

**BOARD MEETING
MAY 10, 2018**

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, May 10, 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
Randy J. Zahm, Councilman
Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent
William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney
David Crossley, Zoning Officer

Absent was: Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) A mailing was received regarding a local economic development May Summit on May 22nd at Suny Fredonia.
- 2) A letter was received from the real property tax office regarding properties up for auction in our town.
- 3) A mailing was received regarding the 2018 New York State Town Priorities from the Associations of town.
- 4) A letter was received from Gerry Baseball thanking the community for their continued support. The Gerry Town Board discussed putting the funds back in the budget next year for all of the teams to help offset the cost of some of the equipment. The board also discussed raising it to \$100.00 per team.
- 5) A letter was received from the New York State Board on Electric Generation siting and Environment. This is regarding the wind energy project in Cassadaga.
- 6) The Gerry Town Clerk, Recia Myers, asked the board if anyone would be available to help out at the music in the park on June 2nd for cleanup.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, submitted the following report,
1 permits issued

15 permits pending

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, stated that he also received three more applications today. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, also stated that the sprinkler system has been installed at Heritage village in the new building.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

No report was submitted.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Fuel Bids were opened on May 9, 2018. A motion was made by Councilman Swan to accept the bid from TPS on the recommendation from the Gerry Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted they have been spot ditching. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated that he has ordered the lights for the park and he will have them installed as soon as they come in.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated that he was looking into bidding out a new pickup truck for the Town of Gerry. The Gerry Town Board suggested that he stay local for the bidding in case it has to be maintained. Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, stated he would get the bids out for next month's meeting.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor, was absent but submitted the following report:

The Tentative Roll was filed May 1, 2018. Change of assessment notices will be mailed out to property owners Monday evening.

Board of Assessment Review Hearings will be held Wednesday May 23, 2018 at the Town of Charlotte Municipal Bldg. from 4pm -8 pm.

COMMITTIES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:

Councilman Heath stated that the dumpster has been placed at the park. Councilman Heath also stated that they are going to order new bases for the ball field.

Councilman Heath also commented that he was able to have the opportunity to sit in on the interview for the new Dog Control Officer. He feels that Matt Abbey will be a great addition for our town. Matt Abbey is also currently the Dog Control Officer for Kiantone.

Supervisor Crossley stated that the Town of Gerry will be working on a new agreement between the Town Of Gerry and the Town of Ellington for backup for the Gerry Dog Control in case of an emergency.

Councilman Heath also stated that he is currently looking into having the walking path at the Town of Gerry Park re sealed.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 25 - 2018. Modifications to 2018 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Discussion. Approved.

Resolution No. 26 -2018. Dog Control Appointment. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 27- 2018. Authorizing Employees to Have the Option of an offered Deferred Compensation plan through New York. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Resolution No. 28-2018. 2018 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minute approval for the April Board Meeting, May 9th Bid opening and Supervisor's Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Town of Gerry will be holding Music in the park On Saturday June 2nd 2018 from 2 Pm to 5 Pm.

Supervisor Crossley stated that the flag pole in front of the Town Hall is in need of being replaced. Supervisor Crossley stated that he has found a new one to replace it and it will cost \$345.00. The Town Of Gerry Board agreed to replace it on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Supervisor Crossley noted that the consolidation is at a standstill for now. He also stated that there was a walk through at the Reserve center and stated that there is a lot of room up there and the heating system and water were all brand new. Supervisor Crossley said that the next step is to have a sit down with the Gerry Fire Department, Gerry Post office and the Town of Gerry Board to see what is needed from each Department. Supervisor Crossley said he is going to try to get some dates worked out to have a sit down in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreation Ad will be advertised from May 14 to June 1st. The summer Recreation will run from July 9th through August 17th 2018.

Supervisor Crossley stated that he was just recently made aware of the vacancy of a business at Spartan Tool located on Route 60. Supervisor Crossley stated that he will contact the owners of the business to see what they have planned for the building. The local law in the Town of Gerry states that after one year the zoning for that area changes and any new business would have to file for a variance to move in there and it will be very hard to get one. William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, stated that if this were to happen the Town of Gerry would have to do a local law to change it and re-zoning that area will be very costly due to the changes that are currently happening to route 60.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #61 –84 totaling \$8,739.78 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #117 - 153 totaling \$4,308.06 was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Councilman Swan entertained a motion to enter into Executive session at 7:49 P.M. regarding a personal matter seconded by Councilman Heath. Councilman Swan made a motion to exit out of Executive session at 8:00 P.M. seconded by Councilman Heath. No Action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, June 14, 2018 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Swan.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Deputy Town Clerk