

Murray Town Board Work Meeting

June 7, 2023

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Lloyd Christ, Michael Mele and Gerald Rightmyer, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Code Enforcement Officer Chad Fabry, Highway and Water Superintendent Dirk Lammes, Planning Board members Elaine Berg and Dave Knapp, Scott Underwood, Art Knab, Donna Smith, Amy Machamer, Charlie Diehl

Pledge to the flag.

No public comments tonight as it is a work meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer Chad Fabry explained the reasons for incentive zoning. It provides something beneficial to the Town that offsets any minor impact the application might have. Chad sent the proposed incentive zoning application to our attorney for review and he made a small addition to one of the chapters. It has been sent to the applicant and to the Board. The application covers all of the major requirements as prescribed by town code. The amenity has already been indirectly approved by accepting the dedication of the water line provided to the Town in exchange for the incentive zoning. Town attorneys agree that this is the best avenue.

RESOLUTION 2022-028

At a work meeting of the Murray Town Board duly held on June 7, 2023, Councilman Randall Bower moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Gerald Rightmyer seconded the motion:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby approves and accepts the Town of Murray Application Form for Incentive Zoning; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Application Form for Incentive Zoning takes effect today, June 7, 2023.

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

Charlie Diehl questioned the Board about the water connection fees regarding Lynch Road. Discussion of the payment and installation of bringing the water line up Lynch Road. Mr. Diehl thinks the fees should be taken off as he installed the water line. All are in agreement to look into this and then decide what changes are to be made regarding bond repayments. Also, the water line will officially be dedicated to the Town as we are maintaining it.

Mr. Fabry informed all what ceiling work is needed in the court/meeting room. He told Judge Spada that moving the plumbing between the drywall and drop ceiling should be part of the quote.

Brief discussion regarding PILOT payments and solar law. Chad thinks it is good to have two sets of eyes regarding solar applications. The Town Board could deal mostly with the location and the Planning Board could deal with screening, signage, etc.

Brief discussion regarding zoning ordinance amendments and if the Board wants LaBella to make the changes regarding setback on Ridge Road. Chad said it can be reverted back to what the setback originally was. Chad will get in touch with Barbara from LaBella regarding this.

Supervisor Sidonio said that it is the recommendation from the attorney that Dirk either be given a verbal warning or a letter of censure for the breach of the ethics policy regarding Sam Lammes invoice. Highway and Water Superintendent Dirk Lammes stated that he was elected to save the Town money. He did research on this matter and he has not breached any ethics policy. He saved the Town money and has documentation to show he did not break the ethics policy. He is a department head and an elected official and his voice will not be squelched during a work meeting.

Councilman Mele informed all that the Agricultural Farmland Protection Plan is in its final stages and he will have a copy to the Board before the next meeting.

Motion by Mele, Seconded by Rightmyer that the Board enter into executive session to discuss an employee matter at 8:39 p.m. Motion Carried

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Mele to return to regular session with no action taken at 8:45 p.m. Motion Carried

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver