

Town of Murray Town Board Meeting
February 11, 2020

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Fred Case, Assessor Louise Passarell, Lynn Wood, George Curtis, Annette Curtis, William Moroz, Brian Fauci, Sandy Shaw, Dave Knapp, Dave Piedmonte, Ken DeRoller, Beverly Whiteman, Eric Fredendall, Amy Machamer

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Sidonio.

Moment of silent reflection.

Pledge to the American Flag.

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Christ to accept the meeting minutes of the January meeting with the following amendments: *Town Board meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the March 2020 Town Board meeting* and accepting the February work meeting minutes as submitted Motion Carried

Town Clerk

January receipts totaled \$669.00 with \$586.28 going into the general fund. Cindy gave the Board a tax collection summary showing the amount of taxes collected thus far. The Supervisor has been paid in full from tax collection: \$1,534,880.19. County Treasurer has been paid \$1,000,000.00 from taxes collected and \$271,148.00 from recycle/waste collection.

Assessor

The Enhanced STAR exemptions have confused the senior citizens as they previously had to renew every year but that has changed and they no longer have to reapply each year.

The next couple of weeks Louise and Lynn will be checking on improvements throughout the Town.

Highway Water Report

- Water Dept. repaired or replaced seven house meters.
- The Village of Holley is in the process of replacing WD #1 water meter.
- NYMIR Insurance visited our facility to review the Town policies and tour the buildings and grounds. The Board received a sample resolution they recommend we put in place.
- The 2020 Annual Highway Expenditure Form was given to the Town Board to be signed by all board members. It will be filed in the Town

Clerk's office. It has already been reviewed and approved by Orleans County DPW Superintendent John Pappanetti.

- The Highway employees, Deputy Supervisor, Councilman Hendel interviewed two applicants for a full-time MEO position. After a thorough review and conversation with employees we hired Todd J. Knight. Todd resides at 15916 Cred Road and will start on February 17, 2020.
- Monroe Water Authority has raised rates for 2020 per thousand up from \$3.58 to \$3.72 (4%). They also raised monthly meter charge from \$160.00 to \$225.60 per month (41%). Based on December 2019 usage, the increase will be about 38¢ more per thousand or \$1,054.40.

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Christ for the Town Board to execute and sign the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys Motion Carried

Board is in agreement for our attorney to review the suggested resolution from NYMIR before adopting it.

Legislator Ken DeRoller

Legislator DeRoller was present to discuss the Farmland Protection Grant that is available to municipalities. He also updated all on a canal corridor grant. The county will have a great opportunity to enhance the use of the canal.

Supervisor Sidonio stated that the purpose of the farmland protection is not so land cannot be developed for anything other than farming. It identifies and inventory's the good and the poor land, drainage, etc. Many things would be available to the Town if we have a farmland protection plan. Supervisor Sidonio is willing to write the grant and save \$1,500 in doing so. If we are successful, appropriate \$8,333 maximum for the plan. The grant will come from Ag & Markets and is funded quarterly. We could possibly be funded in July which would work great as we will be working on our comprehensive plan.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Mele that the Town of Murray proceed with the funding for the grant proposal not to exceed \$8,333 Motion Carried

New Business

At the February 8th work meeting a slate of attorneys were interviewed. The Town Board resolved to appoint John S. Sansone as Attorney for the Town.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Hendel approving the Legal Services Agreement between the Town of Murray and John S. Sansone, Esq. and that Supervisor Joseph Sidonio is authorized to execute the Legal Services Agreement for the year 2020 Motion Carried

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Christ appointing the following members to a "special board" as provided for in NYS Town Law Section 272-A, to serve as the steering committee to prepare an update to the Town of Murray Comprehensive Plan.

- Chad Fabry – Chairperson
- David Piedmonte
- Joseph Sidonio
- Tim Luksha
- Daniel Mawn

Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was adopted.

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Christ that the Town Board of the Town of Murray will conduct its business meeting on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., commencing on March 16, 2020 Motion Carried

Cindy will put the change on the website and a notice in the Batavia Daily Newspaper.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ to schedule a public hearing for the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance that allows specific uses in high density areas on Thursday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m. Motion Carried

Neighboring municipalities will be notified of the public hearing and a legal notice will be published in the Batavia Daily News and on the Town of Murray website.

The Town has changed providers for our employee health insurance. The change has saved the Town some money.

Old Business

Supervisor Sidonio would like the Town Board to think about working on Town policies and procedures with the new attorney. Does the Board think it is necessary to schedule a monthly work meeting? All are in agreement schedule work meetings as they are needed.

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

Other Business

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Hendel accepting the housekeeping letter of resignation from Louise Passarell Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ authorizing the Town Hall housekeeping be done through the Sheriff's Department by individuals who are sentenced to community service at no charge to the Town
Motion Carried

The housekeeping is completed under the supervision of a Sheriff's Deputy.

General Fund	\$65,431.23
Highway Fund	\$22,761.34
Water District No. 1	\$323.63
Water District No. 2	\$11,415.75
Water District No. 3	\$11,707.47
Water District No. 4	\$1,567.54
Water District No. 5	\$825.32
Water District No. 6	\$3,763.29
Water District No. 7	\$4,082.22
Water District No. 8	\$3,543.15
Water District No. 9	\$1,005.53
Water District No. 10	\$1,471.94
Water District No. 11	\$14,425.18
Water District No. 12	\$1,291.77
Water District No. 13	\$1,789.77
Water District No. 14	\$623.10
Water District No. 15	\$3,572.89
Water District No. 16	\$683.87

Public Comments

Frank Long reported that there is a lot of air coming through when he turns on his faucet. Can air be somehow getting in the water line? Louise will check with Water Supt.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele that the meeting be adjourned
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Oliver