

Town of Murray Board Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2011

Present: Supervisor John Morriss, Councilwoman Kathy Case, Councilmen Lloyd Christ, Ed Bower and Paul Hendel, Code Enforcer Ron Vendetti, Planning Board Chairman Charlie Felice, Attorney Jeff Martin, David Orians, Brad Strang, Tony Gianni, Joe Sidonio, George Karpenko, David Paul, Andy Mignano

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Hendel approving the minutes of the March meeting as presented Motion Carried

Assessor

The tentative roll is completed and will be ready for printing by the week's end.

Code Enforcement

Notices for improper house numbers continue to be sent to residents. There have been some issues with collection of fines due. Bench warrants will be issued for these.

Discussion regarding a couple minor building plan adjustments for the addition.

Old Business

The Building Committee updated all on the plans for the addition. A decision regarding a heating system should be made within the next month. Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower to bid for materials, bring in heating contractors to give alternative heating methods and get proposals for heating systems Motion Carried

Kevin Diehl had a meeting scheduled with the NYSDEC regarding the need for a mining permit for his project on his property. As only one person showed up, he needs to schedule another meeting.

Freed, Maxick and Battaglia are two days into the audit. They will be finishing up tomorrow. Ed, Cindy and John have been busy supplying documents and answering questions.

The Youth Commission is looking for directors. This is a position that can take up a lot of time so it would be easier for someone who does not have a full-time job. Summer Recreation will be two days a week. Because of the new NYS requirements, it is not feasible to hold it for more than two days each week.

All were updated on the meeting that was held between FHM Fire Co., Holley Volunteer Ambulance (HVA) and the Town of Murray. HVA needs more recruits as they do not have many active members with their EMT license. At the rate things are going, within three years there will not be an ambulance service. In order to have an outside agency such as Monroe Ambulance supply our ambulance service, they would have to have five calls per day in order to break even. HVA will be submitting an article for the next newsletter to try and motivate people to join HVA.

Highway & Water Superintendent Ed Morgan entered the meeting.

Ed Morgan stated the Board should talk to Monroe Ambulance regarding their charges so we have a clear picture on what the cost would be.

Old Business

Supervisor Morriss informed Board about an anonymous letter of complaint that was received. With no signature, the complaint will be disregarded.

Murray Holley Historical Society annual dinner is April 26th at 6:00 PM at the American Legion. John passed out the official invitation.

The Village is trying to get a grant to help clean up downtown Holley (painting, store fronts, etc.) Jeff Martin drafted a letter of support. The letter states there is no commitment from the Town financially or otherwise. Councilwoman Case stated that with the Village's shared services grant, the Town had to do the same thing for them and the Village didn't even follow through with anything. Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower that this Board sends a letter in support of the Village of Holley 'clean-up' grant.

Motion Carried

Supervisor Morriss met with Ted Fiorito regarding a tax exemption for fire fighters. John spoke to Jeff Martin and the Holley Fire Dept and is looking into this exemption. A list of fire fighters and property owners who are eligible would be needed. With this information, we would need to see what sort of impact this would be on the tax payers of the Town. Jeff Martin said the sections of the law he has read regarding this ties into the population of the county. We need to determine if we fall within any of these population windows that would allow the board to do this. Each entity (Village, County, Town) would have to act separately. We would need an idea of how many people are eligible then make an informed decision. There are many areas that need to be looked into. Even if the Board decided to do this, it wouldn't take effect until next year.

The Supervisors/Legislators meeting is on April 26th.

Submissions for the next newsletter need to be turned in by April 22nd.

The Planning Board requested having a clerk take minutes for each of their meetings. Presently, Ron and Val take care of providing minutes for all of their public hearings which Ron states is all that is needed. We are already maintaining a record of the public hearings. Discussions do not have to be in the minutes. The only things required in minutes are motions of the board, actions taken by the board and the vote of those members. Planning Board member Joe Sidonio asked how they deal with the statute that is in the zoning ordinance that says minutes need to be filed with the Town Clerk. Joe referred to the minutes and the importance of them and the cost would be about \$500. The recording of the meetings was discussed. Money was not put in the budget for the Planning Board to have a clerk present at each of their meetings. This is something that can be budgeted for next year. Ron is in the process of re-writing all the various codes as many things have changed since 1990.

Attorney

Jeff is in the process of completing the audit letters for Freed, Mexico and Battaglia so they can complete their report.

Town Clerk

Receipts for March totaled \$1,037; the general fund received \$878.85. Cindy handed out a tax summary of taxes collected to date. About 240 late tax notices were sent to property owners with unpaid taxes. She will collect until April 30th.

Highway and Water Superintendent

Joe Sidonio will be doing some land clearing near the Colesville Cemetery on Telegraph Road and asked if he can do additional clearing along the grave sites. Ed checked with the Town Historian, Marsha DeFilipps and Cindy and there is not a problem with him doing this. In speaking with Marsha he was informed that there are only seven grave sites and we need to have a definite boundary. Presently, the Highway Dept. mows the 250 ft by 150 ft area that was cleaned up by an eagle scout but they don't mow anything larger than that. Joe does not have a time frame for this. He will be cleaning up the orchard and will check with Ed before they do anything at the cemetery.

Public Comments

David Orians spoke on behalf of James Johnson of 16339 Ridge Road. Mr. Johnson received two violation notices from the Code Enforcement Officer. The first referred to his house numbers. Ron stated that they are not violation notices but an information letter. Mr. Orians said both letters say Violation Notice on the top and if they are not violation notices, then that should be removed. The second letter stated that Mr. Johnson needed a

building permit for a portable carport/tent that has been up for five years. He thinks many of these rules don't make sense. He has a carport that he can have people in during parties, but he cannot put a tractor under it to keep in out of the rain. They are nice, well-kept and not falling down and he does not understand why this violation came up when it can be moved at any time. Supervisor Morriss stated that people get upset with the Code Enforcement Officer but he is only doing his job. He needs to take the law and ordinances that the State and Town have on the books and enforce them.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Case approving the supervisor's financial report and that the following bills be paid: Motion Carried

General Fund	Claims 88-127	\$17,751.47
Highway Fund	Claims 79-99	\$22,646.80
Water District No. 1	Claims 10-13	\$390.35
Water District No. 2	Claims 12-18	\$5,757.35
Water District No. 3	Claims 10-15	\$4,337.58
Water District No. 4	Claims 7-9	\$1,010.19
Water District No. 5	Claims 7-9	\$359.74
Water District No. 6	Claims 14-21	\$5,612.64
Water District No. 7	Claims 7-10	\$4,290.58
Water District No. 8	Claims 7-9	\$2,058.98
Water District No. 9	Claims 4-5	\$624.95
Water District No. 10	Claims 11-16	\$1,647.31
Water District No. 11	Claims 17-28	\$9,983.55
Water District No. 12	Claims 7-9	\$272.73
Water District No. 13	Claims 7-9	\$684.39
Water District No. 14	Claims 1-2	\$3,464.94
Water District No. 15	Claim 1	\$562.50
Water District No. 20	Claims 3-4	\$1,220.40

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower that meeting be adjourned Motion Carried

So adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

