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Town of Murray Public Hearing

November 9, 2022

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Lloyd Christ and Michael Mele, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Dirk Lammes, Donna Smith, David Piedmonte, David Paul

Moment of silence.

Pledge to the flag.

Public Hearing – *2023 Preliminary Budget*

Supervisor Sidonio read aloud the public notice that was published in the Batavia Daily Newspaper on November 4th.

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Christ to open the public hearing Motion Carried

Ronald Vendetti of 3486 Hindsburg Road asked that the board not act on the 2023 budget as it was not made available on the Town’s website. Although the public notice stated copies would be made available at the Town Clerk’s office, it still should have been on the website for all to see. Cindy informed all that the Supervisor never supplied her with an electronic copy of the preliminary budget.

David Paul of 3823 County Line Road said he is opposed to the water bond he is being charged in 2023 since the property has not been hooked up to water yet. It is installed, but not hooked up. It was explained that if a property has access to public water, whether hooked up or not, you are charged a bond repayment unit.

Ron Vendetti asked if the estimate for 2022 attorney fees is \$51,140 why is the preliminary budget for 2023 amount only \$20,000?

Supervisor Sidonio stated that the Town will not be spending \$50,000 as the budget estimates. What has been spent on attorney fees is not 100% accurate and he is working with the attorney regarding his billing.

Ron said that the latest monthly report shows 128% of the attorney fees used and the board should get a handle on it.

No other comments from those present.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele to close that public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Work Meeting of the Murray Town Board

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christ to open the work meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2022-044

At a work meeting of the Murray Town Board held on November 9, 2022, Councilman Michael Mele moved the adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Randall Bower seconded the motion:

“RESOLVED, that the proposed Town of Murray Local Law No. 1 of 2022 entitled “*A Local Law Increasing the Maximum Income Eligibility Level for the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption Under Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law*” be and of the same hereby is introduced, and a public hearing shall be held on November 21, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. to consider the adoption of such local law; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Cynthia Oliver, Town Clerk of the Town of Murray, shall attend to publishing a legal notice in *The Batavia Daily News* at least five (5) days in advance of such public hearing.”

Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was thereupon adopted.

RESOLUTION 2022-045

At a work meeting of the Murray Town Board held on November 9, 2022, Councilman Lloyd Christ moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Randall Bower seconded the motion:

“RESOLVED, that the proposed Town of Murray Local Law No. 2 of 2022 entitled “*A Local Law Increasing the Income Eligibility Level for a Partial Exemption from Real Property Taxes to Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes Under Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law*” be and of the same hereby is introduced, and a public hearing shall be held on November 21, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. to consider the adoption of such local law; and

RESOLVED, that Cynthia Oliver, Town Clerk of the Town of Murray, shall attend to publishing a legal notice in *The Batavia Daily News* at least five (5) days in advance of such public hearing.”

Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was thereupon adopted.

Other Items

Supervisor Sidonio asked the board if there is any interest in phase two of the water analysis begun by Bob Fox. Councilman Bower and Councilman Mele stated they see no need for it but said it is up to the Water Superintendent. Dirk said he sees no need to spend the money on it. He is not opposed to having a conversation with Bob to find out what his end goal is, but he is not on board with the study. Supervisor Sidonio said he will let Bob Fox know there will be no second phase.

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Brief discussion regarding ARPA funds. Councilman Bower thinks some of the funds should be earmarked for Monroe Ambulance - EMS/Ambulance Services for the years 2023 and 2024.

Water Superintendent Lammes informed all that we will have to increase rates for tap in fees because all costs are going up.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Bower to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion Carried

So adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver