

BOARD MEETING
APRIL 12, 2012

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, April 12, 2012, 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
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator
Luke Risley, Highway Employee

Absent was: Richard C. Heath, Councilman
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1.) A notice from the Chautauqua County Workers Memorial extending an invite for a service to be held on May 5, 2012 at the Erlandson Overview County Park in Frewsburg at 11 am was received.
- 2.) A thank you letter from the Sinclairville Free Library for their annual donation was received.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, was absent but submitted the following report:

April 2012

2 permits issued this month.

11 pending permits

Dog Control Officer.

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

He picked up one stray dog on Cobb road and investigated a dog bite incident on Church Street. The woman who was bit was visiting family and wished to not file a dangerous dog

report although the sheriff dept. has an incident report on file and the owner of the dogs has not been determined yet.

Highway Superintendent.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, was absent and no report was submitted.

Assessor's report.

He has been in the process of finishing new construction review and valuation, gas well valuation, and review of the informal hearings held by Gar Associates.

The informal hearings have gone smoothly and property owners spoken to were happy with the professionalism in which the hearings were handled.

May 1st the tentative roll will be filed with the appropriate legal notice and notices will be mailed out with the results of the informal hearings.

Grievance Day is scheduled May 23, from 4-8 pm. Appointments will be setup to allow and orderly flow throughout the evening.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation. Councilman Heath was absent but spoke with Supervisor Crossley and noted that they did the interviews for the PT Mower position and by recommendation of the Park Committee, Daniel Heitzenrater was there candidate, a resolution is in place.

Town Picnic Committee. Councilwoman Bartholomew was absent but submitted a report as follows:

The Picnic Committee met on March 18th and advertising has been getting worked on by the committee. Information has been submitted on the Town's website and Letters were sent to local businesses advising of the bi-centennial and copies of these letters were provided.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 26 - 2012. Authorizing Town Employees to attend the 19th Annual STW Local Government Conference. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 27 – 2012. Authorizing Highway Superintendent to attend the Annual New York State Association of Towns Highway School. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

Resolution No. 28 – 2012. Appointment of Part-Time Mower & Maintenance Position. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Supervisor Crossley noted that this appointment has been approved on the basis of the recommendation of the Town Park Committee.

Resolution No. 29 – 2012. Modifications to 2012 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minute approval for March Board Meeting/and minutes taken from Fuel Bid Openings on April 11, 2012. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clean up Day. Scheduled for April 21st at 9 am at the Sinclairville Fire Dept. parking lot.

Town Hall. Supervisor Crossley is obtaining quotes for new chairs and flooring for the Town Hall and will still keep trying to contact the Army Reserves.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fuel Bids. Luke Risley, Highway Employee, commented that we have opened the fuel bids and on behalf of the Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, he suggests awarding the bid to TPS. Councilman Heitzenrater entertained a motion to award TPS for the fuel bid and have Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley notify them, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Dog Control Services. The current agreement has expired and Supervisor Crossley contacted the Town of Charlotte and they agreed to enter into another agreement for dog control shared services. Councilman Swan entertained a motion to allow the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Town of Charlotte regarding Shared Dog Control Services, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

Street Lights. Supervisor Crossley checked the street light request from Town Resident, Dave Hall, near the Rodeo grounds and he suggested that maybe the fire department could use a temporary light system for the 3-4 days needed. Councilman Heitzenrater commented that after thinking about this that technically a street light at this location would be benefited all year for snowmobilers and people renting the rodeo conference center as well. Supervisor Crossley is going to contact National Grid to obtain prices and find out more information.

Emergency Plan. Supervisor Crossley wants to set a date with Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, and the Chief for the Fire Department to go over the Emergency Preparedness Plan and will contact them.

Citizen Complaint. Councilman Swan noted that they have received a complaint from Town Resident, Dave Crossley, regarding his ditch at his home; he is unable to mow an area now as the Highway Department has dug a ditch out for water concerns. Luke Risley, Highway Employee, showed pictures of the property and it was discussed and Luke noted that I am sure the Highway Superintendent will work with Dave Crossley on fixing the problem.

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Dave Hall, Gerry Resident, noted that the Memorial Day Committee is in need of flags for the Town and they need approximately 72 more. Supervisor Crossley noted that they will discuss it on Saturday at a Memorial Day committee meeting and if Dave can find some quotes for the flags. Supervisor Crossley also commented that they need flags for the cemetery too.

Dave Hall also inquired if there was any more information regarding the Fire Department Electronic sign and Supervisor Crossley commented that he has no solution yet at this time.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #40 –62 totaling \$41,970.21 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #89 –123 totaling \$ 8,726.38 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, May 10, 2012 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk