

BOARD MEETING
MARCH 14, 2013

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, March 14, 2013, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
Gary J. Swan, Councilman
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
Mark A. Risley, Highway Superintendent
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator

Absent were: Robert B. Heitzenrater, Councilman
Richard C. Heath, Councilman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Time Warner sent a reminder that the cable franchise agreement will be expiring on December 28th 2015 and they are seeking renewal. Supervisor Crossley gave the paperwork to Town Attorney, William Duncanson, Jr.
2. A Thank you note was received from the Valley Historical Society for the Town's annual donation.
3. A Thank you note was received from the Sinclairville 76er's for the Town's annual donation.
4. A certificate of appreciation was received from Southern Tier West for the continuance of being members.
5. A letter was received from Eileen Weishan, from Southern Tier West letting everyone know she will be retiring. Supervisor Crossley noted that he hopes they find someone just as good as she was very informative.
6. A Certificate of Excellence was received from New York State regarding the 2012 equity.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Dave Crossley was absent but submitted the following report:
2 Permits issued this month and 7 pending permits.

Dog Control Officer.

No Report was received.

Highway Superintendent.

Interviews are set for next Monday for the MEO position. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, noted that Joe Reed has been helping with plowing and hauling and the sander that was bought from the county is junk. He will be putting it in the auction or declare as surplus and will be looking for quotes on a new one. Town Clerk, Recia Myers, will be posting in the paper the roads posted ad.

Assessor.

The Assessor was absent but submitted the following report:

The Certificate of Excellence was received from the state and the appropriate legal notice required by the NYS Real Property Tax Law was filed on March 1, 2013 and he will be out in the field over the next month collecting data and property reviews.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:

Town Picnic.

Councilwoman Bartholomew noted that the pep steppers will be coming back again this year and Recia Myers, Town Clerk, and Councilman Heath are working on a band for later on.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 18 – 2013. Authorizing Municipal Cooperative Agreement for Highway Projects and Maintenance and Designation of Coordinators for the Town of Gerry. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Minute approval for the February Board Meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS.

Town Hall.

Supervisor Crossley noted that an architect came to look at the Town Hall. Councilman Swan commented that his name is Rick Sandberg from Habitera and he verbally said the walls are giving way and that is why the roof is caving in. Councilman Swan figured he would recommend a turnbuckle and once they receive his conclusion in writing they will discuss more.

Supervisor Crossley went to the Tax office in Mayville and had a map printed off of the Town Hall and the boundary lines are different it actually extends more out in the yard which is good and the man there suggested once we get to the point of expansion to see him again to run everybody's property boundaries again as it changes during the years.

Councilman Swan commented that the Fenton's said it would approximately be about \$60,000.00 to put an elevator in and Supervisor Crossley can't see putting that kind of money in and they are trying to figure out ways of utilizing the space upstairs. William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney suggested discussing with the Judge about a grant and Supervisor Crossley noted that is an idea and will revisit again the grant possibilities.

NEW BUSINESS.

Part Time Mower.

Recia Myers, Town Clerk, will contact Councilman Heath to figure out advertising dates. William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney asked if the Town has rops on the mowers as numerous municipalities have been cited for this and Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, noted that we do and we should be fine.

Town Clean Up Day.

Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, noted that the dates for waving the garbage fees at the landfill are from April 20th – May 18th. After discussion the Board agreed to have the clean-up day on April 27th beginning at 9 am. Recia Myers, Town Clerk, will contact Darla Frost-Kianos, Town Clerk of Charlotte, to see if that date works with their town.

Easter Egg Hunt.

The Town’s annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 23, 2013 at 10 am at the Town Park.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, asked if the Town was giving up on the Army Reserve Center and Supervisor Crossley commented yes basically as the Army is not budging.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Swan to enter into an Executive Session pending litigation and requesting the Town Attorney, William Duncanson, Jr. to attend at 7:23 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Councilman Swan made a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 7:37 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved. Supervisor Crossley commented that No Action was taken.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #40 -58 totaling \$9,057.08 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers#77 -108 totaling \$4,447.11 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, April 11, 2013 at the Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk

