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Town of Murray Town Board Meeting

October 21, 2024

Present: Supervisor Gerald Rightmyer, Councilperson Elaine Berg, Councilperson Randall Bower, Councilperson Michael Christopher, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Legislator John Fitzak, Raymond Santoro, Kevin Dann, Mark Porter, Stacey Keon
Absent: Councilperson Lloyd Christ

Pledge to the flag.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christopher approving the minutes of the September 16th Town Board meeting as submitted Motion Carried

Motion by Berg, Seconded by Christopher approving the minutes of the September 27th budget workshop as submitted Motion Carried

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Berg approving the minutes of the October 18th budget workshop as submitted Motion Carried

Town Clerk

Receipts for September totaled \$4,135.00 with \$994.83 going into the general fund.

Code Enforcement

Written report submitted.

Building permits issued: 1 season room
Inspections: 12
Certificate of compliance 1 attached garage

Reviewing sub-division and sign regulation codes with the Planning Board.

Zoning Board of Appeals

No hearing was held for October

Planning Board

Workshop held October 1st at 6:00 p.m. for review of sign and sub-division ordinance sent by Code Enforcement Office to Planning Board. Code Enforcement Officer and MRB Engineer were present at workshop. The Board will review new material and hold a workshop on November 12th at 6:00 p.m. due to Election Day on the normal meeting day.

Legislator Fitzak

Reported that family game night was a big success with around 330 people attending.

The weekend of October 26th is ‘drug takeback’ at the public safety building.

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County bi-centennial is April 16, 2025. Someone will be reaching out to the Town to help with the purchase of a fiberglass ox mascot.

New Business

Supervisor Rightmyer explained the situation with the JCAP (Justice Court Assistance Program) grant funds. Judge Spada applied for and received a grant of \$8,797.25. Judge Spada requested that with the grant funds a bulletproof door to secure the court from the main/front entrance. The board cares about the safety of the justice court and its employees but cannot in good conscience approve the bulletproof door because of the specific location in which they want it placed. This location nullifies any public access to our Assessor’s office and it also nullifies access to the second justice court office that will be vacated next year and can be turned into a different office space. Supervisor Rightmyer contacted Dean Puleo of the 8th Judicial District to discuss the location of the door hoping they would agree that the door should be located 6 feet further down the hallway. This would allow us to keep the public access door to the Assessor’s office but would still secure the justice office and courtroom. They would not compromise so unfortunately; we will be returning the grant funds.

RESOLUTION 2024-035

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Murray duly held on October 21, 2024, the following resolution was moved, seconded and adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Town of Murray authorizes the Town of Murray Town Clerk to return the JCAP grant of \$8,979.25 from the 2023-2024 grant cycle to the Justice Court Assistance Program.

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

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

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Justice Ted Spada told all present that Supervisor Rightmyer is a liar. He called the board members idiots on two separate occasions, slammed his laptop and made disparaging remarks. He said the funds could have been used to keep court records in a fireproof area. Judge Passarell stated that once these funds are returned, we will not be awarded JCAP grants in the future. Judge Spada and Judge Passarell left the meeting. Supervisor Rightmyer said the board has been open to compromise but the Justices and the 8th Judicial District would have none of it.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-036

TOWN OF MURRAY

WATER DISTRICT NO. 17 PROJECT

**SEQR RESOLUTION
DESIGNATING LEAD AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Murray Town Board (hereinafter referred to as “Town Board”) on August 19, 2024 declared its intent to be designated the Lead Agency for the Town of Murray Water District No. 17 Project under the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has provided written notices to this effect to the involved and interested agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has not received any written objections from the involved agencies to the Board’s being designated as the lead agency under the SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously determined that it is the most appropriate agency to ensure the coordination of this Action and for making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby designate itself as the lead agency for the Action identified above herein;

Motion made by Councilperson Michael Christopher, Seconded by Councilperson Elaine Berg

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

The Board has reviewed the draft FEAF Parts 2 & 3, the supporting documents and mapping.

The Board has completed the FEAF Part 2 & 3.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-037

TOWN OF MURRAY

WATER DISTRICT NO. 17 PROJECT

**SEQR RESOLUTION
DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE**

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WHEREAS, the Town of Murray Town Board (hereinafter referred to as “Town Board”) has determined the above referenced Action to be a Type 1 Action pursuant to Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed and accepted the completed Full Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2, and 3 including the supporting information on the Action prepared by the MRB Group (hereinafter referred to as “Town Engineer”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has completed the coordinated review and public comment period provided for under the SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has designated itself as lead agency under the SEQR Regulations for making the determination of significance upon said action on a separate resolution at the October 21, 2024 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has given consideration to the criteria for determining significance as set forth in Section 617.7(c) (1) of the SEQR Regulations and the information contained in Full Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2, and 3.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said Action **WILL NOT** result in any significant adverse environmental impacts based on the review of the Full Environmental Assessment Form; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby make a Determination of Non-Significance on said Action, and the Town Supervisor is hereby directed to sign the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 3, the Negative Declaration, as evidence of the Town Board determination of environmental non-significance.

Motion made by Councilperson Randall Bower Seconded by Councilperson Michael Christopher

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Supervisor Rightmyer signed the FEAF Part 3.

Old Business

The Town of Clarkson will be installing a water line on County Line Road and will be offering public water to Town of Murray residents who do not have public water. The intermunicipal agreement has been reviewed and all is in order. The Town of Murray does not need to do anything as Clarkson will be contacting our residents to see if they would like to be connected to their water line.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Berg approving the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Murray and the Town of Clarkson. Motion Carried

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Councilperson Christopher stated he will be driving through the Town with Dirk and will determine which areas need clean up. He will have inmates pick up garbage on the roadsides as needed. Councilperson Christopher will report back next month.

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

General Fund	\$19,286.63
Highway Fund	\$7,039.12
Water District No. 2	\$2,973.11
Water District No. 3	\$1,531.25
Water District No. 4	\$425.24
Water District No. 5	\$220.39
Water District No. 8	\$898.51
Water District No. 11	\$2,099.69
Water District No. 13	\$596.29
Water District No. 15	\$1,070.19
Water District No. 16	\$272.24
Water District No. 20	\$712.09
Street Light Districts	\$731.54

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christopher to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Motion Carried

So adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver