

Board Meeting
July 12, 2018

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, July 12, 2018, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
Gary J. Swan, Councilman
Richard C. Heath, Councilman
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent
Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Clerk
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer

Absent were: Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
Randy J. Zahm, Councilman

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Crossley called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) A letter was received regarding the proposed Town of Ellery Zoning Ordinance amendment.
- 2) A letter was received from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the herbicide treatment on Harris Hill State forest, the west side of Harris Hill Road.
- 3) A letter was received from New York State Siting Board on Electric generation regarding the application of the Cassadaga Wind LLC and a certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the wind Project.
- 4) A Letter was received from the Town Of Chautauqua requesting the Town to sign the CASA Bill.
- 5) A letter was received from the Office of Real Property Tax services discussing the tentative equalization rate that has been set for 2018 at 93.00%.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer:

David Crossley, Zoning Officer, stated that he has been working on a couple of property maintenance issues.

David Crossley, Zoning Officer also submitted the following report:

3 Permits issued
13 Pending permits

Dog Control Officer:

Matt Abbey, Dog Control Officer, was absent and submitted the following report: Please excuse me from the meeting in regards to the Slaven Dangerous dog case- court date 6/11/2018. The judge dismissed the case due to unclear evidence- even though both parties agreed that Slaven's dog did bite the neighbor lady. I don't agree with the ruling.

I have also contacted the people from the April-late list and have given them until the end of the month to get them re-licensed.

Matt Abbey, Dog Control Officer, also stated that he took 2 dogs to holding for the month of June for being at large due to complaint calls received. One dog had three separate people called about the dogs running in the road.

He also stated that he has spoken to a lady on 380 about her dogs running at large and being unlicensed. Matt spoke to her at the end of June, at this time she informed matt that she was moving out of town. Matt Abbey, Dog Control Officer, has confirmed with her landlord on 7/8/2018 she is currently in the process of leaving.

Update on the Hamrick Dangerous dog case that was reported on last month the owner redeemed the two dogs from the humane society on the last day allowed and he now will have to do a pop in inspection to confirm that the dogs are tied and a muzzle order is being followed.

Matt Abbey, dog Control Officer, also stated that he will be out of town from 7/20/2018 through 8/1/2018.

Highway Superintendent:

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, stated that the new truck has been ordered. Brian Anderson also stated that he has been looking for a plow for the new truck and had two quotes and he recommended to go with The Snow Dog Plow for \$4695.00. He also was looking into getting a Back rack for the new truck totaling \$775.00. The Back rack would have all the lights on it that are LED along with extra back up lights.

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, recommended that the Town of Gerry scrap out the 1966 Gallion roller. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated that they would keep the front part of the roller and turn it into a pull behind roller and scrap the rest as it is in disrepair. A motion was made by Councilman Swan to have the Gallion Roller scraped, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

The signs have been ordered for Church Street and the new lights are up in the park, however; they stay on all the time as there is no time sensors on them. Brian is in the process of looking into getting the sensors for the lights.

ASSESSORS REPORT:

The following report was submitted:

The final roll was filed July 1, 2018 with the County and the State of NY. Also, the appropriate legal notice was posted in the Post Journal. In addition, a link to the 2018 final roll is required by the State to be on our website and that is in the process of being completed. Assessors' reports required by the State of NY have been filed with the Office of Real Property Services in Albany. With the 2018 roll filed he will be updating the RPS software program to create the 2019 file and begin work on next year's roll.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation Committee.

No report was given.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 30 – 2018. 2018 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Minute approval for June 2018 Board Meeting and the Supervisor's Monthly was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley stated that he had the chance to look at the info left from the STW- Clean Energy Program and has made a decision that it is not worth the time or the money that they would get out of it so he recommended that the Town Board do not sign up at this time. The Town of Gerry Board agreed.

Supervisor Crossley stated that the town of Gerry will be holding a meeting to discuss the Insurance for the town of Gerry. They are also having meetings with the Fire Departments regarding their interest in the Army Reserve center. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would like to ask the treasurers for the assets of the fire departments. The Meeting starts at 5:00 PM on Thursday July 19, 2018.

Supervisor Crossley, and Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated that they have been in contact with Nationwide Insurance over the damage that was caused to the bridge on Lester Street. Nationwide stated that they used a third party company for the claim. John Crossley, Town Supervisor, stated he has sent E-Mails but has never received any calls returned.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley recommended that the Town of Gerry opt out the old Agreement with The Town of Charlotte with a 90 day opt out. Supervisor Crossley asked the Town of Gerry Board permission to write out a letter to wave the 90 days and to have a record of calls that there Dog Control officer had covered in our town when we were in the process of getting a new Dog Control Officer. The Gerry Town Board agreed.

Supervisor Crossley stated that he is looking into getting more information on the CASA Program. After discussion, the Town of Gerry board agreed to not send a letter of support.

Supervisor Crossley also stated that he contacted National Grid to see about changing over the light bulbs over to more energy efficient bulbs. National Grid stated that we would have to hire a contractor to install the new bulbs. Supervisor Crossley also spoke to Chautauqua County and they stated that getting a contractor is not required and they will send more information to the Town of Gerry on new lights.

Supervisor Crossley stated that the consolidation is on hold for now as the Grant was issued to a county around New York City. Supervisor Crossley stated that there is another meeting in two weeks.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Voucher's # 102 – 120 totaling \$74,560.78 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's # 205 – 237 totaling \$4,431.88 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, August 9, 2018 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew.

Minutes taken by,

Jodie L. Fehlman
Deputy Town Clerk