

Town of Murray Board Work Meeting

October 16, 2023

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Michael Christopher and Gerald Rightmyer, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Dirk Lammes, Highway Clerk Alexis Penna, Amy Machamer, Stacey Keon Absent: Councilman Lloyd Christ.

Pledge to the flag.

All went through and reviewed the tentative budget and discussed possible changes.

Councilman Bower spoke to Katie Harvey, County Personnel Director and she is in agreement that if an employee has more responsibilities and handles money as part of their job, they can earn more than other employees. He thinks the Court Clerks and Deputy Town Clerk hourly rate should be increased. In reviewing the hours work in past years, the Court Clerks work hours have averaged to around 18 hours per week. If we raise their hourly rate to \$18.00 and say they work 19 hours per week, the amount needed is \$17,784. For the Deputy Town Clerk, with the same hourly rate at 22 hours per week, the amount needed is \$20,592. The amount of \$2,700 for the Assessor Assistant needs to be added. All are in agreement that these changes can be offset by increasing one or more of the revenue lines.

Mortgage tax revenue was discussed. The need for a revaluation was also discussed.

Supervisor Sidonio said he would contact our bookkeeper with the budget changes made and the changes will be implemented and sent to Cindy tomorrow morning. Once Cindy receives it she can put ads in for a budget public hearing and the tax cap local law.

Motion by Rightmyer, Seconded by Bower to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Michael Christopher and Gerald Rightmyer, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway and Water Superintendent Dirk Lammes, Highway and Water Billing Clerk Alexis Penna, Sandra Shaw, Dave Knapp, Mark Scarborough, Elaine Berg, Art Knab, Donna Smith, Amy Machamer, Tom Rivers, Stacey Keon
Absent: Councilman Lloyd Christ

Moment of Silence and pledge to the flag.

The agenda was amended to add the adoption of the 2024 preliminary budget.

Motion by Rightmyer, Seconded by Christopher approving the minutes of the September 18th meeting as submitted Motion Carried

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christopher approving the minutes of the October 4th work meeting as submitted Motion Carried

Standing Committee Reports:

Councilman Bower spoke to Chad and he will have a write up for next meeting regarding putting the meeting/court room roof project out to bid.

Town Clerk

September receipts totaled \$2,828.50 with \$1,044.09 going into the general fund.

Assessor

A revaluation will be done in 2025.

Highway and Water

All mowing and widening of ditches have been completed.

The department began attaching the plow equipment today.

There is another request a culvert replacement on Brockport Holley Road. Highway Superintendent needs to speak to the homeowner further before he brings it formally to the board.

Three hydrants that have been out of service have been repaired on Peter Smith Road. There are also two more that need repairing. A hydrant was removed on Hindsburg and Telegraph Roads. There are no parts for it but will be putting it back in once we have the parts.

Code Enforcement

Building Permits issued: 8

- 292 sq. ft. deck
- generator (3)
- wood stove (2)
- pellet stove
- detached garage

Certificates of Compliance issued: 3

- above-ground pool
- pole barn
- shed

Chad is trying to coordinate a training session for members of Planning and Zoning boards for October or November.

Chad has requested the Town Board members consider a budget line item of \$5,000 for attorney and engineering fees for the planning, zoning and code departments.

Zoning Board of Appeals

16817 Ridge Road – area variance; meeting was held on Monday, October 2nd. Area variance for a pole barn to be built closer to the side property line than our code allows. Applicant was asked to get a survey or find a record of property lines, leech field location so he is in compliance with the County Health Dept. Also requested was a notarized letter from the neighbor, documenting they have no problem with the pole barn being 10 feet away from the property line. Meeting was tabled until applicant can produce documents requested.

Planning Board

There were no agenda items for October but the planning board did hold a workshop.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-044

At a regular meeting of the Town Board held on October 16, 2023, Councilman Randall Bower moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Gerald Rightmyer seconded the motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby approves and adopts the 2024 Town of Murray Preliminary Budget with the following changes being made by increasing revenues:

- Line Item AA1410.102 increase from \$16,875 to \$20,592
- Line Item AA1110.103 decrease from \$19,858 to \$17,784
- Line Item AA1355.103 increase from \$0 to \$2,700

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

Aye:	4	Bower, Christopher, Rightmyer, Sidonio
Nay:	0	
Absent:	1	Christ

The resolution was thereupon adopted.

Supervisor Sidonio appointed Eric Collyer as Deputy Town Supervisor.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christopher scheduling a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2023 (to Override the tax Levy Limit) for November 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Carried (MOTION RESCINDED – SEE BELOW)

After discussion regarding the tax cap, proposed local law overriding the tax levy limit is not needed as the preliminary budget does not exceed the tax levy limit. MOTION RESCINDED

Motion by Rightmyer, Seconded by Christopher that a public hearing on the preliminary budget be scheduled for November 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Motion Carried

Cindy will have the legal notice published.

RESOLUTION 2023-045

At a meeting of the Murray Town Board duly held on October 16, 2023, Councilman Randall Bower moved adoption of the following resolution; Councilman Michael Christopher seconded the motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Murray hereby creates the position of Assessor Assistant Part-Time and Account Clerk Part-Time effective immediately; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Alexis Penna is appointed to both positions of Assessor Assistant Part-Time and Account Clerk Part-Time, effective immediately.

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

Ayes	4	Bower, Christopher, Rightmyer, Sidonio
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Christ

The resolution was thereupon adopted.

Old Business

Brief discussion regarding the ambulance contract. Seven towns in the county are involved and a rig will be in the center of the county; it will be in Holley for 12 hours and the overnight shift will be responding from Strong West in Brockport. The coverage has been good and Fran Gaylord agrees that we now have much better coverage/service than in the past. Supervisor Sidonio said that the Town of Murray will contribute \$52,860 and this is the one item significantly affecting the budget.

Brief discussion regarding ARPA funding. Dirk will speak to the engineer he has been in contact with and set up a meeting with him to discuss the water line extension options. There are many things to consider and it all has to be discussed.

Public Comment

Sandy Shaw of the Community Free Public Library informed all of activities and events taking place at the library in the upcoming months: Pajama story hour live on Facebook, Halloween party along with the village from 11:00 – 1:00 with pumpkin painting, crafts and games.

She also spoke of the Go Art grant and there will be another seventeen feet of the outside library wall painted to show the agricultural part of our town. She asked the Board for a letter of support for the grant. Supervisor Sidonio will email her a letter.

As November 11th is Veteran's Day, she informed all of the Christmas cards for project that they participate in. With donated pens, crayons, stampers, etc., cards are made and decorated and delivered to the Veteran's home in Batavia. Last year 250 cards were delivered.

Art Knab of Hindsburg Road believes the ambulance are sometimes parked at the winery parking lot. Councilman Bower will check.

He also stated that no resident should not have water. He believes the Town should do whatever they have to do in order to give the people on West Brockville Rd. and Bennetts Corner Road public water.

He stated that the Town has paid \$5,500 of taxpayer's money on livestreaming that is not working.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Rightmyer approving the Supervisor's financial report and that the following bills be paid: Supervisor Sidonio abstained from the vote.

Motion Carried

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Christopher that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Motion Carried

So adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver

