986.59
Water District No. 1	Claim 19	\$280.00
Water District No. 2	Claims 28-29	\$7,504.36
Water District No. 3	Claim 20	\$6,562.00
Water District No. 4	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 5	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 6	Claims 45-47	\$10,024.98
Water District No. 7	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 8	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 9	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 10	Claim 26	\$2.89
Water District No. 11	Claims 40-44	\$10,557.66
Water District No. 12	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 13	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 14	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 15	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 20	-	\$0.00
Water District No. 3, Ext. 1	-	\$0.00

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver