

BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2009

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, February 11, 2009, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
Richard C. Heath, Councilman
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator
Mark A. Risley, Highway Superintendent

Absent was: Robert B. Heitzenrater, Councilman
Gary J. Swan, Councilman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, commented the committee for the waterway projects for Chautauqua County had 33 projects proposed and the first 13 were paid for, Gerry's Hatch Creek was number 18.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) A letter was received from Senator Catharine Young noting funds are unavailable for Electronic Speed Signs at this time.

2) A letter was received from the NYS DOT advising that Kimball Drive's speed limit was changed to 30 mph per request.

3) Carolyn Wenger, from the Methodist Church contacted the Town Clerk and the church would like to plant trees in the park. This communication was passed on to Park Chairman, Richard Heath.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, commented he will be issuing a letter to residents who had snow damage this year to get a demolition permit so there taxes can be reduced for the following year.

Monthly report for January and February

Issued 4 permits this month
20 pending permits
3 Certificate of Occupancy to be issued for 2008 permits

Dog Control Officer.
December 2008

Issued 2 summons for unlicensed dogs
Had one complaint of two dogs running at large on Old Chautauqua Road.

Highway Superintendent.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, inquired about left over money from last year's snow budget if there needs to be a resolution to be transferred for this year. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, commented the heating bill last month was very high and we did receive a credit for it and it made him take a look at finding other heat sources. The average amount for a new heater is \$4,000.00. Supervisor Crossley would like to wait until next month's board meeting to discuss before approving.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, noted the far end door at the shop is having problems and a new opener is being ordered.

Assessor's report.
No Report.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation Committee.

Councilman Heath reported he has spoken with Carolyn Wenger and they plan on meeting in April to discuss where to plant trees in the park with Paul Cooley.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 17 - 2009. Amendment to Zoning Fee Schedule. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 18 - 2009. Adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2009. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Crossley	AYE
Councilman Heath	AYE
Councilwoman Bartholomew	AYE

Resolution No. 19 - 2009. Authorizing Code Enforcement Officer to attend the Annual Finger Lakes Zoning Conference. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 20 - 2009. Agreement to Spend Town Highway Repair and Improvement Funds. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Minute approval for the January 2009 Board Meeting and Annual Audit Meeting was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dog Control. Supervisor Crossley commented Lee Belin, current Dog Control is retiring at the end of February and the Town advertised for Dog Control and has received four applicants. After discussion the board will meet for interviews on February 18th beginning at 6:00 PM at 5 minute intervals.

Veterinary Hospital. Supervisor Crossley noted as of tomorrow we will have an agreement with Jamestown Veterinary Hospital for the holding of dogs and they will be charging the same as Moonbrook Vet Hospital.

Supervisor Crossley commented the Town Board needs to sit with the Code Enforcement Officer to review the Zoning Laws. They will set the date at next month's meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

NEW BUSINESS:

Surplus. Supervisor Crossley commented the Town Hall has surplus of electronic equipment and asked Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, if they could take it to the local auction but Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent noted there would be no place for shelter as it is located outside. Supervisor Crossley will see what equipment is salvageable and check into E-bay or some other option.

Budget request. The Town Clerk is asking for a budget increase due to her purchase of a new computer for \$1,000.00. Supervisor Crossley will check with the accountants to see if it is feasible and will have a resolution drawn up next month.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #6 - 32 totaling \$18,996.75 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #23 - 55 totaling \$116,743.19 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew; seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, March 12, 2009 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk