

**Town of Murray Board Meeting**

August 21, 2023

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Lloyd Christ, Michael Christopher and Gerald Rightmyer, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Dirk Lammes, Legislator Fitzak, Kathy Case, Dave Knapp, William Moroz, Jim Johnson, Mark Taylor, Elaine Berg, Stacey Keon, Carol Leise, Wally Liese, Amy Machamer, Donna Smith

Moment of silence and pledge to the Flag.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Rightmyer approving the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as submitted  
Motion Carried

Brief discussion about the status of the solar law. Supervisor Sidonio stated that Code Enforcement Officer Chad Fabry wanted to hold back on its adoption. He referred Elaine Berg, member of the Planning Board to Chad with questions she has.

TOWN CLERK

July receipts totaled \$7,484.00 with \$7,322.70 going into the general fund.

HIGHWAY AND WATER

Written report for highway: The department is finishing the mowing of road shoulders. They are building the shoulders after paving Transit Road and also assisting other towns with paving and hauling.

Written report for water: payments were due on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Late notices went out on the 14<sup>th</sup> with a due date of the 31<sup>st</sup>. The department has been mowing around hydrants prepping for maintenance. They helped the Village of Holley and Town of Clarendon with water leaks. Water samples have been completed.

Board is in receipt of a quarterly water loss report. Supervisor Sidonio opined that the known water loss should be included in the report. Dirk explained to those present what known water loss consists of.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING/ZONING

Written report submitted

**Building Department**

Building permits issued: 3

- 27,500 sq. ft. building
- 24' above ground pool
- 1,440 sq. ft. pole barn

Special Use Permits: 1 Big Guys Campground 2-yr. renewal

Zoning Board Interpretation: 1 Reconvened, Mr. Spada – Telegraph Rd. – Agricultural Bldg.

Building Inspections: 10

Certificate of Compliance: 1 Above ground pool

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Code Interpretation – Mr. Spada of Telegraph Road reconvened meeting is scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Dan Seeler has resigned from the board as of August 8, 2023. The clerk has put an ad in the Pennysaver for the vacant position.

**Planning Board**

No meeting was held in August

**County Planning Board**

Next meeting is August 24<sup>th</sup>

July meeting:

- 23-12 RIDGEWAY Request for Special Use Permit to create a recreational pond (75’x300’x14’) Project located at 10839 Ridge Road
- 23-13 YATES Request for Special Use Permit to operate a home business (bow shop) Project located at 10975 Millers Road
- 23-14 CARLTON Request for Special Use Permit to operate a dump truck service and rental equipment business. Project located at 1975 Oak Orchard Road

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2023-040

MURRAY TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AGRICULTURAL & FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN

At a regular meeting of the Murray Town Board, held on August 21, 2023, the following resolution was moved, seconded and duly adopted by a unanimous roll-call vote:

WHEREAS,

1. The Murray Town Board has, after careful study, considered the proposed document entitled Town of Murray Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan, which was prepared with financial assistance from the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets; and
2. The Murray Town Board has considered comments made by the public at the Public Hearing held on August 2, 2023; and
3. The Murray Town Board has provided copies of the Plan to the Orleans County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board, which approved the Plan on July 12, 2023; and
4. The Murray Town Board has carefully considered the impacts associated with approval of the Plan and finds that said Plan constitutes a suitable, logical and timely strategy for the support of agriculture and protection of farmland in the Town of Murray; and

5. The Town of Murray established an Agricultural Advisory Committee in its Right to Farm Law (Local Law No. 1 of 2001)
6. The Murray Town Board acknowledges and hereby gives public notice that official copies of the Town of Murray Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan and all modifications thereof will be on file in the Office of the Murray Town Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. The document consisting of text, maps and charts entitled Town of Murray Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan is hereby approved.
2. The Town Board hereby directs the Agricultural Advisory Committee to review the Plan at least annually and to assist with and monitor its implementation.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Christopher approving the propane agreement between the Town of Murray and Growmark for the quoted price of \$1.579/gallon through May, 2023

Motion Carried

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christopher to table the line transfers and interfund transfers

Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Rightmyer accepting the resignation of Daniel Seeler from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective August 8, 2023. Motion Carried

#### OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sidonio briefly spoke of adopting a Town investment policy. He sent packets to the Board. Is everyone on board to have a NY Class representative come to a work meeting and discuss this. Councilman Bower is satisfied with our current bank and wouldn't be comfortable with it. Councilmen Rightmyer, Christopher and Christ are willing to listen.

Board would like more information regarding the grant for an electric car charging station before discussing this.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stacey Keon of West Brockville Road asked the status of public water on West Brockville Road. Supervisor stated that we are moving into the budget cycle and will be in discussions regarding that.

Mark Scarborough of Gulf Road seconded Ms. Keon's question as he is in need of the same.

Elaine Berg of Fancher Road asked why the live streaming is still not working correctly. The Town paid for this and each month it isn't corrected.

Kathy Case, former Election Commissioner said that the internet reception in the town garage needs to be improved in order for voting to take place there. It is a challenge for the election inspectors when they cannot get a connection.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Rightmyer, approving the supervisor's financial report and that the following bills be approved for payment:

Motion Carried

General Fund	\$23,865.82
Highway Fund	\$45,395.29
Water District No. 1	\$667.57
Water District No. 2	\$2,912.94
Water District No. 3	\$1,500.27
Water District No. 4	\$416.64
Water District No. 5	\$215.92
Water District No. 6	\$3,225.26
Water District No. 7	\$2,130.88
Water District No. 8	\$880.31
Water District No. 9	\$400.46
Water District No. 10	\$1,055.98
Water District No. 11	\$4,505.79
Water District No. 12	\$411.28
Water District No. 13	\$58.21
Water District No. 14	\$444.00
Water District No. 15	\$1,118.26
Water District No. 16	\$266.73
Water District No. 20	\$697.72
Street Light Districts	\$669.88

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver