

BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, September 10, 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  
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer  
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney  
Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator

Absent was: Mark A. Risley, Highway Superintendent

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, Gerry, NY 14740 requested the Town to start working on a Bi-centennial celebration for Gerry as it will be in a few years. Linda Bartholomew, Councilwoman, commented they have started a Town Picnic committee already with Historian, Peggy Heath, and will be working on it. Larry offered to help and Linda noted he could be on the committee. Larry Barmore suggested the town to set aside at least \$2,000 a year towards the celebration and he could work on requesting grant money to help with the cost.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) A letter was received from the Office of Small Cities informing the town that we were accepted for the Community Block grant. Supervisor Crossley commented the town was 1 of 3 accepted in the County and he will be working on the paperwork.

2) A letter was received from the state DOT regarding a capital program which a meeting was already held. Supervisor Crossley will discuss the communication with Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent.

3) A letter was received from Senator Cathy Young's office notifying the Town that we were accepted for a \$7,000.00 grant for speed signs to be placed at both ends of the town.

4) A letter was received from the County Finance Department showing the available parcels in the town that are up for auction this month. Gerry has two, one located on Railroad Ave., and one on Damon Hill Road.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Reports for September 2009

4 permits issued for September 2009

27 pending permits

1 Certificate of Occupancies to be issued

1 Certificate of Compliance to be issued

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, commented that items that were for sale on the corner of Route 60 have been removed.

Dog Control Officer.

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, reported that he has not been too busy. He picked up two dogs on Route 380 and has been dealing with unlicensed dogs and dogs that are not on leashes at Hillside Estates Trailer Court.

Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Crossley read a report left from the Highway Superintendent as follows:

The highway department will be chip sealing next week and the majority of the big projects are done for the summer. They will be working on ditching and shoulder work now. Rick Heath and I discussed a problem at the intersection on Old Chautauqua Road and Herrick Road, where there is currently a yield sign on road and they would like to see a stop sign instead as the road has been paved now. Rick will contact John Bremer from the County DPW. I would also like permission to enter on Brian Mead's property to take care of a ditch problem, where it has been filling with water. They will need the County's equipment for this project as the Town's equipment could not operate on such soft land.

Councilman Heitzenrater entertained a motion to allow Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, to fix a drainage problem on Brian Mead's property on Harris Hill Road, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Assessor's report.

Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor stated that he has a personal commitment on Monday evenings in October, so he will be changing office hours to Saturdays from 12:00 to 2:30 PM. He will be attending the NYS Annual Assessors Conference from Sunday September 27th to Wednesday September 30th. School Tax Bills have been mailed to all property owners and if a property owner does not receive their bill they should contact the tax collector.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation Committee.

Councilman Heath commented they will be changing the pickup for garbage at the Town Park and he ordered baseball dirt for next year and it should be here in October.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 41- 2009. Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

Minute approval for the August 2009 Board Meeting was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew , seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget work sessions are set for September 23 and September 30th at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #152 - 161 totaling \$13,422.24 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater; seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #257 - 281 totaling \$4,959.30 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, October 8, 2009 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater., seconded by Councilman Swan.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk