

Oct09 Board Meeting

BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2009

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, October 8, 2009, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Audrey Heath, a member of the Gerry United Methodist Church, asked to use the Town Hall for there annual take out dinners for there Harvest Dinner on October 24, 2009. The Town Board agreed there would be no problem and no charge for the use of the facilities.

Eileen Powers, CHRIC Representative, noted that the Town has been awarded a Rehabilitation Grant from the State and she gave an overview of the process that entails with the grant procedure. She will be sending paperwork to the Town Clerk for the Town Board to review. There is enough money for 12 property owners and there is a waiting list of 21. The Greatest financial need residents will come first. A question was asked by Councilman Heitzenrater, if the homeowners are responsible for obtaining bids and who they want there work done from. Ms. Powers responded there are 3 bids to be received and if they fall within 10 %. They would like homeowners to put 10% towards the construction process but they will take any amount.

Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, noted the County agreed to start having a payment plan for property owners who are losing there homes. A CEO inspection was required before and they decided not to require this anymore. The only stipulations are the home has to be owner occupied and no more than 3 units.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) A letter was received from the Ellery Sno-Cruisers along with tickets for there annual raffle held at the Village Casino in Bemus Point.
- 2) A brochure was received from Southern Tier west informing of workshops held in Salamanca on Wed., October 21, 2009 and Belfast on October 22 on wind energy.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Reports for October 2009

2 permits issued for October 2009
31 pending permits

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, commented that he handled a few property maintenance issues. Councilman Heitzenrater asked him why you would need a permit for a window and Dave commented that the owner was changing the size of the window,

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if it maintained the same size then there would be no need for a permit.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, commented that as of November 1, 2009 the State decided to pass a law for no open burning. The DEC will be patrolling this and there are very few exemptions to the law. Copies will be in Town Clerk's office as they have been receiving numerous calls on this subject.

Dog Control Officer.
No Report.

Highway Superintendent.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, met with the county engineer regarding the closing of a bridge on Hanson Road. A culvert is going to be placed there and grading the area will be done. Quotes were received for the placing of the insulation at the town garage and were given to the Town Board.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, commented he had a problem with going on Brian Mead's property for a drainage issue, as he requested permission last month. It ended up being Merlin Jacobson's property and not Mr. Mead's, he talked to Mr. Jacobson and worked things out and is fixing the property. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, requested during the winter season if he could have a part-time seasonal person to fill in for George when he has to be out. Councilman Heitzenrater asked if it would be an on-call basis and Mark agreed it would, he noted that he knows somebody from the town who would be interested. William Duncanson, Jr., noted that the new employee would have to be placed on the random drug testing program. A resolution will be drawn up for next month's meeting.

After discussion Supervisor Crossley noted that the Highway Employees agreed to an agreement for the 2010 budget. A 3% raise, \$150.00 towards vision reimbursement, 13% paid towards health care contributions and 1 Personal day with stipulations. The Town Clerk will enter the details in the agreement resolution to be presented at the Organizational Meeting.

Assessor's report.
No Report received.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation Committee.

Councilman Heath commented they received 90 tons of baseball dirt and the Highway Department placed it for them. Councilman Heath requested if at the end of the month the Highway Department could winterize the park and Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, agreed.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 46- 2009. Setting Halloween Celebration Hours in the Township of Gerry. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 47 -2009. 2009 Budget Transfers. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 48 -2009. Modifications to 2009 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Minute approval for the September 2009 Board Meeting and Budget work sessions for September 16, 22, 24 and 30th was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business.

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

NEW BUSINESS:

Preliminary Budget Hearing is set for 6:40 PM on November 12, 2009.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #162 - 172 totaling \$22,977.81 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #282 - 307 totaling \$3,794.75 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater., seconded by Councilman Swan.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk