

BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2012

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00PM, May 10, 2012, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
Robert B. Heitzenrater, Councilman
Richard C. Heath, Councilman
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk
Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator

Absent were: Gary J. Swan, Councilman
Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer
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:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1.) A letter was received from Governor Cuomo's Office thanking the Town for the invite to the events on August 11, 2012. They will let us know if it is possible for him to attend.

2.) A letter from the Chautauqua County Department of Health was received stating that the New York State Sanitary Code has been revised so the towns may have to submit a permit for summer recreation. The paperwork has been filled out and sent back to them.

3.) A letter was received from Norse Energy for transfer of certificates. This letter was passed on to the Town Attorney to review.

4.) A letter was received from New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation Notice of Complete Application. Tri-James Gravel pit has completed three application.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

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

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4 Permits issued

7 Permits Pending

Dog Control Officer.

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

Picked up two dogs one has been reclaimed by a person in the Town of Poland. It has been real quiet so far. Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer has spoke to Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk regarding the rabies clinic scheduled for October.

Highway Superintendent.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, stated that they have started to use the Tarbucket and it works good, however; they will be making a few minor adjustments.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, stated that he received a phone call about a water issue on private property on Damon Hill Road. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, along with a couple of board members have been up to the property to see what could be done to remedy the situation. The Gerry Town Board requested for the property owner to come to the July 2012 Board Meeting to discuss the cost of changing the direction of the water as it is very costly. William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, asked if the ditch was working as it stands now. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated that the ditch is working the way it should. The Town Board will address this issue further at the July board meeting.

Assessor's report.

All follow-up notices from the informal hearings, and any assessment changes from new construction are in the mail.

Grievance day will be held Wednesday, May 23, 2012 from 4pm - 8pm at the Sinclairville Village Hall. Appointments can be made by calling 962-9455 Mondays from 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. or 296-8050 Saturdays from 9am to 11:45am.

The tentative Equalization Rate is out from the state and is 100%.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park And Recreation:

Councilman Heath stated that there will be three tournaments this year 2 girls and 1 boys. The Girls teams asked to have the mounds removed on the main field. Councilman Heath stated that Dean Barmore would be able to remove the mound and replace it when they are finished.

Councilman Heath stated that Mark Risley, Highway superintendent replaced the door knob on the bathroom at the park and Steve Garrett repaired the toilet. Councilman Heath stated that Dan Heitzenrater, Part-time mower, is doing a great job. Dan Heitzinrater, Part-time mower, asked if there was a way to get a leaf blower to clean the grass trimmings off the walking track and the sidewalks. Councilman Heath asked

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, to look into getting one for the Town.

Councilman Heath stated that the base ball dirt was put in. Councilman Heath also stated that there is a safety issue with a 4 foot by 60 foot section of fence. The Gerry Town Board accepted the lowest bid from Active Fencing by thr three bids Councilman Heath obtained.

Town Picnic Committee:

Councilwoman Bartholomew stated that the letters have been sent to all businesses and most of the music is set for the picnic, the High school band has not yet responded. The time of the picnic has not yet been set how ever it will directly follow the parade and the food will be served at about 5:00 P.M.. Councilwoman Bartholomew stated she has received some donations from Barmore Wood Products and from Universal Tool Co.

Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, stated that he need to know how much money was going to be spent on the fireworks and what time they were planning on setting off the fireworks. He also stated that Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer would have to issue a permit and a place to launch the fireworks from. Councilwoman Bartholomew stated that she would ask the Gerry Fire Department permission to use the Rodeo Grounds to launch the fireworks.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 30 - 2012. Amending 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 Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 31 - 2012. Authorizing Highway Superintendent To Pick Up Tarbucket. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved. A motion was made to amend Resolution No.31-2012 from South Carolina To North Carolina on a motion made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 32 - 2012. Request To National Grid Corporation For Installation Of New Streetlight Within The Hamlet. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

Resolution No. 33 - 2012. 2012 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath . Approved.

Minute approval for April Board Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley stated that he has done some research in replacing the chairs and getting an estimate for the floor at the Town Hall. The chairs will cost about \$33.00 a chair but he is still working on this to see if he can get a package deal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Advertising for The Summer Recreation and the MEO positions are to be put in the proper advertising papers. Summer Recreation will be in the paper two weeks prior to June first. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, will contact Recia Myers, Town Clerk, about putting the MEO position in the paper.

Rabies Clinic is tentatively set to be held at the Highway Garage on October 20th, 2012, there will be more information in the coming months.

The County Historian will be at the June Board meeting to present the Gerry Historian, Peggy Heath, with a picture collage that was put together by the County Historian.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Councilwoman Bartholomew, stated that Dave Miller, a town resident, was working along with the late Kenny Douglas on a sign for the Town of Gerry to honor the Town of Gerry soldiers of W.W.II. The sign is now complete and is at the Town Hall for temporary storage. The Town Board asked if Dave Miller had already paid for his time and they would have to look in to this matter.

Supervisor Crossley stated that they would try to get it hung up on the wall and would ask Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, if she could find someone to hang it up.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #63 - 78 totaling \$10,396.12 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #124 - 155 totaling \$ 4,929.06 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew ; seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater , seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman

Deputy Town Clerk

