

Murray Town Board Meeting

January 23, 2023

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Lloyd Christ, Michael Mele, Gerald Rightmyer, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway & Water Superintendent Dirk Lammes, Code Enforcement Officer Mylynda Kuba, Dave Knapp, Mark Scarborough, Legislator John Fitzak, Sandy Shaw, Art Knab, Elaine Berg, Amy Machamer, Stacey Keon, Steven Keon, Dave Piedmonte, Jeanne Spada

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

Moment of silence and pledge to the flag.

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Rightmyer approving the minutes of the December 19th meeting as submitted

Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower approving the minutes of the December 28th year end meeting

Supervisor Sidonio asked for a correction of the minutes on page 4 regarding the motion to pay an employee back-pay; the minutes reflect that the motion was unanimously adopted but Supervisor Sidonio opposed the motion.

The motion to approve the minutes with this correction was carried.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Rightmyer approving the minutes of the January 4th organizational and work meeting as submitted Motion Carried

Mark Scarborough of 3959 Bennetts Corners Road was present to ask the town board for public water. They had a well drilled in 1974 and it no longer produces water. He cannot drink or cook with their water. It would be a short water line with service to six households.

Amy Machamer entered the meeting.

Councilman Rightmyer asked Mr. Scarborough if the other households he mentioned want public water also. Mr. Scarborough does not know and that one property is getting their water from Route 31 and three others are getting water from the village.

David Paul entered the meeting.

Dirk Lammes, Water Superintendent has been getting figures and pricing and they are beginning to put some numbers together.

Standing Committees

Councilmen Bower and Rightmyer had a telephone conference with Dawn Allen, Director of Real Property asking for her input regarding a revaluation. Discussed things such as misclassification of land, i.e., agricultural land vs. residential. This is something that needs correcting. We also need up to date pictures for each property and they asked Stephanie to focus on that this year. The county performing the revaluation was also discussed.

Councilman Mele informed all that Amy Ostrom is aware that the youth recreation will need to find a different place to store their equipment. She will speak to the school to see if they have room for it.

David Piedmonte entered the meeting

Town Clerk

Receipts for December totaled \$546.00 with \$474.61 going into the general fund. Cindy received notice from the Department of State informing us that Local Law No. 3 has been filed by them.

Cindy provided the board with a tax collection summary of taxes collected thus far.

Highway and Water

It has been a quiet January weather-wise for the highway department.

Dirk hired an office clerk and is making improvements in the office.

Code Enforcement/Zoning/Planning

A written report was submitted by Mylynda.

Building Permits Issued: 4
Special Use Permits – Bell Design & Landscape 1
Pre-Submission Review- 0
Site Plan Reviews – Bell Design & Landscape 1
Variance Applications – 0
Zoning Board Interpretation 0
County Planning Board Referrals- 2
Solar Law & Bell Design & Landscape
Fire Inspections 1
Building Inspections 7
Certificate of Occupancy Issued: 0
Certificate of Compliance Issued: 3
Violations Issued: 1
Complaints Received: 0
Incident Reports 1

Court Room water leak – coordinated and set up repair with Plumber and met with Dave Evans from Coler Natural Insulation regarding insulation and roof cavity he will be submitting a quote. I will attempt to get two other quotes from local companies.

Completed four training sessions this month-

- County Referrals
- State Environmental Quality Review Act – SEQR
- Planning Board Review
- Zoning Board of Appeals Overview

Called to a Fire incident on W. Kendall Road to view damage and compliance.

Would like to set up a group training for Local Municipalities Planning and Zoning Board members on a Saturday in February.

Submitted required annual NYS report.

Submitted required Census report.

Budget review Bldg. / Zoning/ Fire Marshall Dept.- requesting an increase in pay to \$27/hr. The budget does allot for that increase and also a \$75 monthly stipend for cellular phone.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No appeals for the month of January 2023

PLANNING BOARD

Bell Design & Landscape – 3733 Hulberton Road- Special Use Permit application for a landscape design business at their property. Classified as an Unlisted Action under SEQR and sent to the County Planning Board for review and comments.

Solar Energy Systems Law- sent to the County Planning Board for review and comments.

COUNTY PLANNING BOARD – 2 referrals

Request for Special Use Permit for Telecommunication Facility. The project located on Yates Carlton Town Line Road. (Near the Route 18 Intersection.) (Parcel ID: 15-1- 11.12)

22-20 KENDALL Request for New Zoning Ordinance/Law: Local Law No. 1 and No. 2 of 2022. Regulating the Use of Transient or Short Term Rentals (Law 1) and Regulating the Issuance of Licenses for Transient or Short- Term Rentals (Law 2)

Mylynda spoke to the board regarding her compensation. She came into the position at a lower rate than she wanted. The salary portion of the budget allots for more than what she is requesting. She is asking to just utilize what is already in the budget for her salary. Councilman Mele informed her that he did pass the pay increase she requested to him, to the board. He said there is extra funds in the budget regarding her salary in case a big project came up that required more hours from her.

Legislator Fitzak

Congressman Morelle will be in Orleans County on February 22nd to check out the new district lines in the county. He will be shown areas of our county that need attention and federal dollars. He will be coming to Murray also. Think of areas he should be shown.

Supervisor Sidonio asked Legislator Fitzak to speak to fellow Legislators regarding the decreasing numbers of first responders/volunteers.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-007

At a regular meeting of the Murray Town Board, duly held on January 23, 2023 Councilman Michael Mele moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Randall Bower seconded the motion:

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is an elected position in the Town of Murray and can take time off at their discretion; it is

RESOLVED, that the Town of Murray 2023 Employee Benefits Policy be amended to read in Section 9-A *The elected highway superintendent shall be entitled to all benefits that are available to town employees (except accrued sick time and paid time off, as they take time off at their discretion).*

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-008

At a regular meeting of the Murray Town Board, duly held on January 23, 2023 Councilman Randall Bower moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Lloyd Christ seconded the motion:

RESOLVED, that the Murray Town Board hereby appoints Alexis Penna as part-time highway and water clerk effective January 16, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that she be compensated \$16.00 per hour.

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

Public Comments

Mr. Keon of West Brockville Road asked if Congressman Morelle could look at the bridges that need repairing while he is in Orleans County. Legislator Fitzak informed him that most bridges in our county are town or county owned.

David Paul of County Line Road thanked Dirk and the highway crew for a nice job taking care of the roads, especially 3 or 4 weeks ago during the storm.

Sandy Shaw of the Community Free Library informed all that Library will once again be hosting a wine tasting event on April 27th from 7 pm until 9 pm. Tickets will go on sale April 1st.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Rightmyer approving the supervisor’s financial report and that the following bills are approved to be paid: Motion Carried

General Fund	\$43,647.00
Highway Fund	\$58,712.67
Lighting	\$1,387.24
Water District No. 1	\$613.39
Water District No. 2	\$2,937.60
Water District No. 3	\$1,387.48
Water District No. 4	\$360.22
Water District No. 5	\$231.91
Water District No. 6	\$2,709.04
Water District No. 7	\$2,060.74
Water District No. 8	\$907.55
Water District No. 9	\$528.14
Water District No. 10	\$682.31
Water District No. 11	\$3,643.11
Water District No. 12	\$411.94
Water District No. 13	\$693.07
Water District No. 14	\$5.00
Water District No. 15	\$1,109.48
Water District No. 16	\$293.16
Water District No. 20	\$600.71
Fire District	\$400,685.07

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Mele to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion Carried

So, adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver