

**Town of Murray Board Work Meeting**

October 4, 2023

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Lloyd Christ and Gerald Rightmyer, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Dirk Lammes, Highway and Water Clerk Alexis Penna, Elaine Berg, Stacey Keon, Town Justice Ted Spada

Pledge to the flag.

Town Justice Spada was present to ask for authorization to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2023-24 grant cycle. A court security assessment was completed by the court system and recommendations were given for a bullet-proof door where court clerks can collect fines. This door is only to be used by the Justice Court. There will have to be a separate entry made for the Assessor’s office. Councilman Bower asked for a copy of the assessment when Judge Spada receives it.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-043

At a work meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Murray duly held on October 4, 2023, Councilman Randall Bower moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Gerald Rightmyer seconded the motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Town of Murray authorizes the Town of Murray Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2023-24 grant cycle up to \$8,979.25.

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

Ayes	4	Bower, Christ, Rightmyer, Sidonio
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Christopher

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Board was previously presented with the 2023 tentative budget.

Town Board went through the tentative budget. The increase to the Holley Murray Joint Fire was discussed. As they are their own entity, the town has no say over their budget. Supervisor Sidonio thinks we’d be able to keep the tax rate flat if it wasn’t for the ambulance contract. Raises were discussed. Minimum wage will be \$15.00 on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Supervisor Sidonio stated that since the water department is not making any money, he did not put in for raises for the department. Discussion regarding cost of living and how the things that the Town pays for have gone up across the board. Supervisor Sidonio will give the changes discussed to Shelby so all will have the updated version for October 16<sup>th</sup>.

As it stands now with the tentative budget, before any changes are made, we will be above the tax cap. A local law will have to be adopted if this remains the case.

Decision to have a budget workshop at 5:00 p.m. on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The regular monthly meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. Cindy will publish a legal notice stating the time the budget meeting begins.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Rightmyer that the meeting be adjourned Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver