

# **Town of Murray Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

## **May 9, 2006**

Present: Supervisor Henry Lehning, Councilmen Ed Bower, Lloyd Christ, John Morris and Henry Wagner, Highway Superintendent Ed Morgan, Assessor Chairman Lynn Wood, Assessor Nick Quadrant, Zoning Officer Dan Strong, Attorney Jeff Martin, Highway/Water Clerk Karen Clark, Legislator Kenneth Rush, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, residents Mr. and Mrs. Arnold White, Barbara Ludington, Richard Downey, George Karen

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Lehning.

Pledge to the flag.

MOTION by Wagner, SECOND by Bower to approve April 11, 2006 Regular Board Meeting minutes. CARRIED

**Code Enforcement/Zoning** – Dan Strong reported issuing 7 building permits and 1 Certificate of Occupancy in April. 2 building permits were issued for porches in the County Line Mobile Home Park and 1 permit for a new mobile home in the Ridge Road Mobile Home Park.

Lynda is still sending out clean-up letters. She is getting some positive responses. She will be doing follow-ups with these properties.

Dan brought back some reading material for the Town from the state training he attended in April. Dan got the information he was hoping to from the Dept. of State mobile home training course. Effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, state laws change regarding mobile homes.

Dan questioned Jeff Martin about the new regulations regarding the state fire and building codes. Jeff said he would get something together to adopt possibly in July.

Discussion about the process that has to be followed regarding the clean-up of burned out buildings. There is a lengthy process in place to deal with these structures within the Town. There are a few of these structures in the Town and Lynda will be dealing with them at the same time.

Councilman Christ questioned the progress of the clean-up at the Karpenko property. Lynda has been to the property, George is getting some things out with a backhoe and there has been improvement.

**Assessors** – Lynn Wood reported that the Tentative Roll has been completed and is available for viewing by the public. Lynn gave the tentative roll figures for last year and this year:

2005	Town	\$104,896,476.00
2006	Town	\$106,243,178.00
2005	Village	\$49,255,000.00
2006	Village	\$48,305,000.00

### **Correspondence –**

- Mitigation Plan meeting next week that Supervisor Lehning will be attending
- Parks and Trails of New York meeting in Lockport on May 16<sup>th</sup>
- Annual drinking water quality report for 2005 from Albion
- Audit of the Retirement Reporting Practices has been completed and closed
- Open house tomorrow at the Child Development Center on Maziarz Drive from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- County Planning Board Public Meeting at the Albion High school on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Ethanol Plant
- Request from the Oak Orchard Business Association for a donation for their first annual fishing derby which the Town cannot do.

**Old Business** – Discussion regarding the current situation with rising gas prices and raising the mileage that the Town is paying. We have not changed the mileage rate for 4 or 5 years.

MOTION by Christ, SECOND by Bower to increase the mileage rate for the Town of Murray from 30¢ to 40¢ per mile, retroactive May 1<sup>st</sup> 2006. CARRIED

Councilman Morriss informed the Board that the Newsletter has been completed. It took Karen and Cindy a lot of time to make the copies and staple them. The Pennysaver gave Karen a price of 6 ½ ¢ per two-sided copy to have the copies done there. It might be more feasible to have the Pennysaver do the copies next time.

Ed Morgan wanted to make sure the Board didn't have a problem with the Town helping the Holley Soccer Club make some improvements to the soccer fields. Ed said it is just some minor improvements with some low areas and maybe grating the walkway to the fields.

**New Business** - Discussion regarding a review and update of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. This would begin with a citizens committee of 6-8 people, not just our own Planning Board, so there is a broad spectrum input from around the community. This committee could review what we've got and make suggestions for changes they think need to be made. Once that is complete, we need to think about possibly working with Clarendon and Kendall so our Comprehensive Plans work in conjunction with each other. Paul Hendel has agreed to chair this committee.

MOTION by Bower, SECOND by Morriss that the Town proceed with an update of the Town's Comprehensive Plan, forming a citizen's committee with Paul Hendel as Chairman CARRIED

Brief discussion of possibly starting the regular board meetings at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m.

**Town Attorney** – The Wind Energy Moratorium Local Law was filed with the Dept. of State on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We have six months from that date to get our Local Law regulated. There have been overtures within county from different wind energy companies so it was good timing to get something in place. Jeff will be working on getting a Local Law in place before the 6 month moratorium expires.

Discussion of a Local Law that would partially exempt property from taxation for people who are on disability and on a limited income. Jeff handed out a proposed Local Law. Income limits could start as low as \$3,000.00 and phase out as income goes up. This could work the same way as the senior citizen exemption. The senior citizen exemption phases out at \$18,200.00. Jeff explained how this would work, if the Board was to agree to this. There are very limited people within the Town who would be eligible for it. The person would have to be on disability and be on a limited income. There would have to be a Certificate of Disability. The Board can make changes in the income levels if they chose to. If the Local Law is adopted, it wouldn't take effect on town taxes until January 2008, so there is time to make changes.

MOTION by Christ, SECOND by Wagner introducing Town of Murray Local Law No. 2 of 2006, *A Local Law Providing a partial Exemption From Real Property Taxes to Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes Under Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law* CARRIED -Resolution on file in Town Clerk's office

Jeff will have a petition prepared for the next meeting for Water District No. 13, so some residents from the area of the proposed water district can get the petition circulated and signed. This will eliminate the referendum after the board adopts a resolution establishing the water district.

Barbara Ludington of Transit Road asked if Transit Road between Route 31 and the canal was included in any water districts. At this time, it is not. Discussion held regarding water line in that area. The cost factor of 1 or 2 parcels within ½ mile would be prohibitive. Ed Morgan stated that the prices for materials have skyrocketed in the last 2 years.

**Town Clerk** – Reported that receipts for the month of April were \$605.34 and the General Fund received \$415.68.

Department of Agriculture and Markets do not have any dog enumeration forms for towns. They do have a dog enumeration ‘tip sheet’ that they said they would send us. Cindy has forms that the Town of Kendall used for their 2003 dog enumeration that she will hold onto until we receive the tip sheet from Ag. & Markets. We can then decide how we will proceed with the Town’s dog enumeration.

There will be a meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. regarding the Town website. Mike Zona will be present to explain the process and information he will need from all departments and to get feedback as to what information we would like on the webpage. Anyone who can attend please do so.

The high school art students who are participating in the Town logo contest have until mid-May to complete their logo designs. Hopefully we will have them by the June meeting.

Cindy informed the Board that she passed her Notary exam. She has to wait for the Dept. of State to send her registration number. She will then have to file with the County Clerk’s office.

**Highway/Water Superintendent** – Ed Morgan informed the Board that the trip to Albany was successful as the CHIPS that the Town will receive this year is about \$5,000.00 more than last year.

The cemetery fence is assembled; Councilman Wagner has already primed it. The final coat will be put on at the cemetery.

Regarding Carton Rd/Hindsburg Rd. area water; Ed reviewed everything with Frank. Frank has not gotten back to him with preliminary costs.

MOTION by Morriss, SECOND by Wagner authorizing the sale of the old truck at auction in Palmyra, as it is no longer needed for town purposes. CARRIED

Ed has a phone call in to Dave Lang at the state to find out if a permit is needed for the cemetery fence. He hasn’t gotten back to Ed yet.

Discussion of old computers, monitors, and keyboards that are being stored upstairs and are not worth anything. Nick Quaranto mentioned that he just donated his hold computer to Nativity BVM School in Brockport. He will find out if they’d like them.

MOTION by Christ, SECOND by Wagner that old computer equipment no longer in use and no longer needed for Town purposes be declared surplus CARRIED

MOTION by Bower, SECOND by Morriss giving Ed Morgan discretion to dispose of obsolete old plows, wings and tagalong trailer not needed for town purposes in a manner he sees fit. CARRIED

MOTION by Christ, SECOND by Morriss approving the Supervisor’s Financial Report and that the following bills be approved and paid as follows: CARRIED

Highway Fund	Claims 155-174	Total	\$9,201.73
General fund	Claims 150-180	Total	\$9,753.73
Water District No. 1	Claims 20-24	Total	\$ 479.02
Water District No. 2	Claims 26-29	Total	\$ 154.94
Water District No. 3	Claims 24-28	Total	\$ 394.25
Water District No. 4	Claims 15-17	Total	\$ 32.01
Water District No. 5	Claims 15-19	Total	\$ 176.20
Water District No. 6	Claims 22-27	Total	\$ 702.91
Water District No. 7	Claims 15-17	Total	\$ 88.02
Water District No. 8	Claims 14-16	Total	\$ 56.32
Water District No. 9	Claims 13-16	Total	\$ 276.01
Water District No.10	Claims 23-28	Total	\$ 324.86
Water District No.11	Claims 28-32	Total	\$1,204.90

MOTION by Wagner, SECOND by Christ that meeting is adjourned until June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

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Cynthia Oliver