

Board Meeting
August 8, 2013

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, August 8, 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
Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer

Absent were: Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Fessenden, Laumer & DeAngelo on behalf of the Town of Ellery as they will be holding a public hearing for Local Law #2 of 2013 to Adopt site Plan Review and Storm Water Regulations, local Law #2.

- 1.) A letter was received from the Valley Historical Society stating that they will be holding the 2013 History Fair on Saturday, September 14, 2013.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, stated that he has been real busy. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, notified Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, that the roof on the back of the Town Hall is looking like it is in need of some repair. Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, stated that he is having it looked into and is looking for an estimate on how much it is going to be to fix the roof. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would like to have a meeting in the near future with all of the Board members present to discuss how to go about getting the Town Hall repaired.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, submitted the following report for August 2013:

12 Permits Issued

8 pending permits

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, reported that he picked up two stray dogs and issued some tickets for late dogs. There were no other issues to report at this time.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Mark Risley stated that they have been busy and the Highway Department has been able to get all the streets that were marked micro paved finished and that all of the paving of black top has been finished. Mark Risley also stated that the CHIPS money will be used to pay for the black top that was laid down this year. Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, noted that there was eight miles of surface treated this year in the Town of Gerry.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated that he has made arrangements to have the extra \$25.00 taken out of his pay to go towards the cell phone bill for the extra minutes that has been added to the cell phone plan.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, asked William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, if there was any reason to enter Miller Road to do any type of work on the existing road that is left there. William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, stated that the Town of Gerry is not responsible for any repair on that road due to the fact that the land owners bought back the right away of the road from the Town of Gerry.

William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, stated that all of the paperwork backing the outcome of the Miller Road situation is in his records.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, asked if he was responsible for picking up the corn for the Gerry Town Picnic. Linda Bartholomew, Councilwoman, was absent and Mark Risley stated that he would find out for sure who was to pick it up and will be able to pick it up.

ASSESSORS REPORT:

No report was received.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

Town Picnic:

Councilman Heath stated the tent was put up on August 8, 2013 in the Town Park for the town picnic.

Town Park:

Councilman Heath stated that he received a quote from Suit- Kote to resurface the walking track. The resurfacing of the walking track will cost about \$ 600.00. Councilman Heath stated that there is enough money in the account to use to do the job. Councilman Heath stated that there will have to be signs put up to keep people off of the track for 24 hours till the sealer sets up. Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, stated that the signs will not be a problem and will post them when the

track is sealed. Councilman Heath stated that there is an issue with bees in the sand on the volleyball courts. Councilman Heath stated that Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, had contacted pest control and he had treated the area two times. Councilman Heath stated that next spring the Town will be replacing the sand at the volleyball courts.

Councilman Heath stated that the Recreation program is going well even with the few bad weather days.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley stated that he would like to wait until next month to discuss the Town Hall issues with all of the Town Board Members present.

Supervisor Crossley along with the Town Board set a tentative work session with the Highway Department set for Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 9:00 Am.

Supervisor Crossley stated that he would like to table the Employee Handbook until next month's board meeting as well.

Supervisor Crossley stated that Casella Garbage collection had been billing the Town of Gerry for garbage pickup after the Town had switched to Beichner's. Supervisor Crossley is looking into this matter and trying to get it resolved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley along with the Gerry Town Board set a work session for 5:00 PM, Thursday, September 19, 2013 with the Fire Departments. Supervisor Crossley asked Deputy Clerk, Jodie Fehlman, to ask Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, to set up the times for the work session on September 19, 2013 with the Gerry Fire Department and Sinclairville Fire Department.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers # 128 – 141 totaling \$116,320.23 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers # 235 – 261 totaling \$5,015.30 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, September 12, 2013 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman
Deputy Town Clerk