

BOARD MEETING
JULY 9, 2009

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

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
Robert B. Heitzenrater, Councilman
Gary J. Swan, Councilman
Richard C. Heath, Councilman
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney
Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent
Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer
Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator

Absent was: Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Larry Barmore, resident of 4376 Route 60, thanked the park committee for doing such a great job on the park and he commented that there are locust trees popping up through the walk-in track. Councilman Heath will take a look at the track.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No Communications.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.
No report received.

Dog Control Officer.

DCO, Troy Kennelly, commented that he seized four dogs this month. He finally caught a dog on Salisbury road after he received numerous phone calls from residents and the sheriff's department as he tried catching the dog for over a week. He issued 5 owners for unlicensed dogs and 4 tickets for leash law and unlicensed dogs to an owner on Cobb Road.

Troy Kennelley, DCO, requested if during these summer months he could patrol the area more and find the borders of the town. The Town Board agreed that would be fine. Troy also commented he attended a dog bite incident and he wondered if he was suppose to notify the health department even though the victim did not file a complaint. He will contact someone from the state and county to answer his questions.

Highway Superintendent.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, commented that the majority of the oiling has been done. An issue has come up with the shared services for the tractor mowing of the side of the roads with Cherry Creek as they just received the tractor now. Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, recommends purchasing a smaller tractor for the park or a big tractor for the roadsides. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, will look into comparing prices and present them to the town board.

Assessor's report.

The final roll was filed July 1, 2009 and the appropriate legal notice was published in the Jamestown Post-Journal.

I will be attending a seminar in Cornell, NY from Wednesday July 15th to Friday July 17th to pick up some continuing education requirements while the state of NY is reimbursing Towns for the training.

I will be on vacation the week of July 20th.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation Committee.

Councilman Heath commented he has spoken with a few contractors for the placing of the insulation at the highway garage and Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, will contact them. Councilman Heath reported the siding of the bathrooms has been done by Jeff Johnson and looks good. Councilman Heath noted that the doors on the restrooms need painted and Councilman Heath will contact a few contractors to get quotes. A plumbing problem occurred at the town park and the Town Clerk contacted a company to take care of it. Councilman Heath replaced and repaired lights in the bathroom and on the pavilion. The flag pole also has been fixed and the basketball hoops were replaced as kids were hanging on the nylon ones.

Councilman Heath noted Recreation started on Monday and an assistant could not make it for the first week but was back this week so it avoided the whole re-hiring process. Councilman Heath said we may only need 4 assistants again. The Recreation Leader requested new hockey sticks and equipment and Councilman Heath will look into purchasing these items. A schedule of events to review for recreation was given to the Board from the Recreation Leader.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 36 - 2009. Establishing a proposed new schedule of Zoning Fees. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 37 - 2009. 2009 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

Minute approval for the June 2009 Board Meeting was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Comprehensive Plan Committee. Supervisor Crossley commented he has four people locked in and next month he will present the committee in resolution form at the next meeting.

Cold Storage Building. Supervisor Crossley commented that he spoke with David Smeltzer, from Heritage Village concerning the truck parking at the storage building as the resident would have to cross over our parking lot to get there. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, noted that the resident who was parking there ended up with a new job and no longer will have to park there. Mark commented that he has seen a trailer parked there today and Supervisor Crossley noted if anyone sees trailers parked there to write down the license plate number and contact him.

Councilman Heitzenrater asked if anyone has considered painting the cold storage building. Councilman Heath will check with some contractors to compare some quotes.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

NEW BUSINESS:

Voting machines. Supervisor Crossley commented that he received a communication from the Board of Elections offering to take our current voting machines to replace them with the new electronic machines. He asked how the board felt and if they should hang on to the machines for historical purposes or turn them over. Councilman Heath noted Town Historian, Peggy Heath, wanted to keep them. After discussion they decided to keep them and Supervisor Crossley will contact the Board of Elections.

Consolidation. Councilman Heitzenrater recently attended a meeting at the fire department regarding consolidation services to receive FEMA stimulus grant money. They would like to purchase the old store on the corner and knock it down to expand the fire department and possibly with the town hall there as well. Supervisor Crossley is concerned with the monies to the fire department and it could be problematic down the road. Councilman Heitzenrater just attended to hear the options and nothing was agreed to on the town's behalf.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #112 - 129 totaling \$69,620.87 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #185 - 222 totaling \$5,710.99 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, August 13, 2009 at the town hall

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk