

BOARD MEETING
JUNE 10, 2010

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, June 10, 2010, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Town Received a Thank-you letter from the Sinclairville Free Library for the maintained income of \$6,000.00 and gave an overview of what is happening at the library for 2010.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, commented he has been quite busy lately. He has a few property maintenance issues in the town that may turn into problems. A permit is pending for a resident as a camp may be located there. The Vanson Brass Company opted out of receiving an emergency demo permit due to insurance purposes. Mr. Crossley is requesting the town to put a certain amount of money split with local municipalities towards safety gear. The Town Board does not see a problem with it.

MAY 2010

10 permits issued this month.

18 pending permits

5 Certificate of Occupancies to be issued from 2009 permits.

Dog Control Officer. Troy Kennelley, DCO, reported he started the dog enumeration and found 15 unlicensed dogs on one road. He commented it will be a long process and he may not finish this year. Councilwoman Bartholomew commented she received a complaint about dogs running at large on Hanson and the dogs have quit running.

Highway Superintendent.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, commented he attended the schooling in Illinois, NY and the CHIPS funding has been approved he was told at school. The Highway Department had done 11 miles of CHIP Sealing. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, commented that the town saved \$5,500.00 for pre-paying for blacktop this year and noted that the Town rated a 9 on an efficiency study done by the County(the highest in county).

Assessor's report.

Grievance Day was held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 from 4pm - 8pm. We had 7 parcels grieved with minor reductions granted by the Board of Assessment Review. Many thanks to the BAR for their dedication, and a job well done. The rest of June will be spent double checking exemptions, updating roll information, and preparing for the filing of the Final Roll. The Final Roll will be filed July 1, 2010 and the appropriate legal notice will be posted in the Post-Journal.

Supervisor Crossley commented they received a memorandum from the Office of Real Property Services and the 2010 Tentative Equalization Rate for the Town is 88.75. Only a 1.63% change from last year.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation Committee.

Councilman Heath reported the concession stand has been refurbished and he will be inspecting it. A few flood lights were added to park and a few other changes occurred with the building of the concession stand. He received a complaint about the wood chips on the playground that they need to be weeded. Councilman Heath and committee members will fix it up.

The Park Committee did interviews for the Summer Recreation program on Saturday, June 5th and recommends Lori Johnson for Leader, Bryce Mason and Peggy Heath for Co-Leaders/assistants and Kari Barmore, John Barton and Mikayla Gibbons as Recreation Assistants. Recreation begins July 6th and ends August 13th.

Town Picnic Committee.

Councilwoman Bartholomew stated they have been working on advertising and contacting organizations for help. Councilwoman Bartholomew commented they are looking for music and Councilman Heath said he will contact a resident from the town for this. The Government Class from school made a poster and it will be posted up at the Town Hall. The Town Picnic is scheduled for August 14th at Noon.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 31- 2010. Appointment of 2010 Summer Recreation Leader and Assistants. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minute approval for the May 2010 Board Meeting was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley commented they received a call about using the Town Hall for a shower. The Board discussed the use of the town hall and suggests having a policy written up on the use of the Town Hall.

William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, passed out copies of the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan and suggests the Town Board to review and discuss at the July meeting if they would like to send back to the committee or accept it and then proceed to the seeker process.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Brian Truax, a resident of Strong Ave. asked the Town Board what the fees for the Park Rental are and Mr. Truax is concerned with organizations renting it out under a town resident's name. Supervisor Crossley commented it is hard to police the rental. Councilman Swan agreed and he noted that we want people to want to reserve the park and enjoy it. Town Clerk, Recia Myers, commented that if that person reserves the park they are fully responsible for whatever organization they are reserving it for. So it is up to that person if they want to take responsibility by paying out of there pocket to reserve it.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #73 - 88 totaling \$19,797.82 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #144 - 188 totaling \$13,925.21 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.


ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, July 8, 2010 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by


Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk