

Board Meeting
August 9, 2018

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, August 9, 2018, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
Richard C. Heath, Councilman
Gary J. Swan, Councilman
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Randy J. Zahm, Councilman
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Brian Stimson, resident on Gerry Levant Road requested to have the speed reduced from the four corners of Gerry on Levant to the bottom of the hill as the Town of Ellicott had the rest of the area reduced all the way to Route 394. He explained that he lives on the hill of Gerry-Levant Road and the visibility is awful and he doesn't understand why the county just didn't do the whole road but he would like to know exactly what to do to request to have it changed. Supervisor Crossley noted that the town can send a letter of request to the county and Councilman Heath explained that it would then go to the state level for an evaluation and they ultimately decide. Mr. Stimson said he's willing to get together all his neighbors to sign a petition as well. The Town Board suggested that would be a good idea if he had letters of support and then once he drew up a letter to turn into the Town Clerk and the Town would put together a resolution to send on to the County.

Emory Holmquist, resident on Knight Road discussed his concern that the Knight Road has been cut off and runs in a different direction since the 1930's. He explained that it actually should run on Hanson Road and he provided maps to the Town Board showing the changes. He doesn't understand why they abandoned the road as there are more houses in the area and he said that the owner of the land currently in between the road said he now owns the road as it is abandoned and Mr. Holmquist wondered how that could be as it is a public road. They read minutes from Ellicott stating that the reason they closed the road was because the Town of Gerry abandoned it. Supervisor Crossley noted that the road is not in the Town of Gerry it is Town of Ellicott's and that was not the case all the Town of Gerry did was barricaded the road at the end advised by our Town Attorney. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, explained that Mr. Holmquist's maps does show the changes and it looks like the Town did not follow proper procedures and they need to prove it legally. Mr. Holmquist just wanted the Town of Gerry to be aware and would like help in how to go about finding out information. After discussion and going over the maps presented the Town Board suggested that Mr. Holmquist should contact the Town of Ellicott Town Attorney to present everything to them and have them explain what happened to Knight Road.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Supervisor Crossley contacted National Grid regarding street light conversion to LED lights and they have an incentive program which sheets were presented to the Town Board showing the program. The requirements is to have at least 15% of lights done and the Town has 61 lights all done within a year, which case all the lights would have to be converted. There is a formula for the incentive by the lumens and grids and Supervisor Crossley is meeting with Fran Porpiglia a National Grid representative tomorrow to discuss the program more.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that Heritage Village is making good progress for the Campus and Horse Arena and he said a couple abandoned homes in the town are being re-habbed. Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, commented a fence permit was approved through the Zoning Board and he will give a report next month.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

No Report was given.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported that next week they will be blacktopping and Councilman Heath noted that the wedges they put in look good. They discussed the cost of blacktop rising which caused the town loads to be shorter.

ASSESSORS REPORT:

No Report was received.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

Town Park:

Councilman Heath asked Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, about the lights at the park and he said he did get sensors and will be putting them in soon.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 31 - 2018. Appointment to Assessment Review Board. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 32 – 2018. Authorizing Town Clerk to Hold a Rabies Clinic. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 33 -2018. Authorizing Zoning Officer to Attend Western Southern Tier Building Educational Conference in Mayville, NY. A motion was made Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Resolution No. 34 – 2018. 2018 Budget Transfers. A motion was made by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Swan. A discussion regarding what the money was for and why it was being moved occurred. Approved.

Resolution No. 35 -2018. Modifications to 2018 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Minute approval for the July Board Meeting, Special Board Meeting and Supervisor's Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley spoke with Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, regarding the Health Insurance and Brian noted they have been busy and they need to sit down again to discuss the options. A concern was with the prescription coverage. They set up a meeting to discuss the insurance on Thursday, August 23rd at 5 pm.

Councilman Heath commented the county sprayed the sidewalks and the town will try running the broom over them to clear off the weeds.

NEW BUSINESS: A Budget Session was set for September 20th at 5:00 PM.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, asked the town board's opinion on cars using billboards for advertising he said that the Town Attorney was busy this year so he couldn't get to it within the timeframe. The problem was a few vehicles were set up right during rodeo week and he says that they are taking money away from fire dept. by doing their own personal advertising and by the towns zoning law they cannot do this and the property owners are liable as well. The Town Board said it should be addressed so that no one else just decides to do this. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, will get with the Town Attorney to draw up a letter and advise the companies.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers # 121 –135 totaling \$32,419.22 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers # 238 – 280 totaling \$6,013.08 was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, September 13, 2018 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers
Town Clerk

