

March 15, 2006
Informational Meeting

Town of Murray Meeting Minutes
Informational Meeting Water District #12
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Present: Supervisor Henry Lehning, Councilmen Lloyd Christ, John Morriss and Ed Bower, Attorney Jeff Martin, Highway Superintendent Ed Morgan, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, residents of Water District #12. Absent: Councilman Henry Wagner

All residents in the water district were mailed a letter dated February 28th informing them of this informational meeting. On the back of the letter was a calculation of estimated hook up fees and a copy of the order that the Town Board adopted last month scheduling this informational meeting. The size of this water district has been pared down. We will be applying for federal funds. The total cost would be \$549,569.00. \$400,000.00 of that, if we're successful will be grant funds. The balance of \$149,469.00 would be borrowed. Instead of borrowing from Rural Development, we would borrow on a Bond Anticipation Note from a local bank and renew that on an annual basis over a period of probably 40 years. The debt service that would be assessed on your taxes every year for the next 38 – 40 years would be approximately \$253.38. Rather than the Town Board initiating the process of establishing the district and having it subject to a permissive referendum where it potentially could be submitted to a vote, this time we went under another process under Article 12 of the Town Law. Some residents circulated petitions and we had the requisite number of signatures on the petitions. If the Town Board establishes the water district, there is no referendum requirement. If the Board adopts a resolution establishing this district it would be subject to getting the federal grant. The deadline for grant application is April 6th. We may not know if we are successful until August or September. Jeff Martin asked if there were any questions regarding the water district and the whole process. Brief discussion about the Bond Anticipation Note. Ideally the yearly payment will stay the same although it may vary a little. Dennis Piedimonte suggested residents write letters to Senator Maziarz and Assemblyman Hawley. Supervisor Lehning informed residents that if they have not yet written a letter to the Town Board explaining their need for water, please do so as we're trying to prove hardship. Bill and Cindy Applegate were present and wrote a letter expressing concern. They are located around the corner from Charlie Applegate's property but Bill and Cindy own property east of Charlie so they are included in the water district but the waterline may not go far enough where they can tap into it in front of their house. The options that may be available to Bill and Cindy were discussed. Ed Morgan let residents know that we are 4 income surveys short. These surveys are confidential and no one sees them but the grant writer, and it is imperative that these are turned in. If approved the project would probably start in the spring. Ed Morgan briefly spoke about which side of the roads the line would be on. All residents present were in favor of the project.

MOTION by Morris, SECOND by Christ, authorizing Henry Lehning as Supervisor or Henry Wagner as Deputy Supervisor to sign the application for the Small Cities Grant. RESOLUTION CARRIED

MOTION by Christ, SECOND by Morriss that the Town Board commits to borrowing the local share of the project cost of \$149,569.00. RESOLUTION CARRIED

MOTION by Morriss, SECOND by Christ, to establish Water District #12. RESOLUTION CARRIED

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:36 p.m. by Supervisor Lehning.

Cynthia Oliver

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