

Town of Murray Board Meeting

July 14, 2009

Present: Supervisor Henry Lehning, Councilmen Henry Wagner, Lloyd Christ, Ed Bower and John Morriss, Attorney Jeff Martin, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Code Enforcer Ron Vendetti, Assessor Lynn Wood, Nick Quaranto, Kathy Case, Stanley Kemp, Legislator Ken Rush, Richard Downey, George Karpenko, David Paul

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Wagner, Seconded by Morriss approving the minutes of the June Board meeting. Motion Carried

Resident Stanley Kemp questioned the status of the water district. Supervisor Lehning stated that we are working between our engineer and financial advisor to try and get an increase on the amount of the grant. Rural Development leans more favorably towards contiguous districts and this is not contiguous. Our grant writer is still working with Rural Development; he has gotten some increases, but not enough. If we are not successful, we can possibly reduce the size of the district. We would much rather finish the Town with one water district but if we have to break it down, there may have to be two or three smaller districts to finish up. As it stands now, the bond repayment unit will be too costly for residents because the amount of grant money is not enough.

Assessors:

The office is working on land values for the 2010 update. Lynn and Nick will be attending an advanced valuation class on July 22nd. A county meeting is scheduled for July 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the legislative meeting room for all assessors and supervisors. The county received another \$25,000 grant and will be talking about how they are going to spend it.

Code Enforcement:

Ron completed the count of vehicles at repair shops in the Town. He encourages the board to contact the repair shop owners and schedule a meeting so Ron can go over the situation and the owners can be a part of the process. Compared to A&M Automotives, the other shops have considerably less cars on site. Workshop set for Tuesday, July 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. Cindy will put a legal notice in the Batavia Daily News notifying public of the workshop.

Some properties in Fancher have started to yield results; mowing, siding, clean up. It is a tough, slow moving process but we are getting there.

Sheriff Scott Hess and Ron have started a neighborhood watch at the County Line Mobile Home Park. They are receiving much information about situations in the park from many of the residents. Lynda has been taking an inventory of the park with pictures so we have a record of which structures and mobile homes are there and their locations.

The Wishing Well Motel grass is still not mowed. Ron is re-sending all letters regarding overgrown grass as the letters Lynda originally sent to property owners did not state that if we have to mow their lawn they will be charged. The property owners need to know this before anything is done. Supervisor Lehning stated that the city of Batavia is going through the same thing regarding property maintenance. We are not the only town trying to keep up with the state code. Councilman Christ asked if we had the legal right to go on private property to mow. Ron said under the State Law and Town Code we can legally do this. If a property owner has a five acre lawn, we will not go in and mow the whole five acres; only what it states in Section 671 of the Town Code.

Supervisor:

The auditors were here last week; they did three days of field work and we will probably have a report by the end of August. They have agreed to come and go over the audit at our September meeting.

Supervisor Lehning is in receipt of the June Fest income/expense report. He commended committee members on a successful festival.

Correspondence:

- Results of the 2009 Erie Canalway Heritage Award of Excellence. The Village of Brockport received the award.
- NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Projects Grant Program information
- Annual report from NYMIR

Old Business:

Councilman John Morriss attended a meeting two months ago at the county level regarding the Ethics Committee. Discussion regarding forming our own town ethics committee or we can utilize the services of the Orleans County Board of Ethics. It was decided that it would be beneficial for the Town to utilize the services of the Orleans County

Board of Ethics instead of forming our own separate ethics board. Motion by Morriss, Seconded by Bower that the Town of Murray hereby agrees to utilize the services of the Orleans County Board of Ethics, should any event occur which is deemed to warrant their involvement. Motion Carried (On file in Town Clerk’s office)

New Business:

Motion by Wagner, Seconded by Morriss that the following budget transfers be made: Motion Carried

GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE

<i>Transfer</i>		Buildings	
<i>From:</i>	A1620.4	Contractual	\$997.00
			TOTAL:
			\$997.00
<i>Transfer To:</i>	A1620.2	Buildings Equipment	\$997.00
			TOTAL:
			\$997.00

WATER #1

<i>Transfer</i>		Unexpended	
<i>From:</i>	SWUB	Balance	\$1,500.00
			TOTAL:
			\$1,500.00
<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW8320.2	Source of Supply Equip	\$1,500.00
			TOTAL:
			\$1,500.00

WATER #2

<i>Transfer From:</i>		Unanticipated Revenues	
	SW2680	Insurance Recoveries	\$1,000.00
	SW2770	Miscellaneous	\$ 133.00
	SWUB	Unexpended Balance	<u>\$ 521.00</u>
		TOTAL:	<u><u>\$1,654.00</u></u>
 <i>Transfer To:</i>	SW1990.4	Contingency	\$ 154.00
	SW8320.2	Source of Supply Equip	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
		TOTAL:	<u><u>\$1,654.00</u></u>

WATER #3

<i>Transfer From:</i>	SWUB	Unexpended Balance	<u>\$4,170.00</u>
		TOTAL:	<u><u>\$4,170.00</u></u>
 <i>Transfer To:</i>	SW8320.2	Source of Supply Equip	<u>\$4,170.00</u>
		TOTAL:	<u><u>\$4,170.00</u></u>

WATER #6

<i>Transfer From:</i>	SW2770	Miscellaneous	\$ 86.00
	SW2770	NSF Charges	<u>\$ 21.00</u>
		TOTAL:	<u><u>\$107.00</u></u>
 <i>Transfer To:</i>	SW1990.4	Contingency	\$107.00

TOTAL: \$107.00

WATER #7

<i>Transfer</i>		Source of	
<i>From:</i>	SW8320.4	Supply	
		Contractual	\$450.00
	SW8320.4a	Water	
		Purchase	\$465.00
			<u>\$915.00</u>
		TOTAL:	<u><u>\$915.00</u></u>
<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW8320.2	Source of	
		Supply Equip	\$915.00
			<u>\$915.00</u>
		TOTAL:	<u><u>\$915.00</u></u>

WATER #8

<i>Transfer</i>		Source of	
<i>From:</i>	SW8320.4	Supply	
		Contractual	\$450.00
	SW8320.4a	Water	
		Purchase	\$465.00
			<u>\$915.00</u>
		TOTAL:	<u><u>\$915.00</u></u>
<i>Transfer To:</i>	SW8320.2	Source of	
		Supply Equip	\$915.00
			<u>\$915.00</u>
		TOTAL:	<u><u>\$915.00</u></u>

WATER #11

<i>Transfer</i>		Unanticipated	
<i>From:</i>		Revenues	
	SW2770	NSF Fees	\$10.00

TOTAL: \$10.00

Transfer To: SW1990.4 Contingency

\$10.00

TOTAL: \$10.00

WATER
#13

Transfer From: **Unanticipated Revenues**

SW2770 NSF Fees

\$10.00

TOTAL: \$10.00

Transfer To: SW1990.4 Contingency

\$10.00

TOTAL: \$10.00

WATER
#20
(KENDALL)

Transfer From: SW8310.1B Admin Pers
Svc Billing

\$46.00

TOTAL: \$46.00

Transfer To: SW9030.8 Social Security

\$46.00

TOTAL: \$46.00

Salmon Creek Snowmobile Club is asking permission for the club to travel on the north side of the canal. The State gave the club permission but said they need permission in writing from each town. Board would like more information regarding which sections of the canal they'd like to travel. Cindy will call Angela to get more details.

Discussion regarding code enforcement on a countywide level. Town of Clarendon Supervisor Dick Moy, chairperson of the committee researching these shared services is asking for feedback from each town regarding code enforcement at the county level. Mr. Moy gave rough figures of the cost. Councilman Christ stated more information is needed. Ron Vendetti thinks it will cost more money to do this at least for the short term. There are many questions; who will prosecute these cases, how will time be split evenly between towns. All in agreement that we should continue talking about this, meet with other towns and get more information.

Attorney:

Jeff informed all that Mr. Manno came to his office the day after the last meeting and apologized for his conduct. Jeff accepted his apology and apologized for being short with Mr. Manno. A Planning Board meeting will be scheduled for two matters; Crop Production Services, Inc. (UAP), for the approval of a site plan for the construction of a wash bay to be attached to the existing structure located at 3560 Hindsburg Rd., and also for the application of Tony Piedimonte for a special use permit to allow the sale of motor vehicles at 15865 Rt. 31 (Fancher Post Office) west of the existing structure.

Jeff is in receipt of his audit letter today and will get the information out to them within a week to ten days.

Todd Campbell called Jeff requesting a copy of the local law Regulating Excavation and Mining so he could see what is needed to apply for a permit.

There are two matters to be discussed in executive session; the Friesland Article 7 Proceeding and the Richardson matter. Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower that the Board enters into executive session. Motion Carried

Board entered into executive session.

Motion by Wagner, Seconded by Christ to return to regular session.
Motion Carried

Town Clerk:

June receipts totaled \$1,174.00. General Fund received \$556.53. The telephone system is installed and each department has been trained. It's been working well with a lot less misdirected calls coming into each department.

Highway and Water Superintendent:

Written report submitted:

- Completed paving of Lynch Rd between Rt. 31 and Hulberton Rd.
- In placed recycled E. Transit Church Rd between Rt. 387 and Transit Rd. Needs to be sealed and shoulders need to be done.
- Have had a serious beaver problem on Canal Rd. at the culvert pipe. If left unattended, any heavy rain would cause quarry to overflow and flood three homes. Ed has acquired a DEC permit to remove the beavers in any manner necessary. He has hired Evan Lusk to trap and remove them. Thus far he has removed six. Ed believes there are at least two more.
- We have had four major water breaks. One in district 7, one in district 11, and two in district 6. All because of corroded bolts or saddles.
- We are in receipt of a petition requesting water down Transit Rd. from Route 104 to Route 18. This district would involve four towns; Murray, Gaines, Kendall and Carlton. Ed will make sure these towns have copies of the petition. Gaines has the only water line that goes part way down Transit Rd. from the Ridge on their side of the road. Murray only has one or two residents at this time. There are 16 signatures from different residents.
- Ed received our guaranteed quote for propane for 2009/2010 heating season from Hometown Energy at \$1.599 until May 1, 2010.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Wagner approving the Supervisor's financial report and approving and paying the following bills:

Motion Carried

General Fund	Claims 199-240	Total \$	17,092.28
Highway Fund	Claims 157-179	Total \$	70,390.03
Water District No. 1	Claim 20	Total \$	742.50
Water District No. 2	Claims 33-36	Total \$	8,251.44
Water District No. 3	Claims 27-29	Total \$	2,702.94
Water District No. 4		Total \$	0.00
Water District No. 5		Total \$	0.00

Water District No. 6	Claims 34-36	Total \$	74.82
Water District No. 7	Claim 16	Total \$	450.78
Water District No. 8		Total \$	0.00
Water District No. 9		Total \$	0.00
Water District No. 10	Claims 22-24	Total \$	362.43
Water District No. 11	Claims 44-48	Total \$	782.47
Water District No. 12		Total \$	0.00
Water District No. 13	Claim 18	Total \$	484.50

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

So adjourned.

Next meeting will be workshop on Tuesday, July 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver