

Nov09 Board Meeting

BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2009

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, November 12, 2009, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

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

Absent was: 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, noted the County finance department is going through a Realtor to sell the property on sinclair drive.

Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, stated that he spoke to Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, about filling in the large hole in the ground at the corner of Route 60 and Kimball stand. They were told it would be filled in a couple of weeks. Councilman Heath stated he was told that it would be filled in on Monday.

Supervisor Crossley stated that he was dissapointed in the new voting machines.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) A flyer was received from the Power Pal WNY for reduced electric consumption. Supervisor Crossley is looking into this a little further.

2) A letter was received from the Rodeo City Senior Citizens. The letter outlined there trips that had been taken through out the year. This letter also asked that the left over monies be rolled over for next year. Supervisor Crossley stated that he had spoke to the accountants and the monies could be rolled over for the year 2010.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Supervisor Crossley stated that everything is going smooth and the Zoning Officer will be sending out the reports for October 2009 to the board members.

Dog Control Officer.

Troy Kennelley, DCO, Reported that it has been a slow month. He did however pick up two stray dogs, and he had a couple of reports of dogs running at large on Old Chautauqua Road but when he investigated he could not locate the loose dogs.

Highway Superintendent.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, stated that he would like for
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the town board to look over a copy of the Snow and Ice Removal Policy he put together. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent,, has already spoken to Town Attorney, William Duncanson Jr., about this policy. There will be further discussion on this Snow and Ice Removal Policy at the December Board Meeting.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, addressed the board about buying a brush hog, he provided two quotes from two different companies. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated that he was going to purchase the 7 foot brush cutter. Councilman Heath asked Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, if it would be better to wait for the auction and see if they could find a better used brush hog at that time. Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, stated that the town would be better off going with one of the two that he has already looked at due to the fact that the ones that come to the auction are usually worn out and could take a lot of money to fix them so they work properly.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, also stated they have been sharing the town of Cherry Creek's mower and will continue to do so.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, told the board that the International Tractor is doing good and over the winter there will be some repairs done to it.

Assessor's report.
No Report received.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation Committee.
Councilman Heath thanked the Highway Department for winterizing the park.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 49- 2009. Approval of Appointment. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved. Discussion.

Resolution No. 50 -2009. Adoption of 2010 Town Budget . A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath . Approved.

Resolution No. 51 - 2009. Authorizing One-Year Agreement with Gerry Volunteer Fire Department for 2010. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 52 - 2009. Authorizing One- Year Agreement with Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department For 2010. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 53- 2009. 2009 Budget Transfers. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Minute approval for the October 2009 Board Meeting and Public Hearings for the Fire Districts was approved on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath . Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Hall stated that the town is going to hold onto the old voting machines, however; they need to be moved out of the Fire hall. The Town Board agrees and the machines will be moved to the Town Hall for temporary storage until the Town Board can figure out a better storage place for the voting machines.

Councilman Heath, stated that the Town needs to get a hold of Mr. Wahlgren about finishing up the Highway Garage before winter gets here.

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Dave Hall stated that the town had a very quiet Halloween this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Bartholomew stated that the Town's web site "www.Gerry.ny.us" is up and running. The website features local businesses on it as well as the history of the Town. Councilwoman Bartholomew has also stated that the bill to keep the domain name as well as the space on the server needs to be paid before January 3, 2010. The bill will be \$79.87 a year. The Town Board will figure out how they need to go about paying this bill.

The Comprehensive Planning Board Committee is using a secretary and they need to pay her. Supervisor Crossley stated that Jean Myles is the secretary for the Comprehensive Planning Board Committee and asked the Board for input on how much they should be paying Jean for her time. Recia Myers, Town Clerk, stated that she is paid \$10.00 an hour for being the secretary for the BAR, however; she is required to be there for four hours. The Town Board discussed this and came to the conclusion that it would be fair to pay \$20.00 per meeting. Councilman Heitzenrater entertained a motion to pay Jean Myles \$20.00 per meeting, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Supervisor Crossley stated that there is an interested party whom would like to purchase the piano that is located in the upstairs of the Town Hall. The piano belonged to the Gerry Grange, and the Town received it. William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, said the Board would have to declare it surplus. Councilman Heitzenrater suggested that may be the interested party should submit a letter of interest in the piano to the Town Board. Supervisor Crossley, said he would work on the legal way to go about selling the piano.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #173 - 195 totaling \$14,527.45 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew; seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #308- 331 totaling \$3,878.22 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, December 10, 2009 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Deputy Town Clerk