

BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2010

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, February 11, 2010, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Robert B. Heitzenrater, Councilman/Deputy Supervisor

Gary J. Swan, Councilman

Richard C. Heath, Councilman

Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk

Mark A. Risley, Highway Superintendent

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer

Absent was: John R. Crossley, Supervisor

Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was sent from Southern Tier West showing there annual letter of updates and requesting the annual membership dues.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

No Report Received.

Dog Control Officer.

Troy Kennelley, DCO, reported he issued 8 appearance tickets and other than that has been relatively quiet.

Highway Superintendent.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, commented the new truck is working well and before the spring he would like to have the Osk Kosh declared as surplus to put in auction. A resolution for shared services with the County was requested and the Town Clerk will have a resolution drawn up for next month. In March they will open fuel and road material bids.

Assessor's report.

March 1st, Taxable Status Date, is fast approaching. All STAR, Aged, and Agricultural exemptions need to be filed on or before March 1, 2010. They can also be postmarked on March 1st.

The income limit for the Enhanced STAR exemption is \$74,700.00 while the maximum amount of income for the Aged exemption is \$18,000.00 for the County, \$12,500.00 for the Town, and \$17,000.00 for Cassadaga Valley School district.

There is also an income requirement for the Agricultural Land Exemption. The property must average \$10,000.00 in gross sales for the preceding 2 years or \$50,000.00 if the property has less than 7 acres. Land rented for agricultural purposes also qualifies as long as the income requirements are met.

In addition to crops, livestock, and livestock products, the products that can be sold to generate the income now includes honey, beeswax, royal jelly, bee pollen, propolis, package bees, nucs and queens. Also, mulch, compost, or other organic biomass products can be included in the gross sales figure up to a maximum of \$5,000.00.

I will start making phone calls to those who have not yet reapplied for their STAR, Aged, or Ag Land exemption starting next week. Fieldwork will also be commencing in the next few weeks looking at new construction, property changes, and requested property reviews.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

No Reports.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 19 - 2010. Agreement to Spend Town Highway Repair and Improvement Funds. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 20 - 2010. Authorizing Code Enforcement Officer to attend the Annual Finger Lakes Zoning Conference. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 21 - 2010. Amending the 2010 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 22- 2010 was tabled for the next meeting as there will be some adjustments.

Resolution No. 23 - 2010. Updated Version for Standard Work Day and Reporting for Retirement System. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Discussion. Approved.

Minute approval for the January 2010 Board Meeting and Annual Audit Meeting was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, noted that the Comprehensive Plan Committee has done a lot of work and are holding their first public hearing on March 8, 2010 at 7 PM and recommends that the Town Board should attend.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #9 - 27 totaling \$7,767.45 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #28 - 56 totaling \$118,204.60 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, March 11, 2010 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,

Town Clerk