

Town of Murray Public Hearings and Town Board Meeting
November 7, 2018

Present: Supervisor Robert Miller, Councilmen Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel, Michael Mele and Neil Valentine, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Ed Morgan, Assessor Lynn Wood, Attorney Jeff Martin, Louise Passarell, Farin Seiler, Krista Wiley, Kerri Neale, Art Knab, Dirk Lammes, Samuel Lammes, Mark Porter

Pledge to the flag.

Public Hearing – 2019 Preliminary Budget

Attorney Jeff Martin read aloud the legal notice announcing the public hearing that was published in the Batavia Daily News.

Supervisor Miller spoke about the budget. We received certification that the town is under the tax cap by \$6,382.00. The town wide tax rate increased by .17% and the outside tax rate increased by .03%.

Kerri Neale asked what townwide and outside tax rate meant. Supervisor Miller stated that townwide means everything including the village. Outside means outside the village.

No further questions from those present.

Public Hearing is closed.

Public Hearing – 2019 Water District Assessment Roll

Jeff Martin read aloud the notice announcing the public hearing that was published in the Batavia Daily News.

The water assessment roll breaks down the charge between debt service (bond and interest) and operation and maintenance.

No questions or comments from those present.

Jeff thanked Lynn, Louise and Ed for their hard work in preparing the roll.

Councilman Hendel said since the amount the Town pays for water is increasing, there may come a time in the future that we'll have to consider raising our water rates. The Town has eaten increases many times in order to avoid passing the

increases to our residents. Art Knab stated that he isn't even hooked up to the new water district and the rates will already be raised again.

Councilman Hendel stated that based on if the Water Authority rates increase, we may have to. If we can afford not to we will not.

Attorney Jeff Martin informed the public that since there has been talk about excessive debt service, he went back from 1996 to the present and all districts debt service amounts are under what was approved. The public should put little stock into some of the numbers that are being thrown around. We have the most knowledgeable Water Superintendent in the county, if not in all of western New York.

Public Hearing is closed.

Town Board Meeting

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele approving the work meeting and October meeting minutes Motion Carried

Assessor:

Lynn commended the Board for their hard work in keeping the budget down.

The office continues to work on the update. It is time consuming as each parcel needs to be reviewed and a value put on it. Values are based on sales. Lynn discussed the requirement of income certification for enhanced star along with their renewal forms.

Old Business:

Last year the board adopted a resolution allowing partial payments on property taxes. The minimum partial payment allowed was two hundred dollars (\$200.00). This posed a problem for some towns as the recycling/waste charge on tax bills was two hundred twelve (\$212.00). A new resolution needs to be adopted with only one change which states *the first partial payment must be at least the amount designated on the tax bill for Recycling/Waste of the then-current year. Additional partial payments can then be made in increments of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).*

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Valentine adopting the resolution accepting partial payments of property taxes Motion Carried

Motion by Christ Seconded by Hendel adopting 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 November 7, 2018 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 25, 2018; 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 he 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.

Ayes-5 Opposed-0 Absent-0 Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Valentine approving the following change to the 2019 budget for water district no. 16: reducing metered sales from \$4,000 to \$3,350 and reducing bond principal from \$19,987 to \$19,337 Motion Carried

Councilman Paul Hendel moved the adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Valentine seconded the motion:

WHEREAS the tentative budget for the year 2019 has been duly presented to the Town Board by the Budget Officer, and a duly publicized public hearing was held on the 7th day of November, 2018 at 7:00 PM on the preliminary budget prepared by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS at which time all persons desiring to be heard were heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 109 of the Town Law of the State of New York, the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby

ADOPTS THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET, as amended, altered, and revised, as

the Budget for the Town of Murray for the year 2019.

Ayes-5

Opposed-0

Absent-0

Motion Carried

New Business:

Brief discussion regarding the *Welcome to the Town of Murray* signs. A few years ago they were painted and touched up but the sponsor names at the bottom of the signs are either in bad shape or are gone. Supervisor Miller could solicit through the newsletter for sponsors and the Town could make the contract length the same as the life expectancy of the signs.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Valentine approving the following interfund transfers: Motion Carried

A5031	Interfund Transfer	<u>\$8,725.00</u>
SW1-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$587.00
SW2-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$1,025.00
SW3-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$712.00
SW4-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$337.00
SW5-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$275.00
SW6-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$900.00
SW7-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$775.00
SW8-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$1,125.00
SW9-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$275.00
SW10-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$338.00
SW11-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$1,050.00
SW12-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$338.00
SW13-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	\$338.00
SW15-9950.9	Interfund Transfer	<u>\$650.00</u>
		<u>\$8,725.00</u>
DA5031	Interfund Transfer	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
A9901.9	Interfund Transfer	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

Lynn informed all that Louise completed a week-long Ag course a couple weeks ago. She has now completed four out of the seven required.

On November 16th Louise and Lynn will both be in Batavia for a class on exemptions.

Attorney:

Although we did not need to implement it as the Town stayed below the tax cap, the local law on overriding the tax cap was filed.

Regarding the cemetery easement on Hulberton Road; the homeowner will agree but requested their fence to be relocated further to the north. Ed will take a look at it but thinks it should be doable.

Town Clerk:

October receipts totaled \$1,482 with \$688.02 going into the general fund.

Highway and Water Superintendent:

The Highway Department paved Ogden Road to the Monroe County Line
 Highway Water:

Ed reported a water leak on Lake Road and one on Hulberton Road south of canal.

Water rates were discussed. Ed called the water authority to inquire about an increase next year and they did not have information for him at this time. The Village of Holley will need to get notice from us that we will be charging them more as we charge them \$3.50 and we pay \$3.60. Other than the Village, we are still sustainable at the rate we are now if the water authority doesn't raise their rates. Other towns are billing one to two dollars over their cost.

Work meeting to discuss water rates further will be held at 7:00 pm on November 27th. Cindy will publish the public notice.

Public Comments:

Art Knab stated that it's late in the season and things are starting to settle with the construction of the water district, will they come back in the spring to fix people's yards? Ed said yes, they guarantee it for a year.

Farin Seiler wanted Ed Morgan to know that he is very much appreciated and that he does not get enough credit. The roads are always well maintained and clear in the winter. It is appreciated.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ to approve the Supervisor's financial reports and that the following bills be paid: Motion Carried

General Fund	Claims 329-366	\$13,612.14
Highway Fund	Claims 140-149	\$23,703.06
Water District No. 1	Claims 22-23	\$49.31
Water District No. 2	Claims 32-33	\$58.54
Water District No. 3	Claims 22-24	\$4,114.86
Water District No. 4	Claim 14	\$7.58

Water District No. 5	Claim 15	\$3.37
Water District No. 6	Claims 52-54	\$72.16
Water District No. 7	Claim 7	\$23.29
Water District No. 8	Claim 13	\$16.84
Water District No. 9	Claim 13	\$5.33
Water District No. 10	Claims 29-30	\$12.00
Water District No. 11	Claims 49-52	\$285.26
Water District No. 12	Claim 15	\$6.45
Water District No. 13	Claim 15	\$7.86
Water District No. 14	Claim 12	\$2.24
Water District No. 15	Claim 23	\$15.43
Water District No. 20	Claim 4	\$90.00
Water District No. 3, Ext. 1	Claims 4-5	\$2,666.80

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Christ to adjourn the meeting.

So adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver