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**Town of Murray Public Hearing**  
November 15, 2016

Present: Supervisor John Morriss, Councilpersons Edwin Bower, Kathleen Case, Lloyd Christ, Attorney Jeffrey Martin, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Art Knab, Krista Wiley, Kerri Neale, Michelle Hampton, Cindy Applegate, Rick Gallo, Dean Penna, Rev. Robert Oyer, David Piedmonte, Shirley Bader, Tim Bader, Dale Passarell, Joel Johnstone, Pat Neary, Rita Neary, Anthony Peone, Jack Wannewetsch, Dennis Piedimonte, Harmony Zingo, Tony Manno, Bob Cone, Tamara Leach, David Leach, Craig Kenyon, Roy Kenyon, Joe Sidonio, Kevin Lupiani, Susan Machamer, Amy Machamer, Heather Ramsey, Nicole Ramsey, Jody Ramsey, Ralph Dickinson, Sandy Shaw, Dorothy Morgan, Farin Seiler, Randall Piedmonte, Louis Lustumbo, Ryan Johnstone

Pledge to the flag.

Public Hearing opened by Supervisor Morriss. Attorney Jeff Martin explained that the proposed Property Maintenance Local Law was introduced at the October Board meeting. The purpose of tonight's public hearing is to give those in attendance the opportunity to give their comments regarding this. If any revisions are made to the proposed law, another public hearing will be held. The proposed Property Maintenance Law has been in the Town Clerk's office for anyone wishing to look at it and it has been posted on the Town's website.

Code Enforcement Officer Ron Vendetti spoke regarding the need to have our property maintenance law in one local law. Everything in the proposed local law is in the NYS Property Maintenance Code with the exception of a set time where your garbage cans can be brought out for pick up and when they need to be brought back after pick up. Another change is that the proposed law lessens the impact of violations from a misdemeanor to a violation. Violations under the NYS Property Maintenance Code are treated as misdemeanors but under the local Property Maintenance Code violations are treated as violations. Mr. Vendetti explained it is much easier to have all of the PMCs in one place rather than go back and forth from the NYS Code to the Local Code.

Councilman Hendel entered the meeting.

Most people in attendance were opposed to the proposed law and think that what is in place now should be good enough. Some of the complaints included:

- The wording '*left to the discretion of the code enforcement officer*' should be taken out as it gives the CEO too much power and leeway where property maintenance is concerned.

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- Concerns that the CEO can enter anyone's property. Ron explained that he currently does not have the authority to enter onto someone's property and that is not changing in the proposed law. He does not and will not have the authority to do that.
- The language broadens the scope of the Code Enforcement Officer's authority
- Times garbage can be put out and when cans have to be brought back from the road
- Since the proposed law is changing violations from misdemeanors to violations, maybe more violations will be written.

There were several people present from the Village of Holley. Ron pointed out that the same law that the Board is proposing tonight has been in effect for a number of years in the village.

Public Hearing was closed at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver