

Public Hearing

Present: Supervisor John Morriss, Councilpersons Kathy Case, Lloyd Christ, Ed Bower and Paul Hendel, Attorney Jeff Martin, Legislator Kenneth Rush, Assessor Lynn Wood, Nick Quaranto, Doug Piedimonte, James Clark, Joe Sidonio, Richard Downey, Tom Donovan, Tommy Donovan, Ryan Johnstone, Barbara Kerns

Pledge to the flag.

Public Hearing – *Town of Murray Local Law No. 1 of 2011 – A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Established in General Municipal Law 3-a*

This Local Law authorizes the Town Board, if necessary, to adopt a budget that would provide for a tax levy increase above 2%. Presently, our 2012 budget is under the 2% cap but this law is being adopted as a precaution. Most towns across the state are doing the same. This Local Law was made available from the Controller's website.

After answering a few public questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Town Board Meeting

November 8, 2011

Present: Supervisor John Morriss, Councilpersons Kathy Case, Lloyd Christ, Ed Bower and Paul Hendel, Attorney Jeff Martin, Legislator Kenneth Rush, Assessor Lynn Wood, Nick Quaranto, Doug Piedimonte, James Clark, Joe Sidonio, Richard Downey, Tom Donovan, Tommy Donovan, Ryan Johnstone, Barbara Kerns, George Karpenko, Linda Karpenko

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ that the minutes of the October 11th regular board meeting and the October 29th work meeting be approved as submitted Motion Carried

Legislator Kenneth Rush spoke briefly about county activity.

Assessor Lynn Wood reported that many residents are verifying all is complete with their exemptions before heading south for the winter. Renewal applications for the non-profits are ready to be mailed.

Old Business

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ that Town of Murray Local Law No. 1 of 2011, *A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c* be adopted in the same form as introduced

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

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| Ayes | 5 | Morriss, Bower, Case, Christ, Hendel |
| Nays | 0 | |
| Absent | 0 | |

Resolution was thereupon adopted

Jeff will file this with the NYS Secretary of State.

The building addition should be enclosed and roofed by Thanksgiving. National Grid will have the new electric service installed within the next two weeks. When Able Electric installs the new panel box inside the utility room to accommodate the extra service required for the addition, there will be a day with no power to the whole building. When this is done, the old generator will have to be removed. The Board should consider purchasing a new outside generator as soon as possible as the old one is not an outside unit doesn't run well and was used when we bought it. With winter coming we don't want to be without one.

The public hearing on the 2012 budget is scheduled for November 10th at 6:00 p.m., followed by a brief board meeting.

New Business

Discussion of proposed local law #2 of 2011. This will amend local law No. 4 of 2006 *Providing for Cash Payments in Lieu of Health Insurance Coverage to Eligible Employees of the Town of Murray*. This local law will cap the Town's contribution at the 2011 rates for current employees and new employees will be capped set at \$1,000 for a single plan, \$2,000 for a 2-person plan and \$3,000 for a family plan. Motion by Christ, Seconded by Case introducing Local Law No. 2 of 2011, *A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 4 of 2006, Providing for Cash Payments in Lieu of Health Insurance Coverage to eligible Employees of the Town of Murray*. Motion Carried
A public Hearing will be held on November 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the adoption of this proposed local law.

Attorney Jeff Martin informed Mr. Clark that he hasn't forgotten about his issue with his neighbor regarding the burning wood stove. Jeff will meet with Ron to discuss this further. Mr. Clark stated that DEC has come out and reviewed the situation a few times and DEC informed him it was up to the Town to make a decision.

David Paul entered the meeting.

Town Clerk Cindy Oliver reported October receipts of \$1,945.60 with \$1,295.64 going into the General Fund. We received notice from the State Dept. of Transportation that they have completed their investigation of conditions of Fancher Road relative to the establishment of a lower speed limit. They determined that a reduction of the speed limit not warranted at this time. Cindy sent Dean Newman a letter informing him of the State D.O.T. findings and that the Town would contact the County Highway Dept. to ask that a couple extra speed limit signs be placed on Fancher Road in the area of his home.

Highway and Water Superintendent Ed Morgan submitted a written report. National Grid will have the new electric service installed within the next two weeks, which means no power to the whole building on the day they do this. Brief discussion regarding the heating/cooling for the addition. As of this evening, \$51,861.88 has been spent on the addition. The estimate for electric service and complete wiring for the addition is around \$30,000.

Barbara Kerns from the Holley Community Free Library spoke and asked the Board to reconsider their decision not contributing to the library's budget as has been done in the past. Anything the Town can do would be appreciated.

Brief discussion regarding the proposed water district/improvement area. The project is still in the preliminary stages. The Town needs to know the grant award amount before we can project cost figures. This project would not be able to be funded until 2013 at the earliest. Jeff Martin said it may be difficult to stay under the cost threshold with the changes Rural Development has made regarding what constitutes a parcel.

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

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| General Fund | Claims 347-385 | \$47,474.54 |
| Highway Fund | Claims 233-244 | \$5,283.62 |
| Water District No. 1 | Claims 28-29 | \$172.23 |
| Water District No. 2 | Claims 49-53 | \$427.81 |
| Water District No. 3 | Claims 41-44 | \$1,463.52 |
| Water District No. 4 | Claim 19 | \$6.86 |
| Water District No. 5 | Claim 18 | \$4.57 |
| Water District No. 6 | Claims 55-57 | \$4,263.28 |
| Water District No. 7 | Claim 21 | \$25.15 |
| Water District No. 8 | Claims 19-20 | \$51.75 |

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| Water District No. 9 | Claim 12 | \$4.57 |
| Water District No. 10 | Claims 41-44 | \$202.17 |
| Water District No. 11 | Claims 79-83 | \$1,099.82 |
| Water District No. 12 | Claim 19 | \$6.86 |
| Water District No. 13 | Claim 20 | \$6.86 |
| Water District No. 14 | Claim 4 | \$260.37 |
| Water District No. 15 | NONE | |
| Water District No. 20 | NONE | |

Meeting recessed until November 16th at 6:30 p.m. at which time the budget will be voted on.

Meeting recessed at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
