

Murray Town Board Budget Workshop

October 18, 2021

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Dirk Lammes

Work meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Items on the 2022 tentative budget were discussed.

Town Board went over salaries and how much raises for employees would affect the budget.

Discussion of increasing the machinery/equipment line as a new backhoe is needed.

Work meeting to finalize changes will be held on October 28th at 12:00 p.m. Cindy will publish a legal notice of the meeting.

Murray Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Dirk Lammes, Lynn Wood, Art Knab, Sandy Shaw, Earl Skellen, Tony Manno, Louise Passarell, Dave Knapp, Scott Underwood

Town Board meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Moment of silence.

Pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Mele approving the minutes of the September 20th board meeting as submitted Motion Carried

TOWN CLERK

Receipts for September totaled \$3,772.00 with \$1,328.88 going into the general fund.

Cindy received notice from NYS DOT regarding their review of Gulf Road relative to a lower speed limit. They have determined that a lower speed limit is not warranted at this time.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Lynn Wood stated that it is a very slow time in the Assessor's office. In January, it will pick up. He is just keeping up with daily tasks.

HIGHWAY AND WATER

Dirk Lammes reported that the water department has been repairing leaks and continues to look for leaks.

The highway department has been busy with roadside mowing and are getting prepared for the snow.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Written report for October 7 through present:

- BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED: 1
- COUNTY PLANNING BOARD REFERRALS: 1
- *(E & E Property Services – CPB approved w/ conditions)
- INSPECTIONS COMPLETED: 7
- CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE ISSUED: 2

*E & E Property – The Zoning Officer determined that this application does not need a special use permit and retracted the application. A refund will be given to the applicant.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Legislature asking the Town to submit a letter to the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission indicating our desire to remain in the 62nd Senate District with Niagara County.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Counties of Orleans and Niagara are the heart of the 62nd New York State Senate district; and

WHEREAS, one of the precepts of redistricting at any level of government is to preserve communities of common interest. We believe the demographics, economies and shared priorities of Orleans and Niagara counties are the very definition of shared common interest; and

WHEREAS, Orleans and Niagara counties have a strong history of collaboration and cooperation through NORA (Niagara Orleans Regional Alliance) and our joint priorities have been aided by having shared representation in the New York State Senate; and now be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray, Orleans County authorize Supervisor Joseph Sidonio to submit a letter to the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission indicating our desire to remain in the 62nd Senate District with Niagara County.

After being put to a vote, the following voted in favor of adoption of the resolution: Councilmen Bower, Hendel, Mele, and Supervisor Sidonio.

The following voted against adoption of the resolution: none

The following were absent from the vote: Councilman Christ

The resolution was thereupon adopted.

Big Guys Campground has applied for sales and mortgage tax abatement. Councilman Hendel, member of the Orleans County Economic Development Agency informed all that the EDA did approve resolutions for sales and mortgage tax abatement. He said it will affect the Town slightly but it will be overcome by the assessment on that property. New York state gives very little for people opening up businesses in our state. The EDA will do whatever they can do to help bring businesses to our area. That campground will also generate business for our other local businesses.

Brief discussion regarding our animal control agreement with the County Sheriff’s office. Although this agreement has been in affect since January 1, 2018, the Sheriff’s office needs a signed Memorandum of Agreement on file. Sheriff Bourke is asking for signatures from Supervisors from each town.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Representatives to the various Town of Murray departments are as follows:

- Assessor’s Office Hendel and Bower
- Historical Society Christ and Mele
- Highway and Water Hendel and Sidonio
- Justice Court Christ and Mele
- Planning/Zoning Christ and Mele
- Town Clerk’s Office Hendel and Sidonio
- Youth Commission Hendel and Bower

Changes can be made at the organizational meeting if anyone desires.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding modifying the Planning and Zoning Board training requirements. Councilman Hendel stated that there are multiple different training opportunities that board members can take part in every year. He does not see how passing a resolution stating that four hours training per year is not needed is in the best interest of the town. Supervisor Sidonio stated that this modification was requested by the Chairmen of the Planning and Zoning Boards. Councilman Christ and Mele are representatives to Planning and Zoning. They will ask for an explanation regarding this request.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$3,817.70 for audio and visual implementation for the Town’s court room/meeting room as detailed on C&H PC’s estimate #1356-2.

Upon being put to a vote, the following voted in favor of adoption of the resolution:
Councilmen Randall Bower, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Supervisor Joseph Sidonio.

The following voted against adoption of the resolution: none

The following were absent from the vote: Councilman Christ

The resolution was thereupon adopted.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Mele to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby authorizes Supervisor Joseph Sidonio to sign the proposal from Municipal Solutions, Inc. dated August 30, 2021 for general financial services, subject to attorney approval.

Upon being put to a vote, the following voted in favor of adoption of the resolution: Councilmen Randall Bower, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Supervisor Joseph Sidonio.

The following voted against adoption of the resolution: none

The following were absent from the vote, Councilman Christ.

The resolution was thereupon adopted.

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Bower to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray will hereby engage Sheridan Benefits for Health Care Brokerage Services for the Town of Murray.

Upon being put to a vote, the following voted in favor of adoption of the resolution: Councilmen Randall Bower, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Supervisor Joseph Sidonio.

The following voted against adoption of the resolution: none

The following were absent from the vote: Councilman Christ.

The resolution was thereupon adopted.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Mele to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby authorizes Supervisor Joseph Sidonio to sign the Memorandum of Agreement for Animal Control Services and forward the signed Memorandum of Agreement to the Orleans County Sheriff's office.

Upon being put to a vote, the following voted in favor of adoption of the resolution: Councilmen Randall Bower, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Supervisor Joseph Sidonio.

The following voted against adoption of the resolution: none

The following was absent from the vote: Councilman Christ

The resolution was thereupon adopted.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Mele to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby appoints David Knapp as the Town of Murray Representative to the Orleans County Planning Board to a term ending December 31, 2022.

Upon being put to a vote, the following voted in favor of adoption of the resolution: Councilmen Randall Bower, Paul Hendel, and Michael Mele, Supervisor Joseph Sidonio.

The following voted against adoption of the resolution: none

The following were absent from the vote: Councilman Christ

The resolution was thereupon adopted.

A letter of recommendation will be sent to the Orleans County Legislature.

OLD BUSINESS

A meeting for the Town Board to meet with employees regarding health care is scheduled for October 28th at noon.

Town Board has decided against amending our local law from 1997 requiring telecommunication contractors to post \$150,000 decommissioning bond.

Councilman Hendel would like Legislator Ken DeRoller to be invited to our November meeting to give us highlights of the housing needs study that was conducted by LaBella. All in agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Shaw of the Free Community Library informed all that they are applying for a grant for streaming meetings. This will allow the four county libraries to participate in all meetings.

Art Knab asked when residents will have the ability to pay their water bills online. Once the Water Superintendent decides on a water billing program, this can be implemented.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Mele approving the Supervisor’s financial report and that the following bills be paid: Motion Carried

General Fund	\$1,1961.00
Highway Fund	\$16,831.63
Water District No. 1	\$152.00
Water District No. 2	\$2,578.54
Water District No. 3	\$1,112.40
Water District No. 4	\$321.71
Water District No. 5	\$227.27
Water District No. 6	\$4,162.01
Water District No. 7	\$1,881.68

Water District No. 8	\$748.87
Water District No. 9	\$514.84
Water District No. 10	\$648.01
Water District No. 11	\$3,000.15
Water District No. 12	\$410.78
Water District No. 13	\$567.08
Water District No. 14	\$39.76
Water District No. 15	\$821.16
Water District No. 16	\$6,034.33
Water District No. 20	\$677.92
Water Districts (supplies – need breakdown)	\$42.96

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower that the board enters into executive session at 7:38 p.m. inviting counsel and Dirk Lammes to discuss a personnel matter Motion Carried

Motion by Sidonio, Seconded by Hendel that the board returns to regular session at 8:10 p.m. with no action taken Motion Carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver