

BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2013

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, February 14, 2013, 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
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
Mark A. Risley, Highway Superintendent
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer
Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator

Absent were: Gary J. Swan, Councilman
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Bahgat and Laurito send an agreement for their services to sign and return.
2. The Town of Ellery sent a copy of a legal notice for a public hearing taking place on February 14th regarding extending a moratorium on solid waste management facilities in their Town.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, commented that the report is in front of everyone and he has 8 pending permits. Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, noted that he received two letters from the Town of Islet thanking him for their help with the CEDAR program. Mr. Crossley explained that the sign issue at the rodeo grounds is hoping to be resolved as they had a meeting and the Fire Department is taking the issues back to the committee and hoping for everything to be approved.

Dog Control Officer.

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

He wrote several tickets for unlicensed dogs and one of Rhonda Deering's dogs was deemed dangerous by the Judge and a confinement order was placed upon it.

Highway Superintendent.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, noted that Roger Zahm will be retiring and his last day is around March 7th as he is using his vacation and personal time. Mark asked the Town Board what they would like to do regarding his position, he suggested on hiring Joe Reed as he has been working Part Time already for the Town. Supervisor Crossley noted that they would have to do applications as they do with every other position for the Town. After discussion the Town Board agreed

to advertise for the position and the Town Clerk will place an ad and have the return date for March 4th and set up interviews in the middle of March.

Assessor's Report.

March 1st is the Taxable status date, all STAR, Aged, and Agriculture exemptions need to be filed on or before March 1, 2013.

The income limit for the Enhanced STAR exemption is \$79,050.00 while the maximum amount of income for the Aged Exemption is \$20,000.00 for the County, \$12,500.00 for the Town and \$20,00.00 for Cassadaga Valley School district. In addition there is an income limit of \$500,000.00 a year for the Basic STAR program.

There is also an income requirement for the Agricultural Land Exemption. The property must average \$10,000.00 in gross sales for the preceding 2 years or \$50,000.00 if the property has less than 7 acres. Land rented for agricultural purposes also qualifies as long as the income requirements are met.

In addition to crops, livestock, and livestock products, the products that can be sold to generate the income now includes honey, beeswax, royal jelly, bee pollen, propolis, package bees, nucs and queens. Also, mulch, compost, or other organic biomass products can be included in the gross sale figures up to a maximum of \$5,000.00.

I will start making phone calls to those who have not yet reapplied for their STAR, Aged, or Ag Land exemption starting next week. Fieldwork will also be commencing in the next few weeks looking at new construction, property changes and requested property reviews.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 16 – 2013. Agreement to Spend Town Highway Repair and Improvement Funds. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 17 – 2013. Adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2013. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Roll Call Vote as follows:

Councilman Heath	AYE
Councilman Heitzenrater	AYE
Supervisor Crossley	AYE

Approved.

Minute approval for the January Board Meeting and the Annual Audit Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall.

Supervisor Crossley commented that the Town Hall is running out of room and he has had no luck with the Army Reserve Center so he is going to get ahold of Councilman Swan to contact an architect to take a look at the Town Hall and see what we can do.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

David Hall thanked Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent for fixing the closures to the Town Hall door for the Judge.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #17 – 39 totaling \$11,559.25 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #29 – 76 totaling \$128,418.80 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater; seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, March 14, 2013 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk