

BOARD MEETING
JULY 12, 2012

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, July 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
Richard C. Heath, Councilman
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer
Mark A. Risley, Highway Superintendent
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.

A Moment of silence was observed for Dorothy Marz former Gerry Town Clerk.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Supervisor Crossley stated that at the June board meeting they addressed the water issue on the Frost property and recommended that Dave Wilson from the Chautauqua County water department take a look at the drainage problem on this property. Dave Wilson recommended that the Town of Gerry do a Topal study of this property to see actually how much water does come down this ditch to see what size pipe is needed to fix the issue. Dave Wilson stated that the water that was in the ditch at the time he was there was most likely ground water that was standing.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated that the price of the pipe would cost \$1,650.00 and other materials to fix the problem and the cost could get up to between 3 to 4 thousand dollars to fix the issue. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would talk to Mr. Frost to see if he is willing to pay for half of the cost of the pipe. The Town board will discuss this further at the August 2012 board meeting.

Paul Atwell a member of the Gerry Fire Department addressed the Gerry Town Board about where the decision of advertising on the sign at the Rodeo grounds stands. Supervisor Crossley stated that the sign could not be used to advertise on where it stands due to the fact it is not zoned for advertising; however he suggested that maybe the fire department could try to lease some land further down on route 60 that is in the advertising district. Paul Atwell said he would take this idea back to

the Fire Department for a discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1.) The Town of Gerry received the final report from Gar Associates.
- 2.) The Town of Gerry received a letter of a proposed rate adjustment for health care.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, stated that there is a special use permit that has been submitted for the old Griffith oil building to be used as a used car lot and garage.

Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, asked if he could use the same format of the Town of Gerry's website in the Town of Charlotte. Linda Bartholomew, Councilwoman, stated that she will look into it to make sure it is legal to use the same format and she will get back to Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, on this.

The following report was submitted:

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5 permits issued.

9 permits pending.

Dog Control Officer.

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, was absent and no report was received.

Highway Superintendent.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated that he along with Board members conducted interviews for the MEO position, there were 7 applicants and on a recommendation by Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, the Gerry Town Board approved that Tracey A. Butcher would fill the MEO position. Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, also recommended that they hire Joseph R. Reed as a part time MEO.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated that the new building is up at the highway department and that he is getting quotes to have electric run to it.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated that the highway guys have been working with the Town of Charlotte and the work is almost complete. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, said that the black topping in our town is going to start soon.

Assessor's report.

No report was given.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation.

Councilman Heath reported that the 4 foot by 60 foot safety fence has been installed.

Councilman Heath stated that there have been reports of bees at the playground and asked if Dan Heitzenrater, part time mower, along with Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, would be able to look into this issue and take care of the bee problem at the playground.

Councilwoman Bartholomew asked if there would be any possible way to have water on hand for the kids at the recreation program who forget their water. The Gerry Town board agreed that there should be bottled water on hand and Councilman Heath stated that he would pick some up and have it on hand by the end of the week.

Town Picnic Committee.

Councilwoman Bartholomew noted that the lineup for the parade will start at 1:30 PM and the parade will start at 2:00 PM, August 11, 2012 the opening ceremony will be held at the end of the parade where there will be activities and booths set up. At 5:00 PM there will be a pig roast and corn and fireworks will be at dusk at the Rodeo grounds.

Councilwoman Bartholomew asked the Gerry Town board if two of the Recreation assistant's Taylor Store and Andrew Berg would be able to be paid for their time to stay with the kids that ride there decorated bikes in the parade. Supervisor Crossley asked the board and the Town of Gerry board granted the request for pay however; Supervisor Crossley stated that they should also try to find some parents to help as well.

Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, commented that he has not received the permit for the fireworks as of yet but it should be here any day and will get it to Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, as soon as it arrives.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 36 - 2012. Authorizing Town Clerk to Hold a Rabies Clinic. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 37 – 2012. Appointment of MEO position. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

Resolution No. 38 – 2012. Appointment for Part Time – MEO position. A motion was made by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No.39 - 2012. Lockout\ Tagout Program. A motion was made by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

Resolution No.40 – 2012. Hazard Communication Program. A motion was made by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 41-2012. Modification to 2012 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 42- 2012. 2012 Budget Trasnfers. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley stated he had a meeting with Schumer's office in regards to the reserve center he will continue to try for more meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley stated that they have been looking into different health insurance and will talk to Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, and will discuss this matter at the August Board meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #99 – 114 totaling \$99,011.41 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #196 –230 totaling \$ 4,075.38 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew; seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, August 09, 2012 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Deputy Town Clerk