

BOARD MEETING
JUNE 13, 2013

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, June 13, 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 Legislature
 Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer
 William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney

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 the NYS Dept. of Taxation advising the town of the tentative rate for 100%.
- A letter was received from the County of Erie regarding the utilities aggregate to be aware of marketing and companies contacting the town. Supervisor Crossley noted there has been so many calls that he has gave up contacting people.
- A letter was received from the Chautauqua County Insurance Department regarding the Workman's Compensation. The cost of this is going up 13% which last year the town paid \$9,848.00 and the proposed amount for next year would be \$10,649.00. Supervisor Crossley commented that the buyout is even more expensive. He is going to contact North Harmony's Supervisor Sally Carlson as she has been working on this a lot.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer:

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, reported:

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8 permits issued

9 Pending Permits

Mr. Crossley Reported that everything is running smoothly and the struggle on Damon Hill Road is slowly making progress.

Dog Control Officer:

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

He picked up three stray dogs and transported them to the holding center and is currently investigating some dog complaints and will report at a later date.

Highway Superintendent:

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, noted that Town Clerk, Recia Myers, and he opened fuel bids on Tuesday and received only one from TPS so he recommends accepting their bid. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater to accept the bid from TPS and allow the Highway Superintendent to contact them, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, commented that the road's chips are sealed and some road signs that are missing are going to be replaced. They have been helping the Town of Charlotte a bit as well.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, noted that the Highway School is possibly closing as of next year in Ithaca as the College is doing away with the road's program. He is requesting to have a letter drawn up from the town to support keeping the school going. Councilman Heath asked maybe another college could pick up the program and Mr. Risley commented that it could be a possibility but the location in Ithaca is centrally located for everyone. Mr. Risley and Town Clerk, Recia Myers, will put together a letter and send it out.

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, commented that at his schooling he attended he found that to conduct business properly for the town the general fund should be charged instead of the highway such as plowing or any work done on the town park. Supervisor Crossley asked if the Town Attorney could look into coming up with a resolution for the town to keep doing as they have been, as this probably applies to big cities rather than smaller municipalities.

Assessor Report:

Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor, was absent but submitted the following report:

The Board of Assessment Review met May 29th from 4-8 pm. 11 parcels were presented to the board for review. Thank you to the BAR for their work and willingness to serve. The tentative equalization rate has been issued for the Town and is 100%. The final roll will be filed July 1, 2013 and the appropriate legal notice will be published.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:**Town Park:**

Councilman Heath reported that we ended up having 5 applications for recreation and a resolution will be presented. Supervisor Crossley noted that by the recommendation of the Town Attorney a background check will be done on all applicants for recreation from now on.

Town Picnic:

Councilwoman Bartholomew commented that the Picnic is set for Saturday, August 10th, from 4-9. There will be music provided and at 5 pm will be BBQ Chicken. The Historian will have a display and if anyone is interested in providing a display it would be greatly appreciated. They will begin advertising soon.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 24 – 2013. Declaring Zoning/Supervisor Computer as Junk. Amended to include the printer as well. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 25 -2013. Waste Removal Services. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 26 -2013. Appointment of 2013 Summer Recreation Leader and Assistants. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 27 – 2013. Appointment of Assessor Position. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 28 -2013. Modifications to 2013 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

Resolution No. 29 – 2013. 2013 Budget Transfers. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Minute approval for May Board Meeting and Fuel Bid Opening. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS.

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS.

No New Business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Councilman Heitzenrater entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:24 PM regarding pending litigation and requested for the Town Clerk and the Town Attorney to attend and the Town Supervisor did not attend due to conflict of interest, seconded by Councilman Swan. Councilman Heitzenrater made a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 7:40 PM, seconded by Councilman Heath. No Action was Taken.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #88-115 totaling \$22,145.92 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heitzenrater. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #171-204 totaling \$5,031.96 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, July 11, 2013 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk

