

**Town of Murray Reconvened Board Meeting  
February 27, 2006 4:00 p.m.**

Present: Supervisor Henry Lehning, Councilmen Lloyd Christ, Ed Bower and John Morriss, Highway Superintendent Ed Morgan, Town Attorney Jeff Martin, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Town of Kendall Supervisor Bill Vick, Residents Richard Downey, Joe Sidonio, Rocco Gervasi

Meeting reconvened at 4:03 p.m. by Supervisor Lehning.

The petitions for Water District #12 were filed with the Town Clerk on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The requirement is that there must be enough signatures on the petitions to represent have the total assessed value in the district along with at least half of the residential value. Jeff went through the petitions and they do comply with the requirements. We've got 58.75% of the total assessed value in signatures on the petition and 67.5% of the total residential parcels where we have a resident owner. The next step in the process is for the Town Board to adopt an order scheduling a public hearing on the proposed establishment of the water district. It could be scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. if schedules allow. Jeff would publish notice of the adoption of that order in Friday's edition of the Albion Advertiser. By law, we would have to hold the hearing not sooner than 10 days or greater than 20 days after publication. If there is interest expressed at that informational meeting, the board can go forward at that evening and establish the district by resolution. It is not subject to permissive referendum as the petitions have been filed in advance. Jeff has to send a copy of the order to the Controller and assuming the district is established, he has also has to send a certified copy of that resolution. It doesn't require the Controller's approval as we are under the cost threshold. The cost of the project is \$549,569.00. \$400,000.00 of that would be small cities and the remaining \$149,569.00 would probably be financed on a B.A.N. as you could stay on a B.A.N. for the whole 40 year period. Munistat gave Jeff a projected rate of 3.8%, being conservative, Jeff used 5% and it worked out to be \$253.38 debt service. Water purchase costs would be around \$187.50. Total cost for the typical property year one is \$440.88. Hook up cost would range from \$763.00 to \$988.00. Jeff filed the estimated hook-up costs with the Town Clerk. Ed said it is typically around \$10.00/foot.

MOTION by Christ, SECOND by Bower adopting the order scheduling a public hearing on the establishment of Murray Water District No. 12

MOTION CARRIED           Ayes 4           Christ, Bower, Morriss, Lehning  
                                  Nays 0  
                                  Absent         Wagner

All board members present adopted and signed the order scheduling the public hearing on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

A letter to the residents, the estimated cost hook-up fees and a copy of the order will be mailed on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> to all residents in the proposed district.

Town of Kendall Supervisor Bill Vick requested that the Town of Murray allow the Town of Kendall to hook up to our water at the Murray/Kendall town line on Petersmith Road. Mr. Vick needs a letter from the Town Board expressing our willingness and capacity of providing water supply to serve Kendall's proposed project. Stu Brown will provide a letter to the Town of Murray for signature at the appropriate time. Ed stated that we need to obtain a letter from the Village of Albion stating that they can supply us with the same volume of water that we will be transferring from our system to the Town of Kendall. We will also have one for our water district #12. Ed has assurance that it will not be a problem getting either one of the letters approved by the Albion Village Board at their meeting on Wednesday.

MOTION by Morriss, SECOND by Christ that the Town of Murray allow Kendall to hook up to our water line on Petersmith Road.         CARRIED  
Resolution on file in Town Clerk's office.

There has been a housing study regarding the need for low income housing in the area. A development company is trying to get funding for a low-income housing project and they are asking Supervisor Lehning, on the behalf of the Town Board to send a letter stating that we would not openly oppose a low-income housing project.

**Highway Superintendent** – NYMIR, our insurance carrier took a tour of the Highway Department today. We received a clean report. The only thing he requested was that the hose to the tank on our gas grill should be unhooked when we are not using it. He looked at all equipment and checked out some wiring we did upstairs for the Assessors and everything checked out fine.

Ed asked if the grant money left over from Water Districts #10 and #11 is small cities grant money or Rural Development money. He was told it is Rural Development money. Ed attended a Small Cities Seminar put on by Tom Reynolds today in Albion that was quite informative.

Ed spoke to our representative from NYMIR today regarding the proposed snow/ice removal contract with the Village of Holley and he suggested before we enter into anything we send his boss a copy of the contract as some of the wording regarding liability should be checked out.

Discussion regarding proposed contract. Mileage was discussed. Total of the village streets to be maintained is approximately 6 center-lane miles or approximately 12 lane miles. If this ever comes to be, the streets to be plowed will be measured by Ed so he knows the exact mileage. We don't know yet if the village board will even approve this, let alone the Town of Murray. Ed said the Town doesn't have much to gain, other than helping out the village as village residents are also Town of Murray taxpayers. With our experience plowing state and county roads, we certainly won't lose anything. One of Ed's biggest concerns is inter-municipal cooperation. We should wait until after the election and then the village can make a decision, as they are the ones who work directly with the D.P.W. and the village residents. Ed had the initial meeting with them only because they asked and because the village residents are part of the Town of Murray and if we can help them without costing the town money, why not try.

**Joe Sidonio** – Mr. Sidonio is supportive of inter-municipal projects to save money. He asked if we knew what the villages actual expenditures are for snow removal and can we quantify what it costs us for snowplowing. Will we actually save or make money with this contract? Ed said he is basing his figures on what the town gets reimbursed from the state per mile and the county per mile. He compared those figures based on our total snow and ice cost and broke it down per mile. He has cost figures per mile, per man, and per truck. He also knows cost of material per mile. Mr. Sidonio asked if this project would jeopardize our tax rate if it fails. To him it looks like the Highway Dept. budget will go up if 2 new employees are hired. Ed said we would only be hiring one new employee, as we already have a position and money budgeted for one employee that we have not filled that we've been using a part-time employee to fill this winter. So we would probably need to hire one new employee. Half of his salary would come out of the snow and ice, which would be covered under the contract with the village. The other half would be picked up either with general highway fund or it might give us the opportunity to put one guy more diligently on water. The costs would be going up, but the revenues would probably offset it. Ed hasn't gotten that far with even being sure he would need another full-time employee. Maybe he would just have to fill the vacancy and continue on with some part-timers in the winter. Mr. Sidonio would like to see costs, expenditures, etc. in writing so the Board can have numbers to look at. He does not want to see Town of Murray taxes go up because we're helping the village. Ed could show what our budget would be if we took this on as far as expenses and revenues.

**MOTION** by Bower, **SECOND** by Christ that meeting be adjourned at 4:50 p.m.  
**CARRIED**