

Town of Murray Board Meeting

April 18, 2022

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Dirk Lammes, Lynn Wood, John Morriss, County Legislator John Fitzak, Mark Taylor, Jim Johnson, Louise Passarell, Gail Christ, Alma Gilman, Brian Fauci, Felisha Lutes, E. Passarell, Danielle Oliver, James Zingler, David Piedmonte, Donna Smith, Roy Kenyon, Elaine Berg, William Moroz, Tony Manno, David Leach, Chris Caufield, Kerri Neale, Krista Wiley, Valerie Mauro, Kellie Gregoire, Amy Machamer, Anthony Peone, David Paul.

Moment of silence.

Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ, demanding the immediate resignation of the Town of Murray's Supervisor Joseph Sidonio. The reasons for this motion are as follows:

1. Mr. Sidonio has consistently fostered a working atmosphere of ridicule and intimidation with the elected and non-elected individuals working for the Town.
2. Mr. Sidonio has consistently used vulgar and inappropriate language to identify and describe both elected and non-elected individuals working for the Town. For example: In recorded messages that have been obtained by the Town Board, he refers to our town Clerk as a "F---ing C---"; and our court clerk as "a clone of Ron Vendetti and a F---ing C---"! Mr. Sidonio said the full words, Mr. Hendel would not.
3. Mr. Sidonio has consistently manipulated facts, information and individuals to ensure that he would achieve what is in his best interest with little or no regard to the truth. Direct evidence of this behavior is again revealed in audio recordings.
4. Mr. Sidonio has multiple accusations of harassment to both elected and non-elected individuals since his tenure began as supervisor.
5. Mr. Sidonio has consistently violated the confidentiality of Town Board executive sessions by revealing the contents of those discussions with town residents outside of executive sessions. Again, in recorded messages he is revealing specific personal matters; results of personal interviews; and other such matters that must be kept as confidential executive session discussions.
6. Mr. Sidonio has used the most vile words often used to slander and degrade persons of color when describing work tasks. Again, he is recorded using the "N" word in statements such as: "I'm not going to be doing your N----- work"! Mr. Sidonio said the full word, Mr. Hendel would not.

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Elected officials should exhibit behaviors that are held to a higher standard than others. Mr. Sidonio's behaviors demonstrate a total lack of leadership, lack of morals and lack of ethics, and when taken together prohibits his ability to continue to lead this Town in an effective manner focused on the best interests of the residents of the Town.

Mr. Hendel added on a personal note, my son in law and grandson are African American. You disrespect them and every person of color when you use racial terminology to describe people of color. I find that abhorrent and disgusting.

After being put to a vote, Councilmen Bower, Christ and Hendel voted in favor of the resolution.

Councilman Mele abstained from the vote in light of the comments he has heard that he wants Mr. Sidonio out since he is Deputy Supervisor and would become Supervisor if Mr. Sidonio resigned.

Resolution was thereupon adopted.

Supervisor Sidonio stated that the motion would carry, however as you are well aware that you can ask for that resignation but it's non-binding. There are proceedings for removing an elected official from office and the Town Board, by law cannot initiate those proceedings. So, the resolution is kind of a moot resolution but it is on the record.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Hendel to approve the following bills for payment:

General Fund	\$20,892.14
Highway Fund	\$16,127.13
Street Lights	\$768.94
Water District No. 1	\$584.60
Water District No. 2	\$3,523.72
Water District No. 3	\$1,621.80
Water District No. 4	\$426.30
Water District No. 5	\$280.48
Water District No. 6	\$3,036.65
Water District No. 7	\$2,300.41
Water District No. 8	\$1,072.15
Water District No. 9	\$593.35
Water District No. 10	\$762.14
Water District No. 11	\$4,085.70
Water District No. 12	\$463.37
Water District No. 13	\$797.30
Water District No. 14	\$345.00
Water District No. 15	\$1,165.32
Water District No. 16	\$738.09

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Supervisor Sidonio asked if Councilman Bower wanted to avoid Mr. Scarborough's water line comments since he is on the agenda and we owe it to him to let him speak. Councilman Bower will speak to him privately about it.

Councilman Hendel stated that there is a motion on the floor. Supervisor Sidonio said Councilman Hendel is a bit out of order. Councilman Bower agreed that there is a motion on the floor. Councilman Hendel said he is a board member and can make a motion when he wishes.

Supervisor Sidonio stated there is no Supervisor's financial report this month due to sickness of our bookkeeper.

Motion to pay the bills was carried

Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Bower to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver