

Town of Murray Board Meeting Minutes January 9, 2007

Present: Supervisor Henry Lehning, Councilmen Henry Wagner, Lloyd Christ, John Morriss and Ed Bower, Highway & Water Superintendent Ed Morgan, Assessors Lynn Wood and Nick Quaranto, Attorney Jeff Martin, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Paul Chatfield, Karen Clark, Richard Downey, Joseph Sidonio, George Karpenko, Jonah Rehak, Jeff Andalena

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Lehning at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to the flag.

Organizational Meeting

Motion by Morriss, Seconded by Bower making the following appointments and designations: Motion Carried

- That the Holley office of HSBC Bank, Chase and Fleet of Albion be designated official depositories of the Town.
- That William Mayer is appointed Constable.
- That Henry Lehning is appointed Property Manager
- That the contract with the Holley Community Library be approved in the amount of \$800.
- That Henry Lehning is appointed Budget Manager at \$1,000/yr.
- That Sally Naomi Shiffer is appointed Deputy Town Clerk.
- That the Highway and Water Superintendent be authorized to attend schools as needed or required at Town expense.
- That the Town Clerk be authorized to attend schools as needed or required at Town expense.
- That all Town officials be allowed 40¢ per mile for use of their vehicles on Town business.
- That the Albion Advertiser and Batavia Daily News be designated the official newspapers of the Town of Murray.
- That the law firm of heath & Martin represents the Town for the 2007 fiscal year.
- That the Town authorize pre-payment of bills if due date is prior to the next board meeting to avoid late fees and penalties.
- That the Town Board meetings be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- That Daniel Strong and Lynda Woolston are appointed Code Enforcement/Zoning Officers.
- That Henry Wagner is appointed Deputy Supervisor

- That Gordon Sprague is appointed Deputy Highway Superintendent.
- That Marsha DeFilipps is appointed Town Historian at \$900/yr.
- That Paul Hendel is appointed to the Planning Board for a 5-year term expiring on 12/31/11.
- That Kathy Case is appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5-year term expiring on 12/31/11.
- That Councilmen Ed Bower and John Morriss are appointed Town of Murray representatives to the Youth Commission.
- That Edward Morgan is appointed Water Superintendent and be compensated \$15,000/yr.
- That Cynthia Oliver is appointed Water Clerk and be compensated \$7,500/yr.
- That Karen Clark is appointed Water Billing Clerk and be compensated at \$9.50/hr.
- That the accounting firm of St. John & Baldwin is retained by the Town as bookkeepers for the amount of \$8,000 plus \$1,000 for budget preparation.
- That the accounting firm of St. John & Baldwin is appointed Comptroller of water districts at \$120 per district.
- That Cynthia Oliver is appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics at \$600/yr.
- That Sally Naomi Shiffer is appointed Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Motion by Wagner, Seconded by Christ that the following salaries be set and paid as follows: Motion Carried

▪ Supervisor	\$ 7,750
▪ Town Clerk	22,629
▪ Highway Superintendent	47,550
▪ Councilmen (4) @	3,000
▪ Town Justice (2) @	9,363
▪ Assessor Chairman	14,370
▪ Assessor	12,565
▪ Assessor	9,847
▪ Building Inspector	20/hour
▪ Zoning Officer	20/hour
▪ Board of Review (3) @	350
▪ Zoning Board Chairperson	60/meeting
▪ Zoning Board (4) @	30/meeting
▪ Planning Board Chairperson	60/meeting
▪ Planning Board (4) @	30/meeting
▪ Deputy Town Clerk	9.50/hour

- Highway Clerk 9.50/hour
- Highway Employees 3% raise (55¢)

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Morriss setting the following standard work hours for the positions listed below as required by New York State for retirement purposes only. Motion Carried

<u>Position</u>	<u>Standard Hours</u>
▪ Clerk Part Time	6
▪ M.E.O.	8
▪ Historian	6
▪ Highway Superintendent	8
▪ Town Clerk	6
▪ Assessor	6
▪ Budget Services	6
▪ Supervisor	6
▪ Town Justice	6
▪ Councilperson	6
▪ Laborer Part Time	6
▪ Clerk to the Town Justice	6
▪ Deputy Town Clerk	6
▪ Zoning Officer Part Time	6
▪ Code Enforcement Officer Part Time	6
▪ M.E.O. Part Time	6

Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Wagner, Seconded by Bower to approve the minutes of the December 12th board meeting as submitted. Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Wagner to approve the minutes of the December 19th year-end board meeting as submitted. Motion Carried

Assessors:Lynn Wood thanked the board for approving the Assessor budget.

The 2007 update is continuing. Sales in the Town are still strong and coming in above assessed valuation. Lynn spoke about the cons of annual updates.

Lynn informed all that the State Real Property Director has retired and a new State Director has been appointed.

Paul Chatfield: Paul Chatfield presented his engineering proposal for water district 13. He took the provision out that limited Chatfield's liability and responsibility per Jeff Martin's request. He spoke of the differences between water districts 12 and 13. Jeff Martin stated it is a standard engineering contract. \$48,940 is the total estimated amount. Supervisor Lehning asked when water district 12 plans will be finalized so we have an idea on cost. Paul said by the first week of February.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ to approve the signing of the engineering contract for water district 13 pending approval from Rural Development. Motion Carried

Paul spoke briefly regarding the Town of Gaines water project. Discussion regarding these residents being out of district users. Ed Morgan sent questionnaires to these residents regarding their interest in hooking up to the Town of Gaines water. The majority of these residents said yes. Treating these residents as out of district users is easier than setting up a small water district. Jeff Martin will speak to Mitch Morris at the controller's office and ask him the best way to go about this. Paul will need to know the number of bond repayment units. Jeff gave Paul a parcel listing of water district 13.

Brief discussion regarding the same type of project with the Town of Albion, but they are not applying for government grant money they are applying to Rural Development. This project will not be developing as quickly as the Gaines project.

Zoning/Code Enforcement: Dan Strong and Lynda Woolston could not be present tonight. The Board received a report from Dan regarding permits issued in 2006.

Correspondence:

- Holley Library annual report letter
- League of Women Voters are sponsoring a presentation on 02/08 at the Albion High School.
- National Grid – because of the storm power outage there will be \$25.39 deducted from town electric bill.
- Stu Brown's office has started the correspondence needed for water district 13. List of correspondence sent so far.
- Assemblyman Hawley is sponsoring a trip to Albany for the local government conference.
- Time Warner Cable annual report.

Old Business:

Water District 12 - receipts from Stu Brown's office. Supervisor Lehning received a copy of the community block grant program environmental review record. The environmental review record has been received and is being forwarded to the state.

Jeff Martin gave the board his legal services agreement for water district 12 and went over it with the board. It is basically the same as his previous agreements with the same arrangements as in the past. Jeff will circulate one for water district 13 later in the meeting. District 13 is a little different as it is rural development and not small cities as in water district 12.

Motion by Wagner Seconded by Morriss that the Town of Murray retains Jeff Martin's legal services for water district 12. Motion Carried (Resolution on file in Town Clerk's office)

Supervisor Lehning has the project management services contract for water district 13 from Stuart Brown. The town will be paying \$6,000 for completion of the project which would be paid in installments.

Motion by Wagner, Seconded by Bower to sign the project management services contract with Stu Brown Associates, Inc. Motion Carried

Discussion regarding chairs for around meeting table and what the board preferred. The folding chairs should arrive next week. It was decided to order the leather chairs with the shorter back.

Attorney Jeff Martin: David Paul has a new attorney representing him. This attorney is with the same firm as last. His attorney has asked for a one month adjournment as he will be filing some motions. The case will be adjourned until the end of February.

Jeff talked to the board about having a petition filed in advance for water district 13. The petition would be signed by as many residents it takes to equal half of the assessed value of all properties in the district. If circulated, signed and turned into the board by the next meeting, we could give people a cost estimate. If the figure does not exceed \$600, we wouldn't need formal comptroller approval. At this point it looks to be around \$593. If the district had sufficient support at the public hearing, we could establish the district. The first step is

getting the petitions out and circulated. Hopefully someone from each road in the service area will be willing to go house to house.

Jeff passed out his legal services agreement for water district 13 for the board to review.

Motion by Wagner, Seconded by Christ that the Town of Murray retains Jeff Martin's legal services contract for proposed water district 13.

Motion Carried

(Resolution on file in Town Clerk's office)

Town Clerk: Cindy reported December receipts totaling \$429.84. Revenues for the general fund totaling \$240.89. Board received copies of the Town Clerk's Annual Report for 2006. Receipts for 2006 totaled \$14,176.16. Disbursements totaled \$6,972.93. Revenues for the general fund totaled \$7,203.23.

Cindy gave the board copies of the correspondence regarding garbage pick-up complaints between herself, Chuck Nesbitt and Dan Metz, NEI's Operations Manager. We are still having major problems with garbage/recycle pick-up.

Highway and Water Superintendent: Ed received a request from the Town of Barre for contributions toward the purchase of baseball clay. Discussion regarding this. It was decided that we would offer trucking services.

Bids were opened on the December 29th for the radio read system. Bids were as follows: Putnam Pipe Corp. - \$147,277.33
EJ Prescott - \$106,469.58

Ed said that EJ Prescott bid falls below the dollar amount we have available and we would still have money left. Jim Walfrand told Ed we could go ahead and award the bid as the grant money is available. We are presently using the EJ Prescott system.

There is flooding in a drainage ditch between Transit Rd. and Creek Rd. Ed met with Soil & Water and County Highway to start the process of getting easements to get it cleaned out. Fancher Rd. is ready to crest. This will not be a quick process but we need to go forward with it.

We have funds in the budget this year for a new mower tractor.

A Caterpillar Challenger is on state bid at around \$70,000. It has more horse power but is the same style mower that we already have. Ed will have more information at next meeting.

Motion by Morriss, Seconded by Christ to award the bid for the radio read system to EJ Prescott for \$106,469.58. Motion Carried.
The bid is for the total package but there will be two separate bills; one for water district 10 and one for water district 11.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Wagner approving the Supervisor’s financial report and that the following bills be approved and paid:

Motion Carried

General Fund	Claims 1 – 24	Total \$38,431.00
Highway Fund	Claims 1 – 13	Total \$ 4,686.27
Water District No. 1	Claims 1 – 6	Total \$ 523.32
Water District No. 2	Claims 1 – 7	Total \$ 4,459.35
Water District No. 3	Claims 1 – 6	Total \$ 4,033.96
Water District No. 4	Claims 1 – 4	Total \$ 89.17
Water District No. 5	Claims 1 – 5	Total \$ 56.59
Water District No. 6	Claims 1 – 8	Total \$ 7,438.06
Water District No. 7	Claims 1 – 4	Total \$ 230.19
Water District No. 8	Claims 1 – 4	Total \$ 153.05
Water District No. 9	Claims 1 – 4	Total \$ 58.59
Water District No. 10	Claims 1 – 6	Total \$ 288.11
Water District No. 11	Claims 1 – 7	Total \$ 1,060.01

Motion by Morriss, Seconded by Christ that meeting be adjourned.
Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Oliver