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Murray Town Board Meeting

March 21, 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, Attorney Paul KeneallyScott Underwood, Louise Passarell, Donna Smith, David Piedmonte, Tim Luksha, David Knapp, Amy Machamer, Kellie Gregoire, William Gregoire, David Paul

Moment of silence and pledge to the flag.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ approving the minutes of the February 28th meeting as submitted Motion Carried

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Bower approving the minutes of the March 2nd work meeting as submitted. Councilman Hendel abstained from the vote. Motion Carried

Councilman Mele informed all that Justice Court audit has been completed by Councilman Christ and himself. All is in order and the report has been completed.

Regarding the EMS Council, Councilman Bower informed all that they are still in talks with the county to hash out a plan to fund an ambulance in our area. We must continue on this path as we are not getting the ambulance coverage our area needs.

Councilman Hendel stated that the Youth Board met and will be putting together a full summer recreation program. Youth baseball has already begun.

Councilman Mele thinks all of the summer recreation equipment should be moved out of the upstairs records room and into the old empty Assessor office. This way people won't have to have access to the records room once it is secured. All in agreement with this.

Town Clerk

Receipts for February totaled \$546.20 with \$531.20 going into the general fund.

Cindy and Annette have had to change our invoice and abstract program to Accufund since EFPR are our bookkeepers again. There wasn't much time to learn this new system so it's been a bit difficult.

The Town Clerk's office is open each Saturday but on Aril 16th both Annette and myself have conflicts so we will have to be closed on Saturday, April 16th. Cindy will post this on the website.

Assessor

A written report was submitted.

Agricultural exemptions renewed:	150
Agricultural exemptions not renewed:	2
Senior Citizen exemptions:	26
New Enhanced STA exemptions:	22

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We currently do not have enough BAR members for this year's grievance day. One additional member is needed for appointment before May 1st. The new member will have to train at the County Real Property office before they can hear grievance applications from property owners. We also need to look at adding two more members if the Town proceeds with the revaluation.

The Assessor needs to know if the Town Board wants to continue moving forward with conducting a town-wide revaluation for 2023. She had wanted to hire an outside individual to assist with some of the behind-the-scenes work. The approximate cost would be \$2,000 - \$4,000. In the past, some of this work was done by assistance from the regional office of NYST&F in Batavia. Currently, they cannot guarantee their assistance as their staff size is significantly reduced. Hiring an outside company to do the entire revaluation is another option with the cost of \$35 - \$50 per parcel. If it is completed in-house, there will be additional costs associated with it in terms of staff, postage, paper, etc., but will be significantly cheaper than hiring an outside company.

Highway and Water

We are proceeding with the new water billing system. Hope to have it implemented by the first quarter billing. Dirk and Cindy met with the board of the Transit Cemetery and they are looking to turn it over to the town. They are thinking by January of next year but wanted to give us some time before our budget process. Currently they just need the mowing done. There is about three acres to mow and usually takes about three hours. Cindy has their contact information as they would like to meet with the Board to discuss the details further.

Supervisor Sidonio stated we may have to add a committee for cemeteries to our committee list.

Shelby recommends the town pay Louise for consulting with the water department as a part-time employee. The Board is in agreement.

Code Enforcement

Report for March included 2 building permits issued, 9 fire inspections completed, 6 building inspections completed, 1 certificate of compliance issued, and 4 incident reports.

Mylynda supplied all with the current Code Enforcement/Zoning and Planning fee schedule and also her suggested changes.

RESOLUTION 2022-015

At a regular meeting of the Murray Town Board held on March 21, 2022, the following resolution was moved, seconded and duly adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Murray hereby accepts the audit report for the Town of Murray Justice Court performed on March 14, 2022 signed by Councilman Michael Mele and Councilman Lloyd Christ; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Supervisor Joseph Sidonio will forward a copy of the audit report to the Office of the Court Administration's Internal Audit Services Unit.

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

Mengel, Metzger & Barr submitted a proposal for the 2021 fiscal year audit. Supervisor Sidonio compared this year's proposal to last year's and also another quote. Their fee has increased \$1,000 and also an additional \$2,500 because of the change in bookkeepers. Their proposal is still under the competitor's proposal

RESOLUTION 2022-016

At a regular meeting of the Murray Town Board held on March 21, 2022, Councilman Paul Hendel moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Lloyd Christ seconded the motion:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby accepts the 2021 Audit Retainer Agreement of Mengel, Metzger & Barr for auditing the Town's financial statements.

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

The Town Board originally retained Underberg & Kessler not to include Planning and Zoning. It has been decided we will now retain them for Planning and Zoning also.

RESOLUTION 2022-017

At a regular meeting of the Murray Town Board held on March 21, 2022, Councilman Paul Hendel moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Lloyd Christ seconded the motion:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby accepts the amended retainer agreement of Underberg & Kessler dated March 3, 2022; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-018

At a regular meeting of the Murray Town Board held on March 21, 2022, Councilman Lloyd Christ 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 adopts the following fee schedule for the Code Enforcement, Planning and Zoning Departments:

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CODE ENFORCEMENT FEE SCHEDULE		
Building Permits - RESIDENTIAL:		
One and Two family	\$100 plus .20 per sq. ft.	Includes C of O
Multi-Family	\$100 plus .20 per sq. ft. plus C of O for each unit	
Garages, Barns and Sheds	.10 per sq. ft. or \$50 minimum	Includes C of O
Additions	.20 per sq. ft. or \$50 minimum	Includes C of O
Porches and Decks	.10 per sq. ft. or \$50 minimum	Includes C of C
Remodel	.20 per sq. ft. or \$50 minimum	Includes C of C
Swimming Pool and Hot Tub- Above Ground	\$50	Includes C of C
Swimming Pool - In-Ground	\$75	Includes C of C
Woodstoves, Fireplaces, Pellet Stoves	\$50	Includes C of C
Demolition	\$50	
Generator	\$50	Includes C of C
Solar Panels	\$50	Includes C of C
Certificate of Occupancy	\$30	
Certificate of Compliance	\$30	
Additional Inspection	\$20	
Construction Filling and Dumping Permit	\$25	
Building Permit Renewal after Expiration	Original cost of building permit	

Building Permits - COMMERCIAL:		
New Construction	.25 per sq. ft. or \$500 minimum	Includes C of O
Additions	.25 per sq. ft. or \$250 minimum	Includes C of O
Operating Permit	\$25 per NYS Uniform Code	
Demolition	\$100	
Generator	\$100	Includes C of C
New Roof	\$50	Includes C of C
Sign	\$10 per sq. ft.	Includes C of C
Tower Special Permit	\$4,000	Includes C of C
Tower Co-Location Permit	\$1,000	Includes C of C
Tower Modification/Repairs	\$500	Includes C of C
Filling and Dumping Permit	\$450	
<i>*All permit applicants shall reimburse the Town for all direct costs, including but not limited to legal, engineering, and/or consultant review of application, if deemed necessary.</i>		

PLANNING BOARD FEE SCHEDULE	
Special Use Permit, Site Plan Application	\$200
Streambank Development Permit	\$200

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FEE SCHEDULE	
Area Variance Application	\$200
Use Variance Application	\$200
Application of Interpretation	\$150
<i>*All Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals applicants shall reimburse the Town for all direct costs, including but not limited to legal, engineering and/or consultant review of application if deemed necessary.</i>	

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

Supervisor Sidonio read the Landmark Recognition citation that the Town of Murray received for the effort on the Fancher War Memorial.

Discussion about ARPA filings and the complexity of the process. This is something that EFPR will do but will charge for additional work. We also received a proposal from MRB Group not to exceed \$5,000. The first filing is due April 30th. Councilman Bower thinks we should get a price from our bookkeepers and it can then be discussed at the work meeting.

RESOLUTION 2022-019

At a regular meeting of the Murray Town Board held on March 21, 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 accepts the NCL Government Capital financing proposal for the financing of the backhoe, dated March 21, 2022 of three-year financing with \$50,000 down payment, including a purchase option at the end of three years.

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

Brief discussion regarding renewable energy. Attorney Paul Keneally stated his firm has expertise in this area. All in agreement for Underberg & Kessler to put together a renewable energy law.

In answer to David Paul's question last month; after researching this, Collucci Road is not a private road, but a town road.

Legislator Ed Morgan was present and informed all that he will be present as often as he can be.

Public Comments

Arthur Knab spoke and said his comment was for Supervisor Sidonio. Mr. Knab stated he has a house camera and Mr. Sidonio was on it today. He told him before and he is saying it again not to come to his house any more. There is a sign at the road that says no politics and he told him to stay off of his property. Mr. Knab asked to have his comments entered into the minutes of this meeting

Amy Machamer spoke regarding the renewable energy law. If Mr. Keneally's firm will be working on it, she would appreciate if our NYS Dept. of Ag. & Markets are contacted as they have done extensive work on this. She thinks because we are a rural town, it would be imperative to speak with Ag. & Markets. Attorney Keneally stated that his partner is in contact with Ag. & Markets all the time.

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David Piedmonte said he would hate to see our prime ground used for solar energy as we need every good acre of prime ground.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele to approve the supervisor’s report and that the following bills be paid: Motion Carried

General Fund	\$26,514.72
Highway Fund	\$20,118.58
Water District No. 1	\$495.06
Water District No. 2	\$2,602.22
Water District No. 3	\$1,197.67
Water District No. 4	\$314.81
Water District No. 5	\$207.14
Water District No. 6	\$2,215.29
Water District No. 7	\$1,678.18
Water District No. 8	\$791.77
Water District No. 9	\$432.86
Water District No. 10	\$556.01
Water District No. 11	\$2,958.38
Water District No. 12	\$337.02
Water District No. 13	\$588.78
Water District No. 15	\$860.86
Water District No. 16	\$215.88
Water District No. 20	\$545.10

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Hendel that the Board enters into executive session with attorney at 7:45 p.m. regarding a personnel matter Motion Carried

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

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ that the meeting be adjourned at 9:03 p.m.
Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver