

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT
MID SUMMER 2021

We have had a tremendously busy year and I'd like to catch you up on what we have been working on and the issues we as a Community face together.

We have recovered wonderfully from the Covid Pandemic. We are back to open meetings and it's great to have so many of our residents attend. We also have regularly scheduled "Work Meetings" on the 2nd Tuesdays of each month.

I am very excited to host the Re-Dedication of the Fancher War Memorial on August 14th @ 2PM the same time and day as originally dedicated in 1949. Please attend if you are able. A lot of people worked hard behind the scenes to restore this historic landmark in honor of 10 boys who gave their lives in WWII.

We spent a lot of time and treasure debating the topic of Health Care. At our July meeting we passed a resolution creating Domestic Partner Health Care with criteria to distinguish what constitutes a domestic partner. We are still faced with the fact that health care costs will continue to rise for the foreseeable future. I am calling on the Town Board to address this concern. We must continue our discussion on health care reforms to provide sustainable affordable health care coverage for our employees.

For more than a year the Comprehensive Plan Committee has been working on our Master Plan and associated zoning revisions. It has been received well at the County Planning Board and is now in the hands of our Town Board for final adoption or revision. The Town Board has opted not to adopt but continue the discussion. Next meeting is on August 12th at 7PM.

Our Water Department continues to struggle with Water Loss. In the 1st half of the year we lost \$32,000.00 in water. Our main approach has been to look for leaks. This obviously is not enough and the Town board made it a priority to apply more resources to the problem. Water Superintendent Lammes is determined to get to the bottom of the situation. It will take time and with the Town Board in support I am confident in a positive outcome.

The Town of Murray has been awarded \$300,000.00 in American Rescue funding. 50% this year and the balance next year. I will ask the board to allocate a portion of these funds to finance a solution to the Water Loss situation. Hopefully this will provide direct relief to those residents on Public Water by reducing the water loss and a better managed system.

At the Tax Assessor's request, the Board authorized a town wide property revaluation. I will be discussing this with the Assessor in the days ahead.

I have begun developing the Town Budget for 2022. It is a complex process but I assure you that as a fiscal conservative I will do my utmost to continue striving for effective, efficient Government delivered in an accountable and transparent manner.

Joe Sidonio
Supervisor