

Murray Town Board Meeting

January 24, 2022

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Dirk Lammes, Code Enforcement Officer Mylynda Kuba, David Knapp

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

Moment of silence followed by the pledge to the flag.

Councilman Hendel informed all that the Youth Commission is attempting to get some youth winter/spring activities but it has been difficult due to COVID.

Councilman Mele stated that the Justice Court audit is underway and should be completed by next meeting.

Town Clerk

Receipts for December 2021 totaled \$918.00 with \$829.83 going into the general fund. The office has been very busy with property taxes and water bills due by the end of the month.

Highway and Water

Dirk reported that they have used about 600 tons of salt so far. At this rate, they may exceed last year's amount.

The water department fixed a couple leaks on Telegraph Road on January 11th. They finished around 11:30 p.m. The fire department provided lights and a pump since ours went down. It was a huge help to have them. Councilman Mele told Dirk that surplus military equipment can be bought through a 1099 program.

Supervisor Sidonio thanked the water department for going above and beyond during the water break. Dirk could have shut the water off to deal with it the next day but didn't. Thank you to Dirk and his department, and the fire department.

Dirk ran numbers and thinks we are looking at a 20-21% water loss, town-wide.

Dirk spoke about the water billing system he would like to switch to. It is modern and easy to use, offers many more reports. We are ready to have them start the transfer of data. They will be running the new program along side of the current system for the first billing period. Annette Curtis has shown interest in water billing. Supervisor Sidonio said the topic can be discussed in executive session.

Dirk brought up a change to the benefit package. Supervisor Sidonio said the topic can be discussed in executive session.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-004

At the monthly meeting of the Murray Town Board held on January 24, 2022, Councilman Paul Hendel moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Michael Mele seconded the motion:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby authorizes the purchase of a Case 580 backhoe off of state bid at a cost not to exceed \$125,000.00, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financing will be decided upon and approved by the Town Board at a later date.

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

Code Enforcement

Mylynda submitted a written report for January with two building permits issued, four inspections completed, four certificates of compliance issued and one complaint has been received. She has been working on the State report which is due at the end of February.

Teacher Geek – additional buildings being added to site plan. Type II action – Negative Declaration declared. Site plan approved taking into consideration the County Planning Board’s comments.

No meeting in January for the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA still has a vacancy since Ed Downey stepped down. The vacancy was advertised in the Pennysaver and also on the Town’s website. No interest yet. The ZBA will need to vote on a Chairperson when they have their next meeting.

Regarding office hours; Mylynda will eventually see what hours are best for the Town and set the office hours then.

All parties such as dispatch, fire departments have been notified of Mylynda’s position at the Town. She and Melissa Ierlan are each other’s backup.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-005

At a regular meeting of the Murray Town Board held on January 24, 2022, Councilman Michael Mele moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Paul Hendel seconded the motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Murray Town Board authorizes the filing of a blanket bond to indemnify all officers required to file an undertaking; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution authorizing the blanket bond will be attached to the bond and filed in the Orleans County Clerk’s office.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-006

At a regular meeting of the Murray Town Board held on January 24, 2022, Councilman Lloyd Christ moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Paul Hendel seconded the motion:

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby appoints Councilman Randall Bower as primary representative to the Orleans County Task Force to assess EMS responses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Councilman Michael Mele is hereby appointed alternate representative to the Orleans County Task Force to assess EMS responses.

Upon being put to a vote, the following voted in favor of adoption: Councilman Lloyd Christ, Councilman Paul Hendel and Supervisor Joseph Sidonio

The following abstained from the vote: Councilman Randall Bower and Councilman Michael Mele

The resolution was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-007

At a regular meeting of the Murray Town Board held on January 24, 2022, Councilman Lloyd Christ moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Randall Bower seconded the motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray accepts the disengagement of HV Audit Services effective February 28, 2022, after the Annual Update Document is produced.

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

Our attorney has reviewed the 2022 EFPR agreement for bookkeeping services for the Town beginning on March 1, 2022. He informed all that it is a standard agreement and has no issues with the Supervisor signing it.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-008

At a meeting of the Murray Town Board duly held on January 24, 2022, Councilman Randall Bower moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Michael Mele seconded the motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby authorizes Supervisor Joseph Sidonio to sign the engagement agreement dated January 6, 2022 from EFPR for bookkeeping services for the Town of Murray.

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

Councilman Hendel stated that all communications, suggestions or advice that is offered from EFPR is communicated with the all as the Town Board needs to be informed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-009

At a meeting of the Murray Town Board held on January 24, 2022, Councilman Randall Bower moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Lloyd Christ seconded the motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Murray accepts the LaBella Engineering Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan proposal and hereby authorizes Supervisor Joseph Sidonio to sign the proposal when the Town executes the grant contract with New York State.

After being put to a vote, the following voted in favor of adoption of the resolution: Councilman Randall Bower, Councilman Lloyd Christ, Councilman Paul Hendel, Supervisor Joseph Sidonio

The following abstained from the vote: Councilman Michael Mele

The resolution was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-010

At a meeting of the Murray Town Board held on January 24, 2022, Councilman Michael Mele moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Randall Bower seconded the motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby authorizes the acceptance of Core & Main bid proposal for Diversified Managed Billing Service; at a cost not to exceed \$19,814.31 with funding from ARPA.

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

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ that the Board enters into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 7:47 p.m. and inviting elected officials also Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele that the Board returns to regular session at 8:55 p.m. with no action being taken Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ amending the start date of our law firm, Underberg & Kessler from January 5, 2022 to December 21, 2021 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2022-011

At a meeting of the Murray Town Board, duly held on January 24, 2022, Councilman Randall Bower moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Michael Mele seconded the motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray appoints Annette Curtis part-time highway and water billing clerk effective January 25, 2022.

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

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

General Fund	\$47,566.18
Highway Fund	\$44,294.02
Water District No. 1	\$393.31
Water District No. 2	\$2,291.65
Water District No. 3	\$1,054.74
Water District No. 4	\$277.25
Water District No. 5	\$182.41
Water District No. 6	\$1,939.31
Water District No. 7	\$1,340.28
Water District No. 8	\$698.61
Water District No. 9	\$344.36
Water District No. 10	\$444.06
Water District No. 11	\$2,583.38
Water District No. 12	\$269.97
Water District No. 13	\$518.51
Water District No. 14	\$504.00
Water District No. 15	\$752.66
Water District No. 16	\$190.10
Water District No. 20	\$480.02

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Hendel to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Carried

Motion

So adjourned,

Cynthia L. Oliver