

BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2012

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, December 13, 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
Richard C. Heath, Councilman
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk
Mark A. Risley, Highway Superintendent
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator

Absent was: 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:

Rodney Weaver, Project manager, for Rural Generation and Wind, addressed the Town of Gerry board to explain the benefit of having a power master 15 KVAR energy saver installed in the Town of Gerry Highway Garage. Rodney Weaver explained that this unit would save the Town of Gerry at least 6% on the cost of their electric bill or possibly 10%. This unit helps keep the electric service level so there would be no peaks and valleys while such things as welders and other tools are being used. This unit has a five year warranty and the Town Of Gerry can buy it on a lease for \$55.00 a month over the next three years with no penalty if the Town of Gerry chooses to pay it off early. The cost of this unit is \$1,800.00. Councilman Heitzenrater entertained a motion to allow Supervisor Crossley to enter into an agreement with Rural Generation and Wind INC. for a \$55.00 a month lease for three years for a 15 KVAR unit installed, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) The Gerry Post Office sent out 506 surveys to the Town of Gerry residents with only 170 of them being returned. With this information the Gerry post office will change their hours to Monday through Friday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm with lunch from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. Saturday's hours will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

- 2) The Rodeo City Senior Citizens sent a letter stating that the group took three trips this year. The group had spent all the funds allotted to them from the Town of Gerry and the last trip was an additional \$450.00 with what was levied to those whom went on the trip. The Trips were

enjoyed by all.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

The following report was submitted and Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, commented that it has been quiet and submitted the following report:

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2 permits issued this month

8 permits pending.

Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, stated that the Gerry Fire Department has obtained an attorney in regards to the sign that is located at the Gerry Rodeo grounds, that was erected to use for advertising.

Dog Control Officer.

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, was absent but submitted the following report: He issued several tickets for unlicensed dogs. Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, was called to file a complaint of a dog off of the owner's property on Bloomer Road. Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, is working on a dangerous dog case for a woman whom was bitten on Edson Road. This particular dog has bitten two people in the last six months. The woman did not want to press charges. The investigation is ongoing.

Highway Superintendent.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, noted that things are slow due to no snow. Supervisor Crossley asked Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, what the 14 sheets of ply wood that was bought used for? Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, stated that they used it to finish the shelving that they put in at the highway garage. Mark Risley stated that he traded Mom and Pop's salvage some scrap steel for the shelves and also bought some steel from them as well which was used to make shelves for the cutting edges for the plows.

Supervisor Crossley stated that the \$500.00 would be transferred into the highway fund. Mark Risley, Highway superintendent, stated that he has been in contact with the accountants and working with them as some of the accounts were off however; they have them straightened out at this time.

Supervisor Crossley stated that Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, can go ahead and have the electric run over to the new building there are monies available to have this completed. Councilman Heitzenrater, entertained a motion to proceed to run power to the new building not to exceed \$1,000.00. seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved

Supervisor Crossley asked Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, if he could have an up to date list of equipment and get it to Don Sarr for insurance reasons. Don Sarr said that the liability rates for next year went from \$15,833.00 to \$16,500.0 (up 2 ½ %).

Supervisor Crossley asked Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, if Brian Anderson would be Deputy Highway Superintendent for next year and Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated he would. The Highway Superintendent also stated that Tracy Butcher would be replacing George Butcher on the Safety Committee. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, also stated that Tracy Butcher is working out real good.

Assessor's report.

No Report submitted.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation. No report given.

Town Picnic Committee. No report given

SPECIAL ORDERS:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Cassadaga Valley High School contacted the Town of Gerry for a sign off on a water main replacement project that will be done in the next three months. Supervisor Crossley stated that he has signed off on it and the new water pipe will be ran behind the bus garage and connected to the school.

Health insurance has had an increase this year of 5.4% to stay with the same plan. Supervisor Crossley stated that next year he would have the whole Town of Gerry board work on getting quotes for insurance before budget time next year.

Supervisor Crossley stated he received a letter from the Chautauqua County regarding the summer recreation program that if the Town of Gerry was to go ahead with the summer recreation program that the state would not certify the payroll for the summer recreation employees and the Town Supervisor would have a warrant out for his arrest. William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, stated that this matter should be sent to the Association of Towns. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would get in contact with them over this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Town of Gerry set the times for the Year End and the Organizational Meeting. The Year End Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on December 27, 2012 and the Organizational Meeting is going to be held at 5:00 pm on January 2, 2013.

Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, received some information on new copiers from two different companies one from Axiom and one from Schwaab they are with the energy star program. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would like for Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, to get more information on this for the Year End meeting and the Town Board will discuss this further at that

time.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #185 –206 totaling \$5,822.79 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #372 –399 totaling \$4,343.61 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Councilman Heitzenrater entertained a motion to enter into Executive session regarding employment history of a particular person and asked William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, to attend as well, seconded by Councilman Swan at 7:45PM Councilman Heitzenrater made a motion to exit out of Executive session at 8:15pm, seconded by Councilman Swan. No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, January 10, 2013 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Deputy Town Clerk