

Town of Murray Board Meeting

September 20, 2021

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Dirk Lammas, Attorney John Sansone, Legislator John DeFilipps, Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Moore, Tim Hungerford, Cheryl Hungerford, Louise Passarell, Scott Underwood, David Knapp, Elaine Berg, Ron Vendetti, Tracy Chalker, Michelle Chalker, Sandy Shaw, Art Knab, David Paul

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Hendel accepting the minutes of the August 2021 work meeting as submitted. Motion Carried

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Mele accepting the minutes of the August Town Board meeting as submitted. Motion Carried

Ron Vendetti entered the meeting.

Tim Hungerford spoke to the Town Board regarding water revenue/loss. All receive a monthly report of revenues and expenditures incurred. We are not billing enough to cover water expenses. Last year, many adjustments were made but this year every bill gets allocated to its specific district. This gives us the best accounting for each water district. Tim explained that water loss should be around 15% and currently we are at around 25 – 30% loss which is about \$80,000 per year. Options for improvement were discussed; increase water rates by 10%, using ARPA funds to hire a group to find leaks, hand it over to Monroe Water Authority. The water districts are not there to make money, but should pay for themselves. We will not know how the three leaks that were recently found will affect the loss until January, but these leaks combined could give us a significant improvement. Keep in mind there will always be water loss for every water district in any town because there is maintenance that happens on a regular basis, such as flushing, use by fire department, etc.

Amy Machamer entered the meeting.

Tim suggested the water department continue looking for leaks. Once that is completed, evaluate where we are and if we still need to bring someone in to help, it can be done then.

Dirk said the guys are now getting more familiar with the whole system and he would like to continue looking for leaks themselves. Town Board is in agreement for our guys to continue looking for leaks and review the loss in January to see where we stand.

Town Clerk

August sales totaled \$2,353.60 with \$1,077.74 going into the general fund.

Charlene Seilaff of the Historical Society asked if we would make 25 copies of Mr. Charles' book "Garlic and Roses" for them. Town Board is all in agreement to make the copies for the Historical Society.

Highway and Water Department

The highway department completed chip sealing and replaced a culvert on Route 237. Next week they will be mowing but they've mostly been focusing on water.

Dirk would like to appoint Dennis Mandigo as Deputy Highway Superintendent. Dennis has been with the Town for 21 years and knows the job inside and out. He also filled in last year and is a dedicated employee. Dirk thinks it is fair that the Deputy pay increase should be retroactive. The Town Board is in agreement.

Code Enforcement

Big Guys Campground has received all of their approvals and was issued a special use permit on 09/15/2021. Vertical Bridge Telecommunication Tower has received all of their approvals and was issued a special use permit on 09/07/2021.

E&E Property Services at 16584 Ridge Road has submitted a special use permit application and site plan review. The location is where West Ridge Realty was located.

Correspondence

- C&H PC technology quote – the Board cannot take action on the quote until Ted Spada gets brought into the discussion because the court will be using the equipment also.
- Save Time Cleaning Services quote for cleaning services for the Town Hall
- NYS Department of Budget – Some municipalities did not participate in the American Rescue Plan which means the extra funds will be going to the municipalities that have participated. The Town of Murray will be receiving an additional \$1,200.
- NYS Ag & Markets – The Town received the \$25,000 farmland protection grant.

New Business

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Holley is located within the bounds of the Town of Murray;
and,

WHEREAS, it is the intention of both the Village of Holley and the Town of Murray to create a more reliable source of water in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is mutually beneficial to the Village of Holley and the Town of Murray to install a pressure relief valve in the village that can service areas of the village and town in event of an emergency; and,

WHEREAS, both parties wish to enter into an Agreement in order to delineate their respective future obligations and responsibilities relative thereof, be it

RESOLVED that Supervisor Joseph Sidonio is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Town of Murray, the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Installation and Maintenance of a Pressure Relief Valve.

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

LOWER FLAGS ON AUGUST 14TH

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Hendel to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in honor of the ten men memorialized on the Fancher Monument for their supreme sacrifice during WWII; and

WHEREAS, August 14th has been declared Fancher Monument Memorial Day; it is

RESOLVED, that in recognition of their supreme sacrifice, the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby directs the flags to be lowered to half-mast for ten days beginning August 14th and ending August 23rd of each year henceforth.

After being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2021

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Bower to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 2 of the year 2021 of the Town of Murray, Orleans County, New York, entitled “A Local Law Opting Out of Adult Use Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites” was originally introduced on August 16, 2021, and a public hearing held on September 9, 2021; it is

RESOLVED, that said Local Law No. 2 of the year 2021 of the Town of Murray be and the same hereby is adopted in all respects and in the same form as introduced; and it is further

RESOLVED, that John S. Sansone, Attorney for the Town of Murray, is hereby directed to forward the local law to NYS Department of State for filing.

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

WORK MEETING CHANGE

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Murray Board work meetings have been held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to avoid conflicts in Town Board member's schedules, the monthly Town Board work meeting date will be changed; it is

RESOLVED, that the Town of Murray Board work meetings will now be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. on an as-needed basis, beginning in October 2021.

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

DEPUTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Dennis Mandigo is hereby appointed Deputy Highway Superintendent and shall receive the standard 50¢ per hour pay increase for this position. The title of Deputy Highway Superintendent and the pay increase will be applied retroactively from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

CLEANING SERVICES

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Christ to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Murray Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Joseph Sidonio to sign the Cleaner/Custodian Service contract of SAVE Time Cleaning Services for the cleaning of the Murray Town Hall on a weekly basis.

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

Old Business

Brief discussion regarding healthcare. HSA's, which are accounts that are employee-owned and HRA's which are accounts that are employer-owned. Healthcare is increasing 9%. Councilman Bower said we should put this item on the agenda for the work meeting.

Supervisor Sidonio reminded all that the Town is still without a County Planning Board representative. This item will also be placed on the work meeting agenda.

Public Comments

David Paul asked why he is treated differently than others in regards to the Town putting up a sign for his private road. The Town has done it for other private roads/drives and he should be given the same. Councilman Bower stated that this is the first he has heard about this issue. He'd like to research it and get back to him. Highway Superintendent Lammes said he was told the we cannot do it. David Paul wants to know who it is that told Dirk he couldn't do it. This item will be put on the work meeting agenda.

Ron Vendetti spoke about his concerns with water loss. The Water Department was supposed to listen for leaks throughout the whole town. The issue is still not taken care of and the Board has failed to do anything about it.

He asked if the Town did anything if there are businesses in the Town that are not following their site plans. Everyone here is aware, including the Planning Board, that A&M Automotive is not following their site plan and nothing is done about it. The Planning Board made David Paul jump through hoops for his site plan but no one cares that A&M doesn't follow theirs.

Art Knab thinks things are going well in the Town compared to what it used to be. He thinks Dirk is doing a great job along with Dennis, Scott, TJ and Bob.

Louise Passarell stated that the Water Department did cover the whole town listening for leaks last year. Dirk and the guys are doing a great job. He is in a new position so give him a chance.

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

General Fund	\$48,756.59
General Fund (Prepaid)	\$1,617.18
Highway Fund	\$4,689.82
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Water District No. 12 (Prepaid)	\$10,525.00
Lighting District No. 1	\$199.13
Lighting District No. 2	\$329.30
Lighting District No. 3	\$114.55

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Mele that the Board enters into executive session at 8:03 p.m. to discuss possible litigation Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower that the Board returns to regular session at 8:10 p.m. with no action taken. Motion Carried

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Mele to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion Carried

So Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver