

BOARD MEETING
APRIL 11, 2013

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, April 11, 2013, 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
 Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
 Mark A. Risley, Highway Superintendent
 Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator
 Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Supervisor Crossley presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Roger Zahm who recently retired for his 33 years of serving the Town of Gerry as a Motor Equipment Operator.

Donna Nichols, Representing the Gerry Methodist Church, requested to place a flower bed in the Town Park. The Town Board agreed to have it placed and Councilman Heath suggested holding off until chips are placed in the park playground first. Ms. Nichols asked if it could be placed near the park bench that was donated by the Lyons club and the board agreed.

Nancy Salemme, Representative of the Gerry Cemetery Association, commented that the sign at the Town Park is being refurbished by Dave Miller and requested for flags for the cemetery as the weathering has made them in deplorable condition. David Hall commented that he does have flags to put there and will do so. Ms. Salemme also noted that the flowers planted around the Veteran's Memorial are beautiful but no one is taking care of them after being planted. She suggested having a bush there or having Ms. Maring take care of the area. Supervisor Crossley will contact Cherin Mehs to discuss her concerns and will contact Ms. Salemme. Nancy commended Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, and the Highway Department for all their help with the drainage for the pavilion that was placed in the cemetery and they will be doing things in the spring as well.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Received a flyer from Sandberg-Kesler offering their services for renovation of the Town Hall.

2. A letter from the Chautauqua County Workers' Memorial inviting members of the Gerry Board to attend their annual memorial day at Erlandson Overview Park in Frewsburg, NY on May 4th at 11 am.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Dave Crossley noted that it is starting to get busy.

He issued 8 Permits this month and has 6 pending permits.

Dog Control Officer.

No Report Received.

Highway Superintendent.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, commented that they had interviews for the new MEO position and Councilman Heath was present. After interviewing Mark recommended Joseph Reed to the position. A resolution is being presented.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, presented quotes for a new sander and his recommendation is for Southern Tier Supply for \$2,706.00. Councilman Swan made a motion to allow Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, to purchase a new sander for \$2,706.00 from Southern Tier Supply seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved. Councilman Heath asked Mr. Risley what he planned on doing with the old sander and he said it would not do well at auction so he will find someone who is interested, he could probably only get \$400.00 for it Roger noted.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, noted that the rain created a lot of wash outs last week and the highway department was busy and Mr. Risley has to contact a few landowners for the pipes that had to be put in.

Assessor Report.

He is in the process of finishing new construction review, gas well valuation, special franchise review and property owner requests.

May 1st the tentative roll will be filed with the appropriate legal notice.

With the passing of the state budget all property owners who have the basic STAR exemption are going to have to reapply for the 2014 school year. It is my understanding that the State Division of Tax will handle this. However no details have been released that definitely outline how all these STAR renewals will be processed. I will update you when the application procedures are in place.

Also new for this year is the revoking of the STAR exemption for anyone who has unpaid New York State tax debt. A property owner must have the debt paid, or have a payment plan in place by May 31, 2013 to continue to receive the exemption.

Supervisor Crossley noted that he and Recia Myers, Town Clerk, have been checking on the STAR requirements and it sounds like residents will have to apply by March 1st of next year and will be a one-time sign up.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:

Town Picnic.

Councilwoman Bartholomew reported that someone has contacted her to set up a softball game and a kickball tournament. August 10th the Picnic is scheduled.

Town Park.

Councilman Heath noted that the notice for advertising for the Part Time Mower was placed in the Penny Saver and after phone interviewing it was decided to recommend Dan Heitzenrater to the position again this year. A resolution will be presented. Supervisor Crossley noted they have received numerous compliments on his job last year.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 19 – 2013. Authorizing Town Employees to Attend the 20th Annual STW Local Government Conference. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 20 -2013. Appointment of Part-Time Mower & Maintenance Position. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 21 -2013. Appointment for Full-Time MEO position. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Clean Up Day.

Town Clean-up Day is scheduled for April 27th at 9 am at the Village of Sinclairville. Donna Nichols noted that the Town Bricks out front on 60 look awful. Recia Myers, Town Clerk will contact the state again.

NEW BUSINESS:

Waste Services.

John Beichner contacted Supervisor Crossley and put an estimate in for waste removal service. Supervisor Crossley contacted Casella for a quote as well and Mr. Beichner came in approximately \$10.00 cheaper. Supervisor Crossley will check with Town Attorney, William Duncanson Jr., regarding the agreement with Casella and asked the Town Board if it was okay to go with the lowest bidder after he spoke with the attorney and they agreed.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #59 – 71 totaling \$20,091.18 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #109 – 139 totaling \$5,544.87 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, May 9, 2013 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk