

**Town of Murray Board Meeting**

September 18, 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, Elaine Berg – Planning Board, Dave Knapp – Planning Board, Mark Scarborough, Stacey Keon, Sandy Shaw, Jim Johnson, Mark Taylor, Donna Smith, Sam Lammes, Amy Machamer

Moment of silence followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Christopher, Seconded by Bower approving the minutes of the August 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing and work meeting as submitted Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower approving the minutes of the August 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting as submitted Motion Carried

**TOWN CLERK**

August receipts totaled \$2,241.00 with \$972.04 going into the general fund.

**ASSESSOR**

Stephanie Holtz was not present but a revaluation in 2025 was briefly discussed and the need to budget for this will need to be added.

Supervisor Sidonio spoke to Katie Harvey, Director of County Personnel about creating a position for Alexis. Katie said the Board can create a position titled ‘account clerk part-time’ and another position titled ‘real property appraisal trainee part-time’ in order for Alexis to be able to float between the Highway and Water Departments and the Assessor’s office. Councilman Rightmyer asked if there were funds left in the Assessor’s budget and Supervisor Sidonio stated that there is money left in the Assessor’s contractual line that can be moved for Alexis’s pay.

David Paul entered the meeting.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ to create two part-time positions entitled ‘Account Clerk Part-Time and ‘Real Property Appraisal Trainee Part-Time’ and that Alexis Penna fills those positions beginning October 1, 2023 Motion Carried

**HIGHWAY AND WATER**

The Highway Department has been installing culverts, mowing roadsides, ditches and around hydrants. They also finished the shoulders on Transit Road.

The Water Department sent out late notices and door hangers and fixing small issues. Annual water samples have been completed.

Lengthy discussion regarding public water for the Keon’s and Mr. Scarborough. Dirk discussed the different options available. There are pros and cons to each. He will contact the engineer he’s

been speaking to and schedule a time for him to meet with the board. Further discussion can take place at the October 4<sup>th</sup> work meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Building Permits Issued:	6
• 336 sq. ft. shed	
• Fireplace	
• 96 sq. ft. deck	
• 1,152 sq. ft. pavilion	
• 768 sq. ft. shed	
• 296 sq. ft. deck	
Zoning Board Interpretation – reconvened meeting	1
Building Inspections	9

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Code Interpretation – Mr. Spada Telegraph Rd., the reconvened meeting was held on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Code Enforcement Officer’s issuance of the building permit decision was unanimously voted upon to be approved.

PLANNING BOARD

No meeting was held in August

Supervisor Sidonio stated that the Board approved the payment for training for both the Planning and Zoning Board but has heard nothing regarding this. He also stated that the solar law has not been adopted because modifications needing to be made. Why are we supposed to be working towards getting these things done and they fall by the wayside? Also, what are we doing about the meeting room/court room ceiling? Apparently, there is an issue of certificate of occupancy.

The Town Attorney sent a budgetary email. All in agreement to shop for new proposals from attorneys. If anyone has recommendations, let Joe know.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Rightmyer, Seconded by Christopher that the Town Board hold a work meeting for the 2024 budget on October 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.                   Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Brief discussion about New York Class. They are paying 5.2% interest currently. They deal specifically with governmental funds. A decision needs to be made.

Discussion regarding ARPA funds. The Town was awarded \$305,742.00. We have roughly \$257,500.00 left. We can discuss the best way to use the funding at the work meeting.

Councilman Bower stated that last month, the Board tabled the EFPR recommended interfund transfers. Councilman Bower made motion to approve these transfers now to make sure the Highway budget is whole. Supervisor Sidonio said it is prudent to wait one month and look at the bigger picture. Highway Superintendent Lammes said every town highway dept. in the county

gets a portion of the sales tax money and that’s the way it has always been here. Now we do not receive it and we’re behind the eight-ball with the replacement of equipment. Since 2021 he has been battling, trying to get ahead of the game regarding the budget. He was left out of 2022’s budget process. Supervisor Sidonio said the reason he now has it going into the general fund is so we have more autonomy to see where that money is to be used. Councilman Bower stated that we waiting on a truck, that’s where it needs to be used. Supervisor Sidonio said the board agreed to table it until budget time. Councilman Bower said last month, our bookkeeper recommended interfund transfers be approved. As it is stated in the minutes, we agreed to table it for one month.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-042

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Murray, duly held on September 18, 2023, Councilman Randall Bower moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Lloyd Christ seconded the motion:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray approves and authorizes the following interfund transfers be made:

TO:	DA.5031.00	Interfund Transfer	\$50,000.00
FROM:	AA.9901.900	Interfund Transfer	\$50,000.00
And			
TO:	DA.5031.00	Interfund Transfer	\$91,074.00
FROM:	BB.9901.900	Interfund Transfer	\$91,074.00

Upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Ayes	4	Bower, Christ, Christopher, Rightmyer
Nays	1	Sidonio

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Sandy Shaw informed all that the library now has a children’s librarian. Story times at night are taking place and there are special events planned such as a Halloween party, and they are thinking about having trivia nights. Keep an eye on their website for planned events.

Elaine Berg stated that once again there is no live streaming. A lot of money has been spent and it is embarrassing that month after month it is not working. Discussion regarding issues with not being allowed behind the court bench where the live streaming connections are located.

Motion by Sidonio, Seconded by Bower for Alexis Penna to be in charge of live streaming  
Motion Carried

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

General Fund	\$21,609.29
Highway Fund	\$15,090.39
Street Lights	\$681.02
Water District No. 1	\$631.87
Water District No. 2	\$1,103.30
Water District No. 3	\$568.25
Water District No. 4	\$157.80
Water District No. 5	\$81.78
Water District No. 6	\$3,570.79
Water District No. 7	\$2,359.16
Water District No. 8	\$333.43
Water District No. 9	\$443.38
Water District No. 10	\$1,169.10
Water District No. 11	\$3,490.11
Water District No. 12	\$455.33
Water District No. 13	\$221.27
Water District No. 15	\$474.33
Water District No. 16	\$101.04
Water District No. 20	\$264.26

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Christopher that the meeting be adjourned.  
Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver