

Town of Murray Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2009

Present: Supervisor Henry Lehning, Councilmen Henry Wagner, Lloyd Christ, Ed Bower and John Morriss, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Deputy Clerk Sally Naomi Shiffer, Highway & Water Superintendent Ed Morgan, Code Enforcer Ron Vendetti, Zoning Officer Lynda Woolston, Assessor Lynn Wood, Nick Quaranto, Attorney Jeff Martin, Joe Sidonio, Kevin Diehl, Lisa Re, Scott Re, James Manno, George Karpenko, Sandy Shaw

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Wagner approving the February 17th Public Hearing and Board Meeting minutes Motion Carried

Assessor

Lynn Wood informed all that exemptions are just about complete. They are making adjustments in preparation for the tentative roll. The equalization rate is at 96%.

Supervisor

Supervisor Lehning spoke about the consolidation of Assessors meeting. There was also a meeting on consolidation of the court system, and consolidation of Code Enforcement. Councilman Morriss attended these meetings and the board received copies of the information given out. Councilman Morriss said that neither meeting was well attended and gave a brief report of each. Wyoming and Seneca counties have consolidated Code Enforcement and it has been fairly successful. Chairman of this committee, Dick Moy feels our county would only need four people doing the job. One being a chairperson and a clerk to help with paperwork. He believes this can save money but it is too early to project how much. Supervisor Lehning stated that looking down the road there is a succession problem in small towns. It can be difficult to find replacements for Code Enforcement Officers, Assessors, etc. With consolidation, there would be someone to take the place or fill in while a replacement is trained. It has advantages and disadvantages. Councilman Morriss briefly discussed consolidation of court system meeting. District Attorney Joe Cardone spoke and will be at the next Legislator/Supervisor dinner meeting at the Village Inn to speak again. Supervisor Lehning stated that Ridgeway and Shelby have combined courts and it seems to be working well but they do not have a high volume of cases. The Town of Murray alone has more court cases than Shelby and Ridgeway combined.

Zoning

Lynda Woolston updated the Board on last month's activity. She has had a few planning board questions, one regarding a home business. One building permit was issued but she expects a higher volume in the next few months as the weather gets nicer.

Code Enforcement

Ron informed the Board that his hours in Murray have been reduced as he is back working in Albion. He and Lynda are coordinating things and Lynda has been picking up the extra slack. In December, the Town of Murray paid for Ron's schooling and membership for Finger Lakes Building Officials. He will be asking Albion to reimburse the Town of Murray for these costs. Ron has been in contact with Sherri DePalma regarding the decision to either sell properties on the Fancher curve or cleaning them up to sell. Earl Skellen will be submitting a time schedule regarding the clean-up of his property and the siding of his house. He is aware of his obligations. Ron also spoke about the Duncan building that is burned out. Letters are going out, initial contact is made and the property files are beginning to fill up. Conditions of County Line Mobile Home Park were discussed. Ron has Community Action and Rural Opportunities trying to help a family find alternative housing as their mobile home was not habitable. The Park manager has not been very responsive. Ron said that he thinks they are moving in the right direction.

Correspondence

County Youth Bureau nominations for Youth Recognition banquet.

Old Business

Last Tuesday the Zoning and Planning Boards met with Tom Martin and went through the new proposed zoning ordinance. Tom would like to meet with the Town Board, Zoning and Code Officer to go through it once more. We will contact Tom and see if this can be done on March 17th at 7:00 p.m.

The wiring we have in the utility room is not sufficient for the Rel Comm phone system. The whole system needs to be revamped which will add about \$2,500 to the quote. Supervisor Lehning will contact Kevin Doherty to see if he could do the wiring for less.

Discussion of moving forward on water districts and resubmitting our previous proposal at no cost to the Town. If it does not go through, we are in the process of sending a preliminary application to get an idea as to the amount we could receive.

In light of increasing health insurance costs, Councilman Morriss would like to propose that future hires of the Town pay a certain percentage of their

health insurance. This was discussed and agreed upon in November of 2006, but no resolution is on file. Motion by Morriss, Seconded by Bower that all new employees of the Town of Murray pay 10% of their health insurance premiums effective November 14, 2006.

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

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

Resolution was thereupon adopted (on file in Town Clerk's office)

Town Clerk

Cindy report February receipts totaled \$233.40 and the General Fund received \$104.50. 71% of County and Town taxes have been collected thus far which totals over \$2,400,000. \$989,364.10 remains uncollected. The 2nd week in April unpaid tax letters will be sent reminding property owners that they have until April 30th to pay at the Town Clerk's office. After that, taxes will have to be paid at the Orleans County Treasurer's office with additional penalties.

Highway and Water Superintendent is in Albany lobbying for more CHIPs money as the state is lowering the amount we will be getting. Supervisor Lehning spoke about water meter replacements.

Councilman Christ asked Supervisor Lehning to inform Ed that the T-sign at Groth and Skillington Roads is down on the ground.

Supervisor Lehning pointed out a new sheet of the financial report that gives everyone an idea of what the Town has accomplished in regards to water districts and the many miles of pipe installed.

Sandy Shaw of the Holley Community Free Library informed all of the Library Art Show that will run from April 13th until May 1st. Students from Holley and Kendall schools will submit artwork. Councilman Morriss volunteered to be a judge. Sandy collected \$25.00 from the Board to be used for gift certificates for prizes. Ms. Shaw discussed the grant that the Library was awarded for \$55,900 and reported on the improvements and expansion. April 4th is the tentative date for the grand opening. Once there is a definite date, invitations will be sent out.

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

General Fund	Claims 70-99	Total	\$13,441.01
Highway Fund	Claims 62-63	Total	\$7,838.14

Water District No. 1	Claims 7-9	Total	\$ 624.53
Water District No. 2	Claims 11-16	Total	\$1,153.63
Water District No. 3	Claims 10-13	Total	\$1,872.32
Water District No. 4	Claims 5-7	Total	\$ 462.48
Water District No. 5	Claims 5-7	Total	\$ 108.32
Water District No. 6	Claims 10-16	Total	\$4,346.41
Water District No. 7	Claims 6-9	Total	\$ 579.84
Water District No. 8	Claims 5-7	Total	\$ 529.12
Water District No. 9	Claims 5-7	Total	\$ 258.32
Water District No. 10	Claims 7-11	Total	\$ 330.79
Water District No. 11	Claims 14-20	Total	\$ 809.64
Water District No. 12	Claims 5-6	Total	\$ 12.48
Water District No. 13	Claims 9-11	Total	\$ 509.98

Nick Quaranto questioned if a water line would at some point be going down Telegraph Road east of 237. Supervisor Lehning said that is an area we are looking into but a lot depends on costs, preliminary engineering report, etc. Nick stated that a resident has a problem as part of her land is now owned by a family member and her septic system is no longer on her land but on the family member portion. Ron Vendetti said there are no subdivision regulations and that there needs to be a review process to avoid situations like this. Jeff Martin said Clarendon is the only town in Orleans County that has a subdivision law. With a subdivision law in place, the property would have to be surveyed and reviewed by the planning board and these problems wouldn't occur.

James Manno said he would like the code/zoning issues that the Town has with A&M Automotive to be resolved. Mr. Manno was informed that he is welcome to attend the meeting on March 17th at 7:00 where the Board will be discussing the proposed updated zoning ordinance.

Attorney

Jeff Martin briefly discussed two matters that have gone in front of the Planning Board. Kevin Diehl has been approved for 15 additional units to his RV Park. County Planning recommended approval with conditions. The Town Planning Board has recommended approval of a special use permit for David Paul to sell topsoil and mulch. Jeff will refer this to County Planning. Mr. Paul's request was to reduce the acreage from his existing permit from 77 acres to 35 acres. He will have two special use permits on the property. Everything is within the requirements and both require a public hearing which could be held before the April 14th Town Board meeting.

Motion by Morriss, Seconded by Bower to adjourn meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Motion Carried

So Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver