

BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2013

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, January 10, 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
Mark A. Risley, Highway Superintendent
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Larry Barmore, Town Resident of 4326 Route 60, Gerry, informed the board that they have been having a snowmobile problem. He is definitely pro snowmobiling as it helps business etc. but he counted over 50 snowmobiles on the sidewalks last weekend. The signs are clearly marked showing no snowmobiling on sidewalks. A few snowmobilers decided to go through his yard and ended up running into their bushes and destroying them. Mr. Barmore contacted Fred Croscut and asked for a solution. Mr. Croscut contacted snowmobile clubs and they contacted the Sheriff and they feel snowmobilers need to be more educated. The sheriff offered to have a patrol car at the Country Fair on a Saturday to check registrations and let them know there is no snowmobiling on sidewalks. Supervisor Crossley will check into the town's Local Law and will work on it and contact Mr. Barmore.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A Thank you letter was received from Hospice regarding the Light a Life Program and an invite for their appreciation on January 22, at their office for an evening of hors d'oeuvres.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

No Report.

Dog Control Officer.

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, was absent but submitted the following report: He issued some appearance tickets for unlicensed dogs.

Highway Superintendent.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, noted that things are running smoothly but he would like to have any monies leftover from 2012 for the DA accounts to be rolled over for 2013 and a

resolution needs to be presented for this.

Assessor's report.

No Report submitted.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation.

No report given.

Town Picnic Committee.

Councilwoman Bartholomew noted that there is a picture from the Hospice Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Town's website.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Minute approval for the December Board Meeting, Year-End and Organizational Meetings. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Agreement. Supervisor Crossley noted that at the Organizational Meeting a resolution for the Highway Agreement was tabled for this meeting due to the wording of some items and after He and the Town Clerk reviewed the resolution the suggestion of leaving out a pay rate and only put a percentage was suggested. The Resolution will be adjusted and can be voted on at the Annual Audit Meeting next Wednesday.

Rural Energy. The paperwork for the Rural Generation & Wind was discussed and unfortunately they will send a credit card but will bill us every month. Supervisor Crossley commented that it will just be cut up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase Contracts. Supervisor Crossley commented that the Town of Ellery passed a local law making it optional to award purchase contracts on the basis of best value. William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, commented that seems like a good idea and he will check on it for Supervisor Crossley.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, noted that we need a resolution to spend highway funds for 2013. A Resolution will be presented at the February meeting.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #1 –16 totaling \$9,327.91 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #1 – 28 totaling \$21,773.21 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk