

Murray Town Board Work Meeting

February 2, 2022

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

Absent: Councilman Lloyd Christ

Work meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Moment of silence and pledge of allegiance.

The phone system and internet upgrade proposal from C&H PC were discussed. The Town could stay as we are with the phone system and just upgrade our internet, or we could do both. Our spectrum bill will be reduced once we get rid of the extra lines that we are being charged for. All in agreement to move forward at this point with both upgrades.

Not all board members are in receipt of the 2020 audit report. It will be discussed once all have had a chance to review it.

Water agreements, increased water costs and water rates were discussed. The water agreement with the Town of Kendall needs to be renegotiated. The agreements with the Village of Holley and Town of Albion need to be reviewed also. Discussion about water rates for RV Parks. All in agreement that rates need to be raised and contracts renegotiated but will wait for a status update from our attorney.

All in agreement that water rates can be raised once the AUD is completed and we see where we stand regarding water.

Water Superintendent Lammes briefed all on the status of the new water software. Both Dirk and Diversified representatives think it will be in the best interest to have Louise Passarell on board while we transition from Williamson software to Diversified. She understands the old water software and can help while we run both programs together for this billing period. Dirk has spoken to Louise and she has agreed to help the Town through this transition.

Brief discussion regarding agreements to donate funds to local organizations. There should be agreements in place for the Historical Society, American Legion, etc., similar to the Joint Youth Commission. Our attorney will draft agreements.

Discussion regarding keys to town hall and town offices. Supervisor Sidonio thinks there should be a locked box with keys to the town hall and all offices as a back-up in case of an emergency. He stated he is not trying to get keys for access to offices. Councilman Hendel stated that only the department heads and their employees should have keys to their offices. Councilman Mele asked why this is being done and that Supervisor Sidonio was going through the keys that Dirk had in his desk when Dirk was not in his office. Supervisor Sidonio said he did not take any keys from

the drawer. Councilman Mele stated that Highway Superintendent Lammes saw the keys he had taken sitting on the Supervisor’s desk and he informed all of New York Town Law, Section 64.c - Powers of the Town Board: Management, custody and control of town property. Supervisor Sidonio asked Councilman Mele if he would like to be in charge of the keys. Councilman Mele agreed that he will be in charge of extra keys to the building, changing locks on office doors if needed and securing the records area.

Brief discussion about incentive zoning. Councilman Hendel stated he is not totally comfortable with the idea. More discussion and research needed.

Moratoriums, renewable energy laws and pilot payment local law were briefly discussed. Attorney Paul Keneally will get some drafts to the board.

There are vacancies on the planning and zoning boards. All in agreement that the Orleans Hub can be used an extra means of advertising.

Brief discussion of having an attorney present at all planning and zoning board meetings.

There is a vacancy on the Agricultural Advisory Committee. The Law is specific on membership. All in agreement to appoint Mylynda Kuba to this committee at the next board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-012

At a work meeting of the Murray Town Board held on February 2, 2022, Councilman Paul Hendel moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Michael Mele seconded the motion:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Murray hereby retains Louise Passarell to work in the water department during data transfer from Williamson software to Diversified software effective immediately; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that she will be compensated \$25.00 per hour for her services.

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

Ayes	4	Bower, Hendel, Mele, Sidonio
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Christ

The resolution was thereupon adopted.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Mele to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Motion Carried

So adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Oliver