

Town of Murray Public Hearing

November 6, 2008

Present: Supervisor Henry Lehning, Councilmen Hank Wagner, Lloyd Christ and John Morriss, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Ed Morgan, Richard Downey, Chad Fabry

A legal notice was placed in the Batavia Daily newspaper announcing the Public Hearing to review the Town of Murray preliminary budget for 2009.

Public Hearing opened at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Lehning.

Supervisor and Councilmen reviewed and discussed each item on the preliminary budget. Tax rate outside the village is \$3.909 (increase of 1.7%), inside is 2.3197 (decrease of 4.5%).

Public Hearing closed at 7:09 p.m.

Town of Murray Board Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2008

Present: Supervisor Henry Lehning, Councilmen Hank Wagner, Lloyd Christ, Ed Bower and John Morriss, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Assessor Lynn Wood, Nick Quaranto, Joseph Sidonio, Richard Downey, Chad Fabry, John Stanton, Bill Fahey

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Wagner, Seconded by Christ accepting the minutes from the October 2008 Board meeting as submitted Motion Carried

Assessor

Lynn reported on office activities. Discussion regarding three exemptions approved by the County; Cold War Vets from 1946 – 1985 are eligible for an exemption, Historical Rehabilitation Exemption for historical buildings, and remodeling on an existing structure. If qualified for any of these exemptions it would have to be filed before March 2009 as taxable status day is March 1st. Supervisor Lehning asked for Lynn to get the full details of each of these exemptions so the board can look over each one.

Supervisor

Supervisor attended a Community Renewal Seminar in Buffalo on October 15th. Regarding the report of how the Town of Murray scored on our grant bid that was turned down; we came in quite low. The Town may have done better if the district was limited to Carton Road alone. They do not like a water district that is not contiguous. The next step will be to look at what the cost would be to completely finish the Town, compare the costs and go from there.

We received final approval to go ahead with water district no. 13 extension. Supervisor should receive the letter of conditions tomorrow and the extension should be completed within a couple weeks.

Bill Fahey of 2671 Center Road discussed the ongoing problem he has had with Old Mill Road. In 2004 a group of property owners asked the Board to do something with the road; either close it off or let the property owners purchase the land so they could keep it closed off. There have been many incidents of people hunting and target practicing on their land. Attempts to block it off have failed as trespassers will go around it and onto their properties. Mr. Fahey has spoken to Highway Supt., Ed Morgan regarding this problem. He said he would be willing to help them but he cannot do this without Town Board approval.

George Karpenko, David Paul and Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Ron Vendetti entered meeting.

Discussion of possible solutions such as closing the road seasonally or year round. As our attorney is not present, the Board would like to present this information to him, see what the Town can do to help and get back to Mr. Fahey.

Code Enforcement

Ron completed 16 hours of training. Ron mentioned the Batavia Daily News article and that he is no longer fired from his job in the Village of Albion. Ron is still dealing with CDL Manufacturing's roof situation. They are now on their third engineer. The owners were unaware of the requirements and were led down a bad path. Owner of the tagged mobile home in the Countyline Mobile Home Park will have to remove the addition that was added before they can occupy the mobile home.

Correspondence

- Reply to Mayor of Lyndonville from Orleans County Legislature regarding his request that towns and villages share of the county sales tax revenue be raised. Chairman Henry Smith informed

him that the net effect of doing this would not change the amount the taxpayers will have to pay. The taxpayers that would save money on their town and village tax bills would only have to make up for it on their county tax bills.

- Letter from Comptroller stating NYS Pension Fund is secure.

Old Business

A public hearing was held on November 6th to review the preliminary budget. Brief discussion regarding the 2009 budget.

Motion by Wagner, Seconded by Morriss to approve the Town of Murray 2009 budget as presented. Motion Carried

New Business

Discussion of submitting application for a grant to secure funds to complete a study for developing contractual services between the Town of Murray and the Village of Holley municipal highway departments or for the consolidation of these departments. The Town of Murray as co-applicant will support the Village of Holley as lead applicant in preparation and administration matters pertaining to this application. The maximum amount of funds applied for through this program is \$25,000. The Town of Murray will contribute the required 10% cash match should an award be made.

Motion by Morriss, Seconded by Bower that the Town of Murray as co-applicant, apply for a New York State Local Government Efficiency Grant with the Village of Holley being the lead applicant.

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

Brief discussion regarding Election Inspector hourly pay. Motion by Christ, Seconded by Wagner that Town of Murray Election Inspector pay be raised to \$9.15 per hour. Motion Carried

Town Clerk

Cindy Oliver reported October receipts totaling \$1,107.24, with \$388.70 in revenues for the general fund. Cindy informed the Board that her office will be spending \$1,395 in postage costs in order to complete the dog census.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Wagner accepting the Supervisor's financial report and that the following bills be approved and paid:

General Fund	Claims 384-444	Total \$20,154.14
Highway Fund	Claims 253-263	Total \$10,821.61
Water District No. 1	Claims 41-43	Total \$ 774.61
Water District No. 2	Claims 58-62	Total \$ 1,955.08

Water District No. 3	Claims 57-60	Total \$	3,529.19
Water District No. 4	Claims 32-33	Total \$	166.73
Water District No. 5	Claims 33-34	Total \$	111.15
Water District No. 6	Claims 68-73	Total \$	6,776.88
Water District No. 7	Claims 32-33	Total \$	611.34
Water District No. 8	Claims 33-34	Total \$	389.04
Water District No. 9	Claims 32-33	Total \$	111.15
Water District No. 10	Claims 60-63	Total \$	484.46
Water District No. 11	Claims 85-92	Total \$	735.39
Water District No. 12	Claims 35-36	Total \$	166.73
Water District No. 13	Claims 37-38	Total \$	166.73

David Paul stated he would like approval to build a 71'x100' barn next to the existing barn on his property. Ron said he would advise him of what steps need to be taken.

Motion by Wagner, Seconded by Christ to adjourn the meeting.
So adjourned.

The next Town Board Meeting will be December 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver