

BOARD MEETING
MAY 14, 2009

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, May 14, 2009, 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
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk
Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator
William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney
Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent
David Crossley, Zoning Officer

Absent was: Robert B. Heitzenrater, Councilman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Rosemary Wiseman - a resident of the Town of Gerry addressed the Town Board about the no parking at the storage shed on Route 60. Ms. Wiseman stated that they need a place to park her partners semi during the winter days because the snow is an issue on route 60. Ms. Wiseman also said that they need to be able to check on the truck as well. Supervisor Crossley stated the no parking signs were put up at the advisement of the Town Attorney and they plan to enforce no parking all year round. Dave Crossley, Code Enforcement Officer, commented there are places who will allow parking and gave her a few suggestions. Supervisor Crossley stated they will let her know if something else is available locally and they will contact Ms. Wiseman.

Paul Rounds- a Gerry resident spoke to the Town Board on behalf of his wife whom is the Postmaster of our local post office. She has received numerous complaints about a residence on route 60 that is in need of clean up. This resident has been contacted by the Gerry Zoning Officer to clean up their property. They have been given a time frame to have it cleaned up, and if they fail to do so they will receive a ticket to a neighboring court.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) A letter was received from the DEC in regards on the property of 3591 Bloomer Rd in regards of 4 permits needed for disturbances of wet lands on his property.

2) A Letter of notification was received from the Chautauqua County Department of Finance issuing a Certificate of Satisfaction to the Tax Collector for the tax roll for the Town of Gerry for 2009.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.
Monthly report for May
Issued 6 permits this month
5 pending permits
17 still active.

Councilman Heath asked about the Best property. Zoning Officer Crossley stated that a permit has been issued and Mr. Best has picked up the permit. Councilman Heath also asked about the property of Lake County Dairy Store. David Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that they are waiting for the state to get the results of the soil back checking for contamination. Councilman Heath stated that he felt that the fence was not enough and stated that someone could get hurt if they were to fall in the large hole that has been left there. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, will check with Jenkins Construction and report back to the board.

Dog Control Officer.

DCO, Troy Kennelly, introduced himself to the staff at the Jamestown Vet and received no calls in March. He had a meeting with the Animal Health Inspector from the NYS Dept. of Ag and Markets and in April issued 4 tickets.

Highway Superintendent.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, stated that there are trees that need to be removed at the cemetery on Route 60. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, said he has spoke with Maple Springs Tree Service. The tree service stated they could take them down for \$1,000.00. Supervisor Crossley has spoke with the accountant and she stated that there would be no problem with monies to have them done. A motion to have the trees taken down by Maple Springs Tree Service was made by Councilman Swan, and seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Highway Superintendent, Risley stated that they were working on the roads, and he also said that after the year 2013 there will no longer be no low band radios. Highway Superintendent Risley said that cell phones get just as good of a signal as the radios do and that they may just go to using the cell phones instead. Supervisor Crossley said that he would stay on top of this issue.

Assessor's report.

No Report

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation Committee.

Councilman Heath noted that he was seeking bids for doing the vinyl siding and facia on the bathrooms at the park. Councilman Heath stated that he has one bid for \$850.00 for supplies and \$950.00 for labor. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, said that Jim Boerst, part time mower, is doing a great job. Councilman Heath said that they have bought a few more garbage cans for the park.

Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, asked if there could be a way to have the bathrooms unlocked during the day so people using the walking track and the park could use them. Councilman Heath stated that he would speak with Jim Boerst to see if he would be willing to lock and unlock the bathrooms during the summer.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 30 - 2009. Authorizing dog control officer to attend a seminar held by the New York State ag and markets in Webster, NY. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 31 - 2009. Adopting Local Law No. 2 of 2009. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Roll call vote as follows:

Gary J. Swan, Councilman
Richard C. Heath, Councilman

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Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
John R. Crossley, Supervisor

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Resolution No. 32 - 2009. Appointment of part time mower and maintenance position. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 33 - 2009. Appointment of 2009 Summer Recreation Leader and Assistants. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 34 - 2009. 2009 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minute approval for the April 2009 Board Meeting, and CHRIC Public Hearings was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Crossley noted that he spoke with Winston Bartholomew and he would be interested in serving on this committee. Supervisor Crossley also contacted Tim Hayes and he also stated he would like to be on the committee. Supervisor Crossley is still working on a list of people to see if interested and will present the list at the next month's board meeting. Supervisor Crossley stated that if anyone else could think of someone that would be willing to be on the committee it would be greatly appreciated.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley noted that the two flag poles bases have been poured and the Flag poles should be placed at the cemetery before Memorial Day. Supervisor Crossley spoke with Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, to set up a time to get this done before Memorial day. Supervisor Crossley said that he had an issue with the placement of the poles, but was resolved after talking with some veterans and viewing a website regarding the positioning of the U.S. flags.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #69 - 92 totaling \$4,229.94 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #117 - 148 totaling \$5,450.53 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew ; seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, June 11, 2009 at the town hall

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,

Deputy Town Clerk