

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER  
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The intent of this writing is to periodically provide Murray residents with a basic understanding of what we are working on, what issues we face as a community and encourage input to things you find important. Thank you for your confidence and the privilege to serve the Town of Murray as Supervisor.

The Supervisor is primarily responsible for day to day operations of Town Administration including acting as Chief Financial Officer and Budget Manager. Municipal Town Law sets the parameters to work within. There are internal financial controls in place to discourage impropriety and abuse.

The Town Clerk's office is of equal importance. A separate entity from the Supervisor but under similar legal parameters and internal controls. The Town Clerk and Supervisor work together daily to complete necessary administrative functions and manage the business of the Town.

Our Attorney for the Town resigned effective December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Town board will be interviewing interested candidates in the coming weeks. It is of vital importance that the Town hire a competent attorney in today's complex environment.

Regrettably but understandably Councilman Valentine resigned his seat on the Town Board for personal reasons on January 16<sup>th</sup>. His presence will be missed and we all wish him the very best. The Board can legally function with a 4-member board. The Board may at its discretion appoint someone to fill the vacancy. Anyone interested in serving should contact the Town Clerk's Office in writing. A great opportunity to step forward and serve your Community.

Our Town Planning Board Chairman resigned effective December 31<sup>st</sup>. Chad Fabry, an experienced and capable resident has been appointed by the planning board to fill the vacancy. Chad brings a wealth of knowledge and a resume packed with experience. Our planning department is in great hands.

In an effort to reduce the Town's electric bill, we entered into an agreement with National Grid to convert street lighting from sodium lights to LED. We analyzed the layout, the existing and proposed wattages made revisions while keeping in mind community safety and rural aesthetics.

LaBella Engineering has been retained to develop a new Town of Murray Comprehensive Plan and update our zoning ordinances. The process requires input from the community and the formation of a steering committee to guide the "firm" as to who we are and where we are heading as a community. There are a lot of issues out there to consider including State run large scale alternative energy projects. Now is the time to step up and let your voices be heard. Public hearings, work meetings and steering committees are all part of this very open process. Get involved.

Health Insurance continues to plague America and so too our Town. I have reached out to and met with various consultants regarding health care and will be presenting my findings to the board in the coming weeks. There are available options saving thousands of your dollars while continuing to provide our valued personnel with continued coverage at the same level.

Town policies and procedures are being reviewed for possible revision. The building alarm system has been repaired and reprogrammed to protect our assets.

The Town historian will help update our website with more emphasis on our history.

A lot of great things are happening!