

BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2009

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, April 9, 2009, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor  
Gary J. Swan, Councilman  
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman  
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk  
Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk  
Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator

Absent was: Robert B. Heitzenrater, Councilman  
Richard C. Heath, Councilman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

William Best-a resident on Salisbury Road commented he has been trying to get a building permit for a house for a long time and has given the Code Enforcement Officer drawings and decided to go ahead and build. He received a stop work order permit posted and would like to know what is going on. Supervisor Crossley explained he does not know the details as he cannot speak for the Code Enforcement Officer and he took his phone number down and he will have the Code Enforcement Officer contact him.

Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, noted that the snowmobile bridge at Red Bird is not going to be replaced. Supervisor Crossley commented that he called them along time ago and they said it did need to be replaced. Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, will contact George Spanos again.

Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, also noted that Salisbury Road is slated to be repaired as some residents have asked about the condition of the road. Mr. Barmore explained about the articles in the local newspaper regarding a Tax Agreement with Jamestown and Dunkirk and noted that the local taxpayers are paying to subsidize the loss to these cities and the County is looking into ending the agreement.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) A letter was received from Joe Giglio, Member of Assembly, a letter of regret informing funding for the Town of Gerry was denied for the 2009-2010 year.

2) An estimate was received from Homes by Malta for the installation of metal siding and insulation at the truck garage. This communication is being tabled for the next board meeting as the Highway Superintendent was absent.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.  
Monthly report for April  
Issued 2 permits this month  
17 pending permits

Dog Control Officer.  
No Report.

Highway Superintendent.  
No Report.

Assessor's report.

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In the final stages of completing the valuations for new construction, requested reviews, and gas wells. The completion of the Tentative Roll is being finalized.

The Tentative Roll will be filed May 1st and Grievance Day will be held Wednesday, May 27th.

The Star Rebate program has been removed, though the State exemption program is still intact.

#### COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation Committee.

Councilman Swan commented that all the Recreation Assistants were still interested in being assistants this year and members of the board planted a tree in memoriam of Kenneth Douglas and placed a new bench donated by the Risley family at the park as well.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 24 - 2009. Declaring A Casio Phonemate Answering Machine and Texas Instrument Adding Machine as junk. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 25 - 2009. Declaring Items as Surplus. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 26 - 2009. Authorizing Highway Superintendent to Attend the Annual Highway School in Ithaca, NY. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 27 - 2009. Authorizing Town Officials to attend the 16th Annual Local Government Conference at Houghton College. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 28 - 2009. No Parking Policy. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minute approval for the March 2009 Board Meeting, Special Board Meeting and Bid Openings was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Bids. Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, recommends TPS for the Fuel Bid and the County for the road materials. A motion was made by Councilman Swan to allow the Highway Superintendent to enter into an agreement with TPS and Chautauqua County for Fuel and Road Materials, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Local Law No.2. Local Law No. 2 of 2009 amending the Town of Gerry Zoning Law to allow auctions as a Special use in all districts within the Town of Gerry was introduced and a Public Hearing was set for May 14th at 6:45 PM.

Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Crossley noted that he spoke with Winston

Bartholomew and he would be interested in serving on this committee but was not interested in being a Chairman. Supervisor Crossley will contact a list of people to see if interested and will present the list at the next month's board meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

NEW BUSINESS:

Dog Control. The current Dog Control Officer is requesting to attend a seminar in Rochester, NY and the total estimated cost would be \$450.00. Supervisor Crossley noted that there is money available in his budget for this year. After discussion a motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew for the Dog Control Officer to attend a seminar in Rochester, NY with the expenses submitted with receipts are a proper town charge, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Supervisor Crossley commented Roger Zahm, Deputy Highway Superintendent, suggests that a new flag should be placed at the Town Park. Recia Myers, Town Clerk, will order one.

Supervisor Crossley noted that the two flag poles need to be placed at the cemetery before Memorial Day. Supervisor Crossley will contact Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, to set up a date to do this.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #56 - 68 totaling \$20,459.74 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #85 - 116 totaling \$4,779.52 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, May 14, 2009 at the town hall.

A CHRIC Public Hearing will be held April 16th at 5:45 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk