

Town of Murray Town Board Meeting

April 28, 2025

Present: Supervisor Gerald Rightmyer, Councilpersons Elaine Berg, Lloyd Christ and Neil Valentine, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Dirk Lammes, Judge Michael Christopher, Assessor Clerk Lynn Wood, Dave Knapp, Donna Smith, Art Knab, Michelle Gallo, Ed Morgan, Dorothy Morgan, Tony Manno, Paul Ingalls, Steve Zayac, Stacey Keon, Steven Keon, Sam Lammes

MOTION by Christ

SECONDED by Berg

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray accepts and approves the March regular meeting minutes and the March work meeting minutes as submitted.

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

Town Clerk

March receipts totaled \$1,684.00 with \$1,642.00 going into the general fund.

The last day of tax collection is April 30th. The office will accept payments until May 1st as the office is closed on Wednesday, April 30th.

Assessor

Assessor Clerk Lynn Wood reported that the office is slow currently. Grievance Day will be held Friday, May 30th from 4 pm until 8 pm. Cindy will put the date on the website calendar.

Highway and Water

It's been a bit trying to stay on task as we've been short staffed many days. Repairs on Norway Road were done last week and it will get seal coated. Summer projects include the Creek Road culvert, Bennetts Corners Road, Groth Road, Hindsburg Road, W. Kendall Road and Padelford Road. Some are minor repairs. They've been busy with many downed trees.

Four hydrants are out currently due to leaks that need to be repaired. Some house meters have been replaced that quit working.

Code Enforcement/Planning/Zoning

Building Permits Issued	4
Variance Application	1
Building Inspections	12
Certificate of Occupancy	1
Complaints Received	2 Property Maintenance – Canal Road and Hulberton Road

Work meeting with Chad and Town Board to discuss the solar law.

Zoning Board of Appeals had a hearing on April 8th regarding property on Hulberton Road.

Town Justice

For the month of March, the Justice Court had 70 cases:

38 Vehicle and Traffic Tickets

17 Criminal Cases

15 Civil Cases

Fines collected totaled \$1,523.00.

The court is having 'All Pay' installed so fines can be paid through the website. That should be up and running shortly. There is also a box people can leave their fine payments.

The court system will be updating all of our computers and laptops.

Ed Morgan retired a few years ago and the Town felt he needed to be recognized for his exceptional work as Highway and Water Superintendent. He had worked for the Town for the better part of forty-five years and his knowledge was unmatched. Supervisor Rightmyer presented a plaque to Ed for his service to the Town of Murray.

County Legislator

Legislator Morgan said there are a couple building projects that the county is working on. They are also getting ready to go out to bid for repairs to the public safety building roof. They are re-vamping and downsizing the EMO building. Association of Municipalities meets the third Tuesday of each month. Legislator Fitzak is in charge and he has some great speakers from across the state. They are very informative and he encouraged the Board to attend whenever they are able.

Public Comments pertaining to Agenda Items

Art Knab of Hindsburg Road questioned why Ron Vendetti was appointed to the Planning Board. Supervisor Rightmyer said Mr. Vendetti's knowledge is needed on the Planning Board. He knows there is a notion that Mr. Vendetti is going to change the framework of the Town and that is not true. He is a member of a 5-person planning board that helps decide how this town is going to look moving into the future. There are issues that need attention such as a solar law and subdivision law. Three people were interviewed and all interviewed very well. Mr. Vendetti had more knowledge of codes, zoning and planning.

Mr. Keon of West Brockville Road stated misgivings also. Knowledge shouldn't be the only criteria when appointing someone to the Planning Board.

Tony Manno stated that the last the last few years, the Town has improved and the Town Board has been doing great. He hopes it continues the way it has been and doesn't divert back to the way it was.

David Paul of County Line Road thinks the right person was chosen for the Planning Board. He is one of five people and our goal is to make the Town of Murray better for all residents.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-024

MOTION by Berg

SECONDED by Christ

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby accepts the resignation of Randall Bower from the Murray Town Board effective April 21, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-025

MOTION by Valentine

SECONDED by Berg

WHEREAS, the Town of Murray Planning Board has a vacancy due to the resignation of Neil Valentine from that Board; now be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby appoints Ronald Vendetti to the Town of Murray Planning Board to fill the remainder of Neil Valentine's term, effective April 28, 2025 and ending December 31, 2029.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-026

MOTION by Christ

SECONDED by Valentine

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby appoints Donna Martin as Part-Time Assessor Clerk effective April 28, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-027

MOTION by Christ

SECONDED by Berg

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby approves the creation of an Equipment Reserve Fund; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$357,000 is moved out of fund balance into the Equipment Reserve Fund.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-028

MOTION by Valentine
SECONDED by Christ

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray approves the transfer of \$112,970 from the equipment reserve fund to Machinery Equipment (DA 5130.2) for the 6-wheeler purchased in January.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-029

MOTION by Christ
SECONDED by Berg

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby authorizes the purchase of a one-way snow plow and accessories as listed on Viking Cives (USA) Quotation WA00000140 at a cost not to exceed \$135,000.

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

Old Business

Supervisor Rightmyer updated all that the Town received a letter of commitment for a grant reward totaling \$288,000 for the water extension on Brockville and Hindsburg Roads.

Councilperson Berg stated that Supervisor Rightmyer spent a tremendous amount of time working on obtaining this grant. Stacey Keon said she appreciates it and that it will be life changing for their household.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-030

MOTION by Christ
SECONDED by Berg

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray approves the Supervisor's financial report and that the following bills are approved for payment:

General Fund	\$18,784.24
Highway Fund	\$45,499.23
Water District No. 1	\$1,522.18
Water District No. 2	\$2,886.32
Water District No. 3	\$1,486.55
Water District No. 4	\$412.82
Water District No. 5	\$213.94
Water District No. 6	\$6,353.37
Water District No. 7	\$4,429.06
Water District No. 8	\$872.27
Water District No. 9	\$868.83
Water District No. 10	\$2,219.03
Water District No. 11	\$7,118.59
Water District No. 12	\$890.13
Water District No. 13	\$578.87
Water District No. 14	\$4,096.74
Water District No. 15	\$1,379.51
Water District No. 16	\$264.30
Water District No. 20	\$691.33
Street Light Districts	\$812.27

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

MOTION by Christ, SECONDED by Berg that the meeting be adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver