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Town of Murray Town Board Meeting Via Zoom
June 15, 2020

Present: Supervisor Joe Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Attorney John Sansone, Code Enforcement Officer Fred Case, Lynn Wood

Moment of silent reflection.

Pledge to the flag.

Councilman Mele updated all on Orleans County cases of COVID-19. There have been no new cases reported in the last two days but there are no testing sites in Orleans County. The county is officially in Phase 3. Most businesses are getting plans together and are starting to open up. Courts have a procedure from the Office of the Court Administration regarding sanitation and safety. He is working to get our work crew back to cleaning the Town Hall in a safe and healthy manor.

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Christ approving the May Town Board meeting minutes as submitted

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Motion Carried

Town Clerk

May receipts totaled \$1,000.00 with \$532.33 going into the general fund.

The total cost of the assure shield for the front counter is \$885.00. It will arrive on June 25th.

The Primary is on Tuesday, June 23rd. All Town offices are to be closed when voting is taking place in the building.

Assessor

There was one resident that came in for Grievance Day. There were three informals prior to Grievance Day. Red Rocks on Canal Road was listed in our records as having 50 more sites than they actually have. That was reduced which lowered their assessment.

Code Enforcement

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22 permits have been issued. Due to the pandemic, Fred has not been actively looking for violations however, with Phase 3 beginning, it's time to start looking at the properties that are in violation.

One resident is in the process of putting up a pole barn with no permit. The resident will be in tomorrow to submit his application for a permit. A few items for the Planning Board will be coming up; A dog grooming business on Ridge Road next to Red Oak Driving Range, Roger and Lori Passarell are in the process of applying for their special use permit for their dance studio, and A&M Automotive wants to put an addition on to the shop. Fred will be picking up his final site plans tomorrow.

Supervisor Sidonio informed all that Fred Fiorito who currently resides in Connecticut but grew up in Fancher would like to give a contribution for a complete restoration of the WWII War Memorial/Clock in Fancher. The clock is a memorial for ten people from Fancher, Hulberton and Brockville who died in the war. Mr. Fiorito would like to bring it back to its original condition. Joe will be working with him on this project.

Highway and Water

Written report given as Louise had to leave due to an emergency.

The Highway department has been cleaning up behind the building.

Normal maintenance: mowing cemeteries, meter pits, trimming guardrails, mowing roadsides, yard repairs, sinkhole on Lynch Road.

Todd and Scott have done repairs to trucks, woodchipper and the roadside mower.

Scott will get his inspection license transferred to the Town; he will inspect our dump trucks.

CHiPs: Received notification of amounts to receive; plan on 20% less:

Chips:	\$72,010.98	
Pave NY:	\$16,437.22	
<u>Extreme Winter:</u>	<u>\$13,425.50</u>	
Total	\$101,873.70	- 20% = \$81,498.96

Paving planned: W. Kendall Rd. – between Creek Rd. & 104
East Transit Church Rd. – between W. Kendall Rd. and 237

Water Report:

- Repair & Maintenance Log for Board members

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- Scott and Todd have been signed up for water school in October; Morrisville State; 2 days
- Readings will be taken at the end of June
- Sue Papponetti, OC Health Dept meeting with us tomorrow about annual water samples
- Called Monroe Water, re meter pits Fancher Rd & Hulberton Rd in May; not heard back yet
- Spoke with Peggy at Williamson about recording hydrant gallons into billing; manually put in
- Dennis & Louise are putting together a schedule & log for flushing. Dennis is going to try to put together something with equipment we have, that can measure the flushing gallons
- Louise has put together a list of meters that she would like removed and tested to see if they are running slow. Ed had ordered 64 new meters that will be here by the end of next week
- In regards to listening to services under Ridge Rd; list has been made, 52 services in district #2, 38 services in district #3. Dennis will try to get started by the end of the week. Unable to determine how many can be done in a day, many variables: locating, digging up curb stop, getting cover off, ability to listen

After a brief discussion, Town Board is in agreement that Dennis and Louise are aware of the issues concerning the water districts. Let them focus their energy on their plan. They will give the Board progress reports.

Supervisor Sidonio received two phone calls from residents wanting to discuss ditching in front of their homes. One area is on Route 31, east of Holley and the other is on Lake Road. Will speak to Louise regarding what, if anything, the Highway Dept. can do.

New Business

Supervisor Sidonio asked the Board to appoint Dennis Mandigo as Interim Highway Superintendent and be compensated \$1,000/month. In light of the pandemic and future budget cuts, he wants the term to begin today, June 15th and end on December 31st. Councilman Hendel stated that the Supervisor and himself spoke to Dennis and Louise on May 19th and they immediately stepped up and started their work. The appointment should begin June 1st. Councilman Hendel agrees that everyone has to give a little but they already gave us their time without compensation from May 15th through May 31st. All in agreement that their terms should begin June 1, 2020.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Mele appointing Dennis Mandigo Interim Highway Superintendent to a term beginning June 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 and be compensated \$1,000 per month.

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After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ appointing Louise Passarell as interim Highway Superintendent to a term beginning June 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 and be compensated \$1,000 per month.

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Motion Carried

Town Board began a discussion regarding new position application for Assessor Assistant. Will discuss in further detail in executive session as this is a personnel matter.

Our independent audit performed by The Bonadio Group is nearly complete. Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower authorizing Supervisor to sign the Management Engagement letter and forward it to The Bonadio Group.

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Motion Carried

We've run into some conflicts with scheduled monthly date of the Town Board's work meetings. The second Thursday of each month works better for everyone.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower that the Town Board's as needed work meetings be scheduled for the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ that the Town Board enter into executive session at 7:58 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Motion Carried

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Christ that the Town Board returns to regular session at 9:02 p.m. with no action taken.

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower authorizing the following resolution:

WHEREAS, based upon an analysis of data over recent months, it appears the water districts in the Town of Murray are insolvent; and,

WHEREAS, with the retirement of the Town of Murray Highway Superintendent last month, crucial information, knowledge and experience of the infrastructure and inter-workings of the water system acquired over 30 years is no longer readily available to the town; and,

WHEREAS, it is no surprise that the economic impact of Pause NY as a result of the risk of spread of the coronavirus will have a long-lasting negative impact on funding and budgets at all levels of government in New York State; and,

WHEREAS, as a result thereof, it is imperative to review and analyze cost-saving measures and revenue streams throughout the Town of Murray; and,

WHEREAS, in furtherance thereof, it is necessary to identify errors, if any, and recommend improvements in meter readings, billing and other water operations; and,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Murray Board approves the hiring of Bonadio & Co., LLP to perform a comprehensive review of water usage and billing and provide recommendations related to water service in the Town of Murray at a cost between \$1,750 and not to exceed \$3,500, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Supervisor Sidonio is authorized to sign an engagement letter and/or agreement associated therewith, subject to Attorney approval.

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After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Resolution was thereupon adopted

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

General Fund	\$31,430.28
Highway Fund	\$22,749.39
Water District No. 1	\$777.45
Water District No. 2	\$8,554.34
Water District No. 3	\$6,651.35
Water District No. 6	\$3,199.00
Water District No. 8	\$47.64
Water District No. 10	\$2.59
Water District No. 11	\$3,517.02
Street Light Fund	\$586.75

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	4	Bower, Christ, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	
Abstains	1	Hendel

Motion Carried

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

After being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	5	Bower, Christ, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	

Motion Carried

So adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver