

Town of Murray Town Board Meeting

February 12, 2019

Present: Supervisor Robert Miller, Councilmen Paul Hendel, Michael Mele and Neil Valentine, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Attorney Jeffrey Martin, Assessor Lynn Wood, Louise Passarell, Dave Knapp, Kerri Neale, Beth Miller
Absent: Councilman Lloyd Christ

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Valentine that the Board enters into executive session to discuss a personnel matter Motion Carried

Board entered into executive session at 6:44 p.m.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Mele that the Board returns to regular session Motion Carried

Board returned to regular session at 7:05 p.m.

Supervisor Miller asked everyone to keep the family of John Totter in their thoughts and prayers.

Motion by Valentine, Seconded by Hendel approving meeting minutes of year-end meeting, January 7th and January 8th meeting Motion Carried

Assessor

Lynn and Louise have been working hard in the office completing the update and exemptions. March 1st is taxable status day.

Old Business

Discussion regarding the update on Secion 711 – Agricultural Events Venues.

Jeff Martin and Councilman Hendel attending the Town Planning Board meeting last week and Jeff has looked at other towns with similar laws. Jeff will distribute the proposed local law to board members this week. The Planning Board also has copies. It could possibly be introduced at the March meeting and then referred to County Planning. By the April meeting, the comments should be back from County Planning and the Board could hold a public hearing at the April meeting.

Jeff passed out what he gave the Planning Board last week to review. Ron had developed some proposed zoning and Jeff thought it needed to be more far reaching and more comprehensive. This would allow special events at farms and winery's within the town but will not open the door to abuse. Councilman Hendel said this helps the continuance of agriculture in the Town.

New Business

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Valentine authorizing Supervisor Miller to sign Water District No. 3, Ext. 1 change order number 2 Motion Carried

Motion by Valentine, Seconded by Mele that the following resolution be adopted:

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MURRAY REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Murray has consistently gone on record opposing New York State’s infringement of an individual’s 2nd amendment “right of the people to keep and bear arms”; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Murray unanimously opposed the controversial “SAFE Act” by resolution dated March 12, 2013, which is but one example of such reaffirmation of our 2nd Amendment rights; and

WHEREAS, this Town Board of the Town of Murray will continue to oppose any infringement of the 2nd Amendment including, but not limited to, long-gun/sporting gun registry or Firearm Owner Identification Card (FOID card) and/or requiring gun owners to purchase insurance for each gun legally owned;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray goes on record reaffirming its support of the 2nd Amendment which states “A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and Bear Arms, shall not be infringed”; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Town shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor of the State of New York Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Senator Robert Ort, Speaker of the New York State Assembly Carle Heastie, Assembly Minority Leader Brian M. Kolb, Assemblyman Steve Hawley, Assemblyman Michael J. Norris, the County of Orleans and such others deemed necessary and proper.

Moved, Valentine Second, Mele
Adopted. Ayes; 4 nays; 0 absent; 1

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Mele authorizing the conversion of outdoor street lighting in the Town of Murray to LED fixtures Motion Carried

There is grant money available and this would be little or no cost to the Town. The cost savings will be significant.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Mele that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF MURRAY TOWN HALL/HIGHWAY BUILDING
AS POLLING PLACE

WHEREAS, §4-104 of the Election Law provides that polling places be accessible to citizens with disabilities and comply with accessibility guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and that wherever possible, a building exempt from taxation be used; and

WHEREAS, Holley Central School District, the current polling place has requested that the Orleans County Board of Elections find another suitable location to use as a polling place in the Town of Murray because elections taking place at the Junior-Senior High School are unduly disruptive of the education process and cause security concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Orleans County Board of Elections has recently designated the Murray Town Hall/Murray Highway Building as a polling place for general, primary and special elections for all of the Town's election districts, effective immediately;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the use of the Murray Town Hall/Murray Highway Building as a polling place for general, primary and special elections for all of the Town's elections districts, effective immediately.

Upon being put to a vote, the following voted in favor of adoption of the resolution: Councilman Paul Hendel, Councilman Neil Valentine, Councilman Michael Mele, and Supervisor Robert Miller.

The following voted against adoption: none

The following was absent from the vote: Councilman Lloyd Christ

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

Attorney

The easement for the Hulberton Road property has been signed and recorded. Highway Superintendent Ed Morgan has a copy of it. Ed and his crew will be relocating a fence further north making room to get equipment into the cemetery.

Town Clerk

January receipts totaled \$987.00 with \$547.96 going into the general fund.

We began using the new accounting system today. It is still new so next month we

will try combining all the bills and using one abstract to make things easier.

Cindy handed out a tax collection summary for the month of January. The Supervisor was paid \$1,463,925.66 and has been paid in full. \$1,537,684 was paid to the County Treasurer for taxes collected up until February 7th.

Public Comments

Kerri Neale thanked Supervisor Miller for attending the BB gun training course.

Kerri stated that there are positive items on the agenda and thanked the board for adopting the resolution reaffirming the Town Board’s support for the Second Amendment.

Kerri asked about the Code Enforcement Officer appointment. Supervisor Miller said the Board is not prepared to make an appointment at this time.

Motion by Valentine, Seconded by Mele to approve the Supervisor’s financial report and that the following bills be paid: Motion Carried

General Fund	\$20,369.64
Highway Fund	\$105,951.04
Water District No. 1	\$535.67
Water District No. 2	\$12,816.55
Water District No. 3	\$474.50
Water District No. 4	\$1,473.66
Water District No. 5	\$830.98
Water District No. 6	\$5,830.89
Water District No. 7	\$5,976.30
Water District No. 8	\$3,163.92
Water District No. 9	\$1,525.99
Water District No. 10	\$1,971.42
Water District No. 11	\$11,892.05
Water District No. 12	\$1,293.11
Water District No. 13	\$1,613.82
Water District No. 15	\$3,723.88
Water District No. 20	\$645.74
Water District 3, Ext. 1	\$1,127.10

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Mele to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.
Motion Carried

So adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver