

BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 2012

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, August 9, 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  
Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk  
Mark A. Risley, Highway Superintendent  
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney  
Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator

Absent were: Richard C. Heath, Councilman  
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman  
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer  
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:**

Daryl Frost, a Gerry Town resident, addressed the Gerry Town Board about the water issue that has been occurring on his property. Supervisor Crossley along with Councilman Swan, and Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, went to the property and assessed the ditch where the problem is occurring and have come to the conclusion that there is an issue. The Gerry Town Board discussed how to fix the ditch for proper drainage of water. The pipe that runs into the ditch has to be replaced by a bigger pipe however; the cost of the pipe alone is \$1,650.00. Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, stated that the dirt that would be taken out of the ditch would be left on the other side of the road and Mr. Frost could use it to finish the rest of the work to cover the pipe on his property where the town could not as the town cannot enter on to private property. Daryl Frost town resident stated that he would donate \$500.00 towards the cost of the replacement of the pipe to fix the water issue on his property.

Councilman Heitzenrater entertained a motion to allow Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, to resolve any drainage and water flow problems on the Daryl Frost property with the \$500.00 donation from Daryl Frost towards the project, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1.) The Town of Gerry received a letter from the Valley Historical Society about the upcoming 2012 History fair to be held on Saturday, September 8, 2012.

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**Zoning Officer.**

The following report was submitted:

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8 permits pending  
12 permits pending.

**Dog Control Officer.**

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, was absent; however he submitted the following report: Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, investigated a report of a dog bite that occurred on Elwell Road. A woman who lives on 28 mile creek road was walking her dog and a boxer came on to the road and started to attack her dog. She was able to get the dog off with help from the owner of the boxer no injuries were sustained on the dogs nor their owners. The dog owner did not want to file a dangerous dog report however did file a complaint for a leash law. Troy Kennelley, Dog Control officer, issued a summons to the dog owner whom owned the boxer.

**Highway Superintendent.**

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated that the new hires Tracy Butcher and Joe Reed are learning fast and are doing a great job. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, also stated that Joe Reed is working on getting time in the trucks to obtain his CDL license.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, commented that the black top is done on all the roads that were scheduled to be done and that they are now working on the shoulders.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent stated that the September CHIPS payment is going to be late but will be made in December. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated that he has spoken to the accountants and it is going to work fine for the CHIPS to be made in December.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated that he made a shelf for the honor roll sign to be hung in the Gerry Town Hall. The sign will be hung as soon as they have a few extra minutes to come and hang it up.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated that he has the helium for the balloons for the Town of Gerry Bicentennial.

Supervisor Crossley thanked Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, for all of his help with the water issue on Damon Hill Road.

**Assessor's report.**

.Kevin Okerlund, Town of Gerry assessor was absent but submitted the following report: The school tax roll was filed with the county. Tax bill processing is under way with tax bills being mailed out the end of August.

Norse pipeline (Emkey Gathering, LLC) has filed an assessment challenge against the Town for the valuation placed on their pipeline. The lawsuit should be handled by the County due to the dollar amount of the assessment. Kevin Okerlund, Town of Gerry Assessor, will keep the Town of Gerry Board updated on the progress.

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:**

**Park & Recreation.**

No report was given.

**Town Picnic Committee.**

No report was given.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Minute approval for the July Board Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Crossley stated he had a meeting with Eileen from CHRIC in regards to the Howard Crandell property that was part of the low income revitalization of homes in the town of Gerry. Howard passed away and the Town of Gerry has the right to drop the lien that the Town holds on the property for three years.

Supervisor Crossley entertained a motion to discharge the lien on the Crandell property for the work done on that house through CHRIC, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Supervisor Crossley stated that he received an e-mail from human resources that the Town of Gerry did not have a permit to hold a Summer Recreation program. Supervisor Crossley along with William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, and had a meeting and they will be talking to a State Representative on this issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers #115 – 128 totaling \$5,510.55 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #231 –267 totaling \$ 7,963.01 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, September 13, 2012 at the town hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Swan.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,  
Deputy Town Clerk

