

**Murray Town Board Work Meeting**

May 3, 2023

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Lloyd Christ, Michael Mele and Gerald Rightmyer, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Dirk Lammes, Water Billing Clerk Alexis Penna, Code Enf./Planning/Zoning Clerk Diane Herzog, Barbara Johnston, Planning Board Chairperson Dorothy Morgan, Planning Board members Elaine Berg, Dave Knapp and Scott Lang, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson Eric Collyer, Zoning Board of Appeals member David Leach, Amy Machamer

Supervisor Sidonio informed all that this is a work meeting so there will be no public comment.

Barbara Johnston led all through a discussion regarding the zoning revisions and events leading to the present. The Town Board never adopted the zoning local law, which leaves the previous zoning in place.

Items discussed

- confusion that there are areas on the zoning map that are not mentioned in the zoning local law.
- commercial districts and boundaries and focus on hamlets
- setbacks on state roads
- how setbacks are measured
- section 515 ‘ Farm Animals’

Our Farmland Protection plan needs to be reviewed by the county board but they only meet once a year in July.

Discussion of our meeting agendas and moving public comment to the beginning of agenda and comments are limited to items that are on the agenda. If a resident calls to be put on the agenda regarding a specific topic, there will still be privilege of the floor.

If possible, draft resolutions will be given to the board prior to the meeting.

Water Billing Clerk Alexis Penna spoke of raising the rates for farmers from \$4.50/thousand to \$5/thousand gallons and raising the meter charge from \$30/month to \$50/month. These changes will be added to the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

A public hearing on the solar law will be held next meeting.

Brief discussion regarding the best advertisement method for open positions.

Councilman Mele stated that all Planning Board members and Zoning Board of Appeals members must complete yearly training and must submit proof of such. Members need to also attend meetings on a regular basis. We have Zoning Board of Appeal members that have either never attended a meeting and/or have never given proof of any training, including the Chairperson.

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When individuals are appointed, they are informed of the training and attendance requirements and some are not fulfilling their duties.

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Bower to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver