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BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 08, 2011

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, December 8, 2011, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

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

Absent were: Robert B. Heitzenrater, Councilman
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Crossley called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) A renewal application for a liquor license for The Backyard Bar and Grill was presented.

2) Paul Cooley, Zoning Board Chairman, submitted a copy of an application to the Gerry Town Board from John Venable for a zoning variance regarding a race track for snowmobiles. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, stated that the Department of Conservation is checking on the surrounding area on Tuesday and Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, also commented that this has to first go in front of the County Planning Board for approval before it goes to the local Zoning Board.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, submitted the following report:
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1 permit issued for December
17 pending permits

Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, stated that he will be attending a meeting for the State Board of Zoning next week to discuss the matter of having clarification of the rules for asbestos studies for every building permit issued. The asbestos studies are expensive and would be up to the home owner. Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, is looking into this and will report back to the Town Board.

Dog Control Officer.

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, was absent but submitted the following report:

Picked up one dog on Elwell Road. He is continuing his enumeration and almost every dog found on Damon Hill Road and Gerry Ellington Road has been licensed. He will be starting another road before winter starts.

Highway Superintendent.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated that they have been doing some mowing and that the trucks are ready for the snow.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated the John Deere had made an offer on a trade in for the current John Deere loader. The loader that the Town

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of Gerry has is only a year old and only has 250 hours on it; however the trade will give the Town of Gerry a new John Deere loader with a price difference of \$5,000.00. Discussion. Supervisor Crossley entertained a motion to allow Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, to trade in the current John Deere loader for a new 2012 John Deere loader for the price difference of \$5,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Assessor's report.

No Report was submitted.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 48 - 2011. Ratification of the Corrected 2012 Preliminary Budget / October 13, 2011 Public Hearing. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 49 - 2011. Workplace Violence Policy. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 50 - 2011. Amending Resolution No. 43-2011. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 51 - 2011. Revised Standard Work Day and Reporting for NYS Retirement System for Resolution No. 41-2011. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Minute approval for the November 2011 Board Meeting/and Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley stated that he received a phone call from Don Sarr about the liability insurance for the Town of Gerry. The liability insurance has changed from \$20,000 down to \$16,000 for next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley stated that he has been doing research on getting a Disaster Preparedness Plan in place for the Town of Gerry. Supervisor Crossley also stated that the Gerry Town Board needs to sit down and figure out who is going to be in charge of what for this plan. Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, stated that there is a company that is going around to surrounding areas and fining the Towns for every day that they do not have a Disaster Preparedness Plan in place. Supervisor Crossley stated that the Gerry Town Board will continue working on this plan and it will be brought back up at the next meeting.

The Gerry Town Board set the dates for the year-end meeting and the organizational meetings. The year-end meeting will be held on December 29, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. and the organizational meeting will be held on January 2, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. at the Gerry Town Hall.

Local Law No.1 of the year 2012 . A Proposed Local Law Regulating Small Scale Solar Energy Systems was introduced. Copies will be made and given to the board members for review at the year-end meeting scheduled for December 29, 2011.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #180 - 205 totaling \$12,924.79 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew . Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #321 - 342 totaling \$ 6,710.65 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, January 12, 2012 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:29PM on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Deputy Town Clerk