

BOARD MEETING

MARCH 11, 2010

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, March 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

Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman

Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk

Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk

Mark A. Risley, Highway Superintendent

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer

Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator

Absent was: John R. Crossley, Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, commented that the Board received the letter for the bid of the Trailer Court on Sinclair Drive. The person who placed the bid is a qualified receiver as they will take

care of the septic systems and the land will be used as a picnic area. The County will be accepting the bid on Monday and the Town is invited to attend and to give there input as well.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

1) The Valley Historical Society sent a thank you card thanking the town for there annual donation.

2) A letter informing the Town Board that Chautauqua Energy was commencing drilling operations on Gerry-Levant Road was received. Councilman Heitzenrater commented that they were already done with this project as his home is just below the place where they were drilling.

3) Camp Gross sent a letter to request the Town to honor Incredible Kid's Day on March 18, 2010.

#### OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

A Report was given to the Town Board to review.

Dog Control Officer.

Troy Kennelley, DCO, reported he has been called a few times regarding stray dogs and by the time he gets there they are gone. He commented he will begin the enumeration in May and Recia Myers, Town Clerk, will post a notice in the newspaper next month. He also received a call from the Sheriff's Department about a dog that was dead on the side of Route 60 and it turned out being a coyote.

Highway Superintendent.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, commented he opened the bids for fuel yesterday and after reviewing he recommends using R. O. Proper for the Fuel Bids. Deputy Supervisor Heitzenrater entertained a motion to allow the Highway Superintendent to accept the bid for fuel for

the lowest bidder, R. O. Proper. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, commented that they accepted the county bids for road materials.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, noted he spoke with a representative at Jamestown Macadam and they are giving the option to municipalities to be able to pre-pay for Blacktop this year. Mark commented it would save the town money and he spoke with the accountant Laura and she said it would be a good idea. After discussion, Deputy Supervisor Heitzenrater entertained a motion to allow Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, to pre-pay for blacktop in April 2010 for maintaining town roads with a savings to the town for pre-paying. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, presented a paper of wing edges he received and showed a savings of \$5,103.30. The Board commended him on his purchasing.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, noted that the Highway Department has been using Truck Lite's new lights for the plows. The life expectancy of these lights are phenomenal. The Town would save a lot for these lights, as they normally replace lights all the time. A professional photographer is coming out to take pictures with these new lights in the trucks.

Assessor's report.

March 1st, Taxable Status Date, has come and gone and the exemption renewal process is over for another year. With 2nd notices and phone calls most everyone who was eligible reapplied.

The big project now is completing field review of all new construction and property owner requests for review of the valuation placed on their property.

In addition, I am analyzing sales to prepare for the State of NY's tentative equalization rate for the Town.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation Committee.

Councilman Heath reported he will be working on writing up specs on the concession stand for siding and doors. He will properly bid out the materials and the labor separately next month.

Councilman Heath noted that for Summer Recreation he would like to advertise. After discussion the Town Clerk will advertise for Summer Recreation in May and Councilman Heath will be calling Jim Boerst, PT Mower, to see if he was still interested in the position for this year.

Town Picnic Committee.

Councilwoman Bartholomew commented that the Town Picnic is scheduled for August 14th at Noon at the Town Park. Poster makings for the picnic are going to made by government classes at the High School.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 22 - 2010. Snow and Ice Removal Policy. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Discussion. Approved.

Resolution No. 24 - 2010. Authorizing Municipal Cooperative Agreement for Highway Projects and Maintenance and Designation of Coordinators for Town of Gerry. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 25 - 2010. Declaring a 1969 OshKosh and Belarus Tractor as Surplus. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath to approve as amended. Approved.

Resolution No. 26- 2010. Confirm Appointment by Highway Superintendent. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Heath asked how the savings was after the insulation was put up at Highway Garage, the Town Board looked over bills and there was a substantial savings.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Veterinary Hospital. The Jamestown Veterinary Clinic contacted the Town Clerk and they were not interested in renewing the contract with them to hold stray dogs. The Town Clerk contacted several other veterinarians and could not find anyone who was interested. The Chautauqua County Humane Society had two different contracts to choose from. The Best contract was \$15.00 a day for a dog up to 5 days and a \$50.00 euthanization fee if the dog does not pass temperament test. Deputy Supervisor entertained a motion for the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Chautauqua County Humane Society for the holding of stray dogs for the Town of Gerry. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

#### VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #28 - 40 totaling \$5,172.07 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #57 - 84 totaling \$3,950.78 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,

Town Clerk