

BOARD MEETING
MARCH 8, 2018

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, March 8, 2018, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

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

Absent was: John R. Crossley, Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Supervisor Heath called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance and immediately following requested for a moment of Reverend Silence in memory of former Town Supervisor Winston Bartholomew.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from the DEC notifying the Town that they are looking into purchasing 20 acres from Mr. Duncan Swartz for access to an existing log trail near Hatch Creek.

Received notification of unemployment claims from Part Time Mower, Kevin Carlson.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer:

Zoning Officer, David Crossley, was absent and no report received.

Dog Control Officer.

DCO Kennelley, reported he received a complaint from a resident on Route 380 regarding dogs coming on to his property and he advised him of his options and the resident said he would contact DCO Kennelley back when he returned from vacation.

Highway Superintendent.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, explained how permits for spreading brine are getting more and more complicated and not much brine is available anymore. Deputy Supervisor Heath noted only a few towns still do this as most are just using salt mixture and asked the Highway Superintendent if the pump and tank are in good condition and he noted the equipment is fine. Councilman Swan asked if there was a permit for the salt mixture and if the permit costs anything for the brine and Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, noted that there is not a permit as salt is considered all natural and there is no fee for the brine

permit if there is, it's a minimal amount. The Board asked the Highway Superintendent's opinion. Brian was leaning more towards salt as he has had issues with applying for the permits every year it seems. After discussion the Town Board suggested applying for the brine permit this year as there is no money involved and they will re visit the concern next year.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, explained that the tan Chevy has a failed transmission and if they personally re build it, it will cost \$1,500.00 or if they hire someone it would be more like \$2,500.00. Councilman Zahm asked if it was gas or diesel and Brian said it was gas with 278 thousand miles on the truck. Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, was wondering if he should just get rid of the truck and the Chevy he drives and replace with one truck. Councilwoman Bartholomew said the safety should be of concern driving the tan Chevy as well. Councilman Swan suggested getting rid of the one truck and keeping his gray Chevy he drives as he feels he will not get any money out of that. Councilman Zahm is going to stop by and take a look at the trucks to give him an estimate of costs and give him methods of what to do. After discussion Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, will bring quotes next month to review and see what state bids are and will place a used trainee in the Tan Chevy for the time being.

Assessor.

The Assessor was absent but submitted the following report:

The period for exemption applications has passed. However, they can be accepted up until grievance day for Enhanced Star for seniors who missed the deadline due to the death of an immediate family member, serious illness or hospitalization that can be documented by a physician. The applications can be for either new or renewal Enhanced Star exemptions and up until the deadline for paying school taxes, seniors who missed the deadline for a "good cause" have the option to apply to our department.

Property inspections and field work are ongoing to meet the May 1st deadline of filing the tentative roll.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:

Music in the Park is set for June 2nd from 2-5 PM with the Barbara Jean Trio playing. Recia Myers, Town Clerk, noted that she has contacted a few local school sport organizations to see if they would be willing to do concessions that day as well.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

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

OLD BUSINESS.

Easter egg Hunt.

Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, has been in touch with Carrie Johnstone from Heritage Village/Homestead and she is willing to put on the Easter Egg Hunt again this year. Recia Myers and her son Haydn will be helping her out this year again and it will be on March

24th at 10 am at Heritage Village/Homestead. Clerk Myers requested if she could have \$50.00 donated more to the supplies of the egg hunt as they will not be paying recreation workers to work and the Town Board agreed.

Part Time Mower.

The Town Board decided to contact Kevin Carlson to see if he is still interested in this position for 2018 as he did a good job last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Erica Richerson contacted the Town Clerk to request to see if she could sell Girl Scout cookies with the troops at the Town Hall parking lot on March 17th and 24th. Recia Myers, Town Clerk, advised Ms. Richerson to contact the Gerry Methodist Church as 90% of the parking lot belongs to them. Ms. Richerson contacted them and they said those dates were fine. The Town Board noted if the church was ok they were.

The Gerry Hill Cemetery Association requested to see if they could store records in a 4 drawer file at the Town Hall. The Town Board approved.

Councilman Zahm noted that A High School student named Timothy Richerson who is involved in their local fire department from the Buffalo area is receiving treatments for leukemia and he is asking for donations of a shirt from all area fire departments and he plans on wearing each t-shirt donated for each day of his treatments. Councilwoman Bartholomew took all the information from Councilman Zahm and will contact the Gerry Fire Department.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #28 - 47 totaling \$9,930.17 was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers#54 - 85 totaling \$5,052.19 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, April 12, 2018 at the Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM on a motion by Councilman Zahm; seconded by Councilman Swan.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk

