

**Town of Murray Board Meeting**

January 13, 2009

Present: Supervisor Henry Lehning, Councilmen Ed Bower, Lloyd Christ, John Morriss and Henry Wagner, Attorney Jeff Martin, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway & Water Supt. Ed Morgan, Assessor Lynn Wood, Nick Quaranto, Code Enforcer Ron Vendetti, Tony Manno, Lydia Duncan, Joe Sidonio, Richard Downey, HCHS students Mike Odeychuk, Joey Camacho, Abraham Alemu, Ian Berg, Dan Vania Jr., Amber Vania, Felicia Cunningham

Pledge to the flag

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Wagner accepting the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes as submitted. Motion Carried

Motion by Wagner, Seconded by Bower accepting the December 9<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting minutes as submitted. Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower accepting the December 16<sup>th</sup> end of the year meeting minutes as submitted Motion Carried

Motion by Wagner, Seconded by Morriss accepting the January 6<sup>th</sup> organizational meeting minutes as submitted Motion Carried

**Assessor:**

Four towns are currently experimenting with a county-wide server for all assessors in the county. All data entered into the system will go directly to the county. Last year our equalization rate was 97%; presently we are at 96.5% which indicates sales are coming in pretty well on assessment. There were 106 sales for the year 2008 with nine foreclosures. Exemptions are coming in daily. Nick said the County Director told them they are doing an excellent job.

**Supervisor:**

The definite date for the Shared Services Summit has been set for Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00. Supervisor Lehning has the new figures on the health insurance and we will be discussing that later. He has a representative coming in to help get the paperwork started.

**Zoning/Code Enforcement:**

Things were not very busy during the holiday season. Ron is working on getting C of O's finished and clearing up some open permits. Lynda

and Ron have inspections scheduled for this week. While the issuing of building permits is slow, they will be spending time on violations.

**Correspondence:**

- Library grand opening has been postponed. New date to follow.
- Letter from Chatfield. Gaines WD 9/Murray WD 14 bid will be accepted by the Gaines Town Board tonight – Villager Construction \$375,540.
- 2008 Erie Canalway Heritage Award of Excellence pamphlet
- Progress report from USDA Rural Development regarding their loan programs in 2008
- Canal Corp is asking for a calendar of events throughout the year. John Morriss will follow up on informing them of the Murray-Holley June Fest.
- Publication from NYS Rural Futures
- Time Warner – changes in channels and change in their basic service charge
- County Planning Board schedule of 2009 meetings

**Old Business:**

Rel Com representative Scott Godfrey can meet with the Board to discuss the phone system. Any day in January is good for him. Councilmen decided on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM. Cindy will inform Scott of the date.

**New Business:**

Brief discussion of the three proposed real property tax exemptions. At this time, we do not need to consider the Historical Property Exemption and we can always adopt it at a later date.

If the Cold War Veterans Exemption is adopted, the impact on Town revenue will be miniscule as \$4,000 is the ceiling. Motion by Morriss, Seconded by Bower introducing Town of Murray Local Law No. 1 of 2009, entitled *A Local Law Enacting a Real Property Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans*

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

Ayes	5	Lehning, Bower, Christ, Morriss, Wagner
Nays	0	
Absent	0	

Resolution was thereupon adopted

We will keep the local law the same as the county.

The Tax Exemption for Capital Improvements to Residential Buildings was discussed. The improvements must exceed \$3,000 and the building must be at least five years old. Councilman Morriss stated this could be an incentive for residents to maintain/improve their property. Motion by Bower, Seconded by Morriss introducing Town of Murray Local Law No. 2 of 2009, entitled *A Local Law Enacting a Real Property Tax Exemption of Capital Improvements to Residential Buildings*

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

Ayes	5	Lehning, Bower, Christ, Morriss, Wagner
Nays	0	
Absent	0	

Resolution was thereupon adopted

A public hearing will be held before the February meeting to consider adoption of these local laws.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Wagner approving Water District No. 13 payment No. 4 to Pilon Construction in the amount of \$129,622.46 upon approval from Rural Development.

Motion Carried This will be basically the final payment except for the spring restorations.

Supervisor Lehning as a conflict with the February Town Board Meeting date. Since Councilman Wagner will be out of town, he'd like to change the date to February 17<sup>th</sup>. All in agreement. The Public Hearing will also be on the 17<sup>th</sup>. February Town Board Meeting is changed to February 17<sup>th</sup>, with the Public Hearings beginning at 7:00 pm.

Supervisor Lehning received a quote from Preferred Care. The premiums are slightly higher than last year, but much cheaper than our current plan. After reviewing the cost analysis the Board is in favor of the Trivantage Plan. Motion by Christ, Seconded by Wagner that the Town selects Preferred Care Trivantage healthcare plan for the Town of Murray Motion Carried

**Attorney:**

Thursday will be the closing of the BAN for Water District No. 13. We will debit the savings account for the interest payment that is due. It will renew and will mature at the same time as the new one. They can be closed off early as we can prepay without penalty on both of them.

Kevin Diehl has made application with the Planning Board to expand his RV Park. If this is approved, he will have 17 more sites. The Planning Board will be reviewing the site plan. Kevin would like to get started early in the spring if approved. Jim Pharaoh does not have a problem with this as long as Kevin places a berm between the added section of the park and his property.

Jeff spoke of the meeting at the school for the proposed joint transportation buildings. The plan has to be put together and presented to each of the municipalities. Ed cannot make it to the meeting and asked Jeff to get the information they need from Murray.

**Town Clerk:**

Receipts for December totaled \$1,724.62. Revenues for the General Fund were \$831.90. We continue to get the dog census postcards returned to us. On November 30<sup>th</sup> there were 368 licensed dogs in the Town. Since December 1<sup>st</sup>, we have licensed 163 new dogs.

**Highway Superintendent:**

There was some damage to the south end of the building during the wind storm. Ed said the cost to fix the siding will be less than our insurance deductible. The new plow truck has been in since October but Tenco is backlogged due to repairs and they are running about a month behind on installs. It may be the end of March before we get it. By the end of February, we'll have a better handle on how much cash we can put down but Supervisor Lehning believes we will have more than 50% cash to put down on it.

**Water Superintendent:**

The water dept. read 587 meters in Gaines in one and a half hours with our radio read system. The Kendall district was read in about five minutes. The water dept. is in the process of sending letters to some of the older district residents to schedule appointments to get in and change their meters. The three-year quote given for the prices of the meters and MXUs is up in August and Ed would like to put another order together to get as many as we can before then.

Motion by Wagner, Seconded by Christ approving the Supervisor's Financial Report and that the following bills be paid: Motion Carried

General Fund	Claims 1-34	Total	\$53,994.85
Highway Fund	Claims 1-24	Total	\$19,555.22
Water District No. 1	Claim 1	Total	\$ 105.60
Water District No. 2	Claims 1-3	Total	\$ 6,173.16

Water District No. 3	Claims 1-4	Total	\$ 1,496.74
Water District No. 4	Claims 1-2	Total	\$ 1,009.41
Water District No. 5	Claims 1-2	Total	\$ 390.27
Water District No. 6	Claims 1-3	Total	\$ 4,210.12
Water District No. 7	Claims 1-2	Total	\$ 2,878.14
Water District No. 8	Claims 1-2	Total	\$1,020.87
Water District No. 9	Claims 1-2	Total	\$ 765.87
Water District No. 10	Claims 1-2	Total	\$ 75.16
Water District No. 11	Claims 1-7	Total	\$5,414.88
Water District No. 12	Claims 1-2	Total	\$ 441.00
Water District No. 13	Claims 1-4	Total	\$ 6,909.31

Motion by Morriss, Seconded by Christ to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. Next meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cynthia L. Oliver