

Town of Murray Board Meeting Minutes March 13, 2007

Present: Supervisor Henry Lehning, Councilmen Henry Wagner, Lloyd Christ, Ed Bower and John Morriss, Attorney Jeff Martin, Assessor Lynn Wood, Zoning Officer Lynda Woolston, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway Clerk Karen Clark, residents Kathleen Bates, Richard Downey and George Karpenko, David Paul, George Patterson, Kathleen Case

Pledge to flag

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

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Wagner to approve the minutes of the February 13th board meeting with the following correction to the bottom of page six: change "*In 2006 at the budget preparation meeting*" to read: "*In 2005, at the 2006 budget preparation meeting*"
Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Morriss to approve the March 6th Public Hearing minutes as submitted. Motion Carried

Assessors: Lynn Wood reported that the update/reassessment is completed. Impact notices will be mailed on Friday or Monday. Once residents receive their notices, if they wish to make an appointment with the assessors, 15 minutes will be given for each property owner. If still not satisfied, the next step would be to appear in front of the Board of Assessment Review in May.

Lynn shared the Amendment of Orleans County Industrial Development Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy that was adopted on January 19, 2007.

Lynn spoke about the article regarding tax rates that appeared in the Democrat & Chronicle.

Supervisor: On Monday, March 26th at the Albion high school there will be a seminar on wind power.

The purchase of the Town Hall's folding chairs, board table and chairs was made possible because of the donation the Town received from the Murray Tractor Pull. Supervisor Lehning will add that to the next Town Newsletter.

Zoning/Code Enforcement: No building permits were issued since last meeting. A local law for junk/unregistered vehicles is in the works. Lynda has started sending clean up letters.

Regarding the Tony Piedimonte mobile home that was discussed last month; under the Right to Farm Law, Tony is entitled to replace the mobile home as long as he is replacing it with something comparable.

Correspondence:

- NYS Emergency Management Office- FEMA money for the October Storm totaled about \$27,000.
- NYS DEC – Notice of Kevin Diehl/Hickory Ridge Incomplete Application.
- Orleans Transit Service letter. Transported more than 37,000 customers last year.
- Invitation reminder – Holley Community Free Library Student Art Show on April 16th.
- Time Warner – notification of increase in rates.
- Congressmen Reynolds – reminder that deadline for applications for Small Cities grant money is April 9th
- Time Warner – Looking for nominations for Principal or Teacher of the Year
- Letter of thanks to the Town Board from Pat Wood, Director of SPOC, Inc.

Supervisor Lehning encouraged board members to attend the Legislators/Supervisors meetings as the attendance has been poor. Cindy will forward copies of the monthly reminders to Councilmen. These meetings take place the 4th Tuesday of each month.

New Business:

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Morriss that the Town of Murray participate in the Joint Youth Recreation Program for the year 2007, agreeing to pay funds that were budgeted towards the operation of the programs planned as it has in the past.

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

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

The resolution was thereupon adopted (On file in Town Clerk's office)

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower to introduce local law *Changing from Three Elected Assessors to a Single Appointed Assessor in the Town of Murray.*

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

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

The resolution was thereupon adopted (On file in Town Clerk's office)

A public hearing will be held on April 10th at 7:00 p.m. to consider the adoption of this local law.

Jeff provided copies of proposed local law *Regulating Wind Energy Facilities*. We need to either move forward with the local law or extend the moratorium another six months. Motion by Morriss, Seconded by Wagner to introduce the local Law, *Regulating Wind Energy Facilities*. Upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The resolution was thereupon adopted (On file in Town Clerk's office)

A copy of the proposed local law will be on file in the Town Clerk's office for inspection by interested persons.

A public hearing will be scheduled for April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. to consider the adoption of this local law.

Discussion regarding the adoption of a junk vehicle local law versus enforcing under the State Property and Maintenance Code. Presently we are operating under a local ordinance from 1979. Jeff drafted a local law for junk vehicles which is more cumbersome than the state law. Lynda said the state law is quite easy to follow. There is a section that deals with fine amounts. If the board chooses to enforce under the state code, they'd simply repeal the old 1979 junk local law and the state code is already in place. Motion by Christ, Seconded by Wagner introducing the Junk Vehicle local law.

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

Ayes 4 Lehning, Bower, Christ, Wagner
Nays 1 Morriss

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

A public hearing will be held on April 10th to consider adoption of this local law.

Discussion regarding the proposed establishment of water district no. 14 in conjunction with the Town of Gaines water district no. 9. Gaines wanted to apply for a small cities grant. Because they didn't have enough parcels to make it affordable, they will be applying for a joint small cities with Murray. There are 20 bond repayment units in

Gaines, 10 in Murray. Projected cost per parcel is under \$603. Total project cost of \$540,000; grant would total approximately \$445,000; cost for Murray would be roughly \$32,000. This is still up in the air as we're not sure we will get funding. Ed Morgan explained what areas/roads are involved. Petitions have been circulated in both towns and are on file in the Town Clerk's office. Motion by Wagner, Seconded by Christ adopting the order scheduling a public hearing on the proposed establishment of Murray Water District No. 14.
Motion Carried

The public hearing will be held on April 3rd. The order was signed by all board members.

Attorney: Jeff informed the board that an area variance for Christine Lattuca has been approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Jeff will provide her with a copy of the resolution.

Town Clerk: Cindy reported receipts for February totaled \$157.50. Revenues for the General Fund totaled \$79.08. Cindy provided the board with a list of tax deposits the office has made since collection began. To date \$2,238,246.83 has been collected. \$795,127.18 remains uncollected. April 30th is the last day of tax collection in the Town Clerk's office.

Brockport Country Club notified the Town of their application of a seasonal beer license for their halfway house and they are renewing their liquor licenses for the main buildings.

Highway/Water Department: Ed reported a floor draining problem in the work area. The problem has been resolved but we still need to address an oil/water separator system as reported a year ago. We have been in EPA violation since their last visit. The prices Ed reported to the board last summer were in the range of \$20,000 - \$25,000. This size system is designed for 300 gpm. Ed will do research to see if a smaller system at a lower price will be sufficient. He will report back to the board next month.

Brief discussion regarding roadside dead animal pick up. It was decided to contract with a company to do all removals at \$30 per carcass.

Ed received a letter from a motorist who hit a pothole on a Town road and did damage to her tire and vehicle. She would like the Town to reimburse her for the cost of repairs which is approximately \$170.

Board said we have a prior-notice law in place, turn it into our insurance company. If paid, precedence will be set.

Discussion regarding funds for the bicentennial celebration. Councilman Morriss stated that in order to begin booking people/making plans, the committee needs to know funds are available. Supervisor Lehning asked if the celebration committee would be doing fundraising. \$15,000-\$20,000 would put a big dent in the fund balance. It would be better if part of the funds needed could be raised by fundraising. Councilman Morriss will speak to the committee and see what they can come up with.

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

Motion Carried

General Fund	62 – 94	Total \$26,266.16
Highway Fund	45 – 75	Total \$39,475.71
Water District No. 1	13 – 18	Total \$ 510.04
Water District No. 2	20 – 27	Total \$ 4,358.06
Water District No. 3	17 – 23	Total \$ 1,675.01
Water District No. 4	10 – 14	Total \$ 82.27
Water District No. 5	8 – 12	Total \$ 47.14
Water District No. 6	21 – 28	Total \$ 3,267.69
Water District No. 7	13 – 17	Total \$ 205.24
Water District No. 8	12 – 16	Total \$ 134.97
Water District No. 9	11 – 15	Total \$ 47.14
Water District No. 10	17 – 24	Total \$ 360.15
Water District No. 11	24 – 31	Total \$ 1,113.15

Supervisor Lehning reminded all of the public hearings on April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Morriss to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver