

BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2013

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, November 14, 2013, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
 Gary J. Swan, Councilman
 Richard C. Heath, Councilman
 Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
 Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
 Mark A. Risley, Highway Superintendent
 William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney
 Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer
 Larry Barmore, Legislator
 Brian Anderson, Deputy Highway Superintendent

Absent was: Robert B. Heitzenrater, Councilman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A flyer for an opportunity to attend schooling for grant writing was presented and Recia Myers, Town Clerk, would love to attend but the training is during tax time and Supervisor Crossley noted it would be a great class if anyone is interested to see the Town Clerk.

2. A pamphlet on Training School from the Association of Towns was given regarding schooling for newly elected officials.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that it has been quiet and presented a report to the Town Board.

October 2013

14 permits issued

15 Pending Permits

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

No Report Received.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, reported that one of the Truck's broke down, the axle went and had to be towed but it is in working condition now. Councilman Heath thanked the Highway Department for winterizing the Town Park.

ASSESSOR:

The seniors low income renewal applications have been mailed out. STAR renewal applications have also been mailed out. All seniors with the enhanced STAR application need to reapply every year. The maximum income allowed this year is \$81,900.00.

All seniors with a total income of \$20,000.00 or less would qualify for the Seniors Low income exemption. This exemption applies to the County and School taxes. If the property owner's income is less than \$12,500.00 they would qualify for a reduction in Town taxes. This exemption reduces the assessed value by 50% for tax purposes.

The senior and enhanced STAR renewals are filed with the Assessor's office. The deadline is March 1, 2014.

Also, just a reminder that all Basic STAR registrations must be completed with the State of NY by 12/31/2013. This can be done by going online at www.tax.ny.gov and clicking on the STAR tab. Homeowners can also register over the phone at 518-457-2036.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 38 -2013. Adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2013. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Councilwoman Bartholomew	AYE
Councilman Heath	AYE
Councilman Swan	AYE
Supervisor Crossley	AYE

Resolution No. 39 -2013. Adoption of 2014 Town Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 40 -2013. Authorizing One-Year Agreement with Gerry Volunteer Fire Department for 2014. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 41 -2013. Authorizing One-Year Agreement with Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department for 2014. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 42 -2013. Authorizing Town Clerk to Attend a DECALS Training in Ellicottville, NY. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Minute approval for the October Board Meeting, Fire Department Public Hearing and October 16th and November 7th Budget Sessions. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers#174 -190 totaling \$11,545.99 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #321 – 345 totaling \$4,170.71 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, December 12, 2013 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minutes Taken by,

Recia L. Myers,
Gerry Town Clerk