

Board Meeting

BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2011

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, January 13, 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  
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk  
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney  
Mark A. Risley, Highway Superintendent  
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer  
Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer  
Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor  
Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator

Absent was: Robert B. Heitzenrater, Councilman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, commented that he showed his friends the Town Website and they were impressed, the Town Board credited Councilwoman Bartholomew on the creation of the website.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter was received from Heritage Village requesting if the town could proclaim Heritage Ministries Day on May 14th as they are celebrating 125 years. Supervisor Crossley and the Town Board agreed to proclaim the day and someone will attend the ceremony.
2. A thank-you letter was received from Westfield Memorial Hospital thanking everyone for their support to aid in remaining a full service hospital.
3. A renewal application was sent from the Witch Kitch Inn advising that they will be renewing their liquor license.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, commented it has been quiet he has a few pending permits and is working on year-end reports and he attended training in Mayville today.

The Zoning Officer noted that he has received several complaints on parking issues. He commented that as the Zoning Law reads that a person shall not have any off street parking in front of their house. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, explained that some feel this is too picky and he is suggesting the Town Board to review it and decide to enforce or change it. The Town Attorney suggested to create a special use variance to be able to do this or to eliminate it all together. Supervisor Crossley will give a copy of this law to Councilman Heitzenrater to review so they may discuss changing the Zoning Law at the next meeting.

Town Attorney, William Duncanson, Jr., commented that they also should look at a few more items in the Zoning Law as well. A variance currently is needed to put up a building on an empty lot and he feels it should be just a special use permit. The Town Board will be looking over the Zoning Law and Town Attorney, William Duncanson, Jr., will put together legal changes on paper for them to review at the February meeting.

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### Dog Control Officer.

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, commented he has been getting phone calls from a person who's neighbor's dog barks all the time. He commented that he has only received verbal complaints but nobody wants to actually put in an official complaint in writing. He also received a call from the Sheriff's office last night and by the time he called back the lady who called it in let the stray dog loose. Other than that it has been pretty quiet.

### Highway Superintendent.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, commented that not much has been going on. He noted that he received an appraisal for his truck that he would like to sell to the town from Ed Shults for \$8,000.00 and found comparisons of other vehicles and nothing came close to his amount of \$6,800.00. A motion was made by Councilman Swan to purchase the 1997 Chevy Truck from Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, for \$6,800.00, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved. A written resolution will be drawn up for the next month's meeting. Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, noted that they did receive the new loader. Assessor's report.

Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor, gave copies of information on the reval for next year. He explained there is two ways of processing, one is for state aid to do every 5 years, and two, is to do everything on own for four years. The Town Attorney reviewed the contract for the Gar associates and agreed it was okay, a resolution will be available at the February meeting. Town Assessor, Kevin Okerlund, commented that he would like to hold meetings prior to the change of assessment and help residents learn how to grieve to the BAR if they feel the amount is unfair. The reval will begin in July and will affect the following year's tax roll. After discussion the Town Assessor suggested the Town should attempt the state for reimbursement and do a reval every 5 years. The Town Board will keep informed from the Assessor on the whole reval process.

### COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation Committee. Councilman Heath shut off the lights to the concession stand as they wanted to stay on.

### SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 16 - 2011. 2010 Budget Transfers. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved. Highway Superintendent noted that this is money rolled over from last year.

Minute approval for the December 2010 Board Meeting/Public Hearing for Local Law No. 1 of 2010/ Year-End meeting and Organizational Meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Procurement Policy. The numbers did increase from the state bidding policy and next month a resolution amending the current policy will be presented.

### NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business.

### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, commented that the Town of Charlotte had problems with the Humane Society regarding the licensing of the dogs at the municipalities instead of there. The Town Attorney advised the Town Clerk to contact the Charlotte Town Clerk to look over the contract and contact the Humane Society.

### VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #1 - 8 totaling \$8,186.52 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

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General Fund Vouchers #1 - 20 totaling \$4,500.26 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, February 10, 2011 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk