

BOARD MEETING
APRIL 10, 2014

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, April 10, 2014, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
 Gary J. Swan, Councilman
 Todd R. Anderson, Councilman
 Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk
 Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent
 Tracy Butcher, Deputy Highway Superintendent
 William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
 Mark Tarbrake, District 9 Legislator
 Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer

Absent were: Richard C. Heath, Councilman
 Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
 Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Crossley called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance and asked for a moment of silence in honor of George Butcher whom passed away earlier this month.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Cherin Mehs asked the Gerry Town Board if it was possible to have the Gerry Town Clerk collect the donations for the flags again this year. The donations are set at \$20.00 per flag and the checks are to be made out to the Town of Gerry. Supervisor Crossley stated that there would not be any issues in doing so; however he stated that there should be copies of every check made that is collected.

Cherin Mehs also asked Supervisor Crossley if he would be the master of ceremonies for the Memorial Day festivities and Supervisor Crossley stated he would. Cherin Mehs also asked about the water that was left over from the Town Picnic if it could be donated so they could use it along the parade route. Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, stated that the water is gone and that the parade committee would have to purchase water this year for the parade route.

David Hall asked the Gerry Town Board if there was enough money in the celebrations account to buy some new flags. Supervisor Crossley asked David Hall how many was needed and David Hall stated that they would need about 50 new flags (3x5). Supervisor Crossley is looking into how much money is in the account and would get back to David Hall as to how many flags could be bought by the May Board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Received a Thank you note from the Sinclairville Free Library for the donation of support.
2. Received a thank you note from the Butcher Family for the basket of flowers that was sent to the funeral home from the Town of Gerry in honor of George Butcher.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Dave Crossley noted that he has been busy.
He issued 3 Permits this month and has 4 pending permits.

Dave Crossley also noted that he has a couple more permits in the works and stated that the house that burned on Route 380 will be demolished within the next week or two. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, also stated that he has a few permits that are dormant and that he will consult Town Attorney, William Duncanson Jr., as the process goes forth on these permits.

Dog Control Officer.

Dog Control Officer, Troy Kennelley, submitted a report stating that he has issued several tickets for unlicensed dogs. He also stated he has had a number of people reporting that their dogs have come up missing however he did not receive any calls of strays that matched the description of any of the missing dogs.

Highway Superintendent.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, asked the Gerry Town Board about shutting off the Shelters Road the same way as the Town of Ellington has done on their end of that same road. Shelters road would be abandoned and the property would be handed over to the residents that reside on that road. William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, stated that Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, would have to supply the Gerry Town Board with the certificate to close the road and then follow up with the proper steps to close the road the legal way, William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, stated that he will help Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, through this process.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, asked about using some of the CHIPS money to purchase equipment. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would have to contact the accountants to see if it would be a problem and would get back to the Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, as soon as he heard back from them about the accounts.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, also stated that last month they sent a roller to the auction and that the roller was shared by four towns and that money that was received from the sale of the roller has to be evenly divided between all the towns who owed it. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, also stated that he would like to send the International brine truck to the auction later this month the Town of Gerry board agreed. Councilman Swan entertained a motion to send the old brine truck to the auction seconded; by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, asked if the Town Board thought it would be a good idea for him to go to Highway school the board agreed and stated that there will be a resolution ready for the May 2014 board meeting so he could attend the schooling.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, told the town board that the roads have been posted.

Supervisor Crossley stated that he noticed a piece of PVC pipe that had become detached from the Town Hall building and Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, would look into reattaching it.

Assessor Report.

No Report Received.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:

Town Picnic.

No report given.

Town Park.

No report given.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 22– 2014. Appointment of Part-Time Mower & Maintenance Position. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Resolution No. 23 -2014. 2014 Budget transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 24 -2014. Modifications to 2014 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Resolution No.25- 2014. Appointment to Assessment Review Board. A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minute approval for the March Board Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Clean Up Day.

Town Clean-up Day is scheduled for April 26th at 9 am at the Village of Sinclairville.

The Gerry Town Board recommended that they have another meeting about the Town Hall, they set a date of April 17, 2014, at 5:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

District 9 Legislator, Mark Tarbrake, asked the Gerry Town Board who pays for the demolition of a property that has burned and has to be demolished? Supervisor Crossley stated that he will have to check with the Zoning officer, Dave Crossley, but it was his understanding that the house was insured and the insurance would have to pay for it; however the town will be using their credits at the land fill to get rid of the debris.

Supervisor Crossley will be contacting Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, on proper protocol about if the property was not insured and had a fire will the town have to pay for the demolition of that property. Supervisor Crossley stated that they will find out and get back to District 9, Legislator Mark Tarbrake, on this issue.

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, stated that he was approached about a town resident being able to do 40 hours of community service with the highway department. Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, asked the Town Attorney, William Duncanson Jr., if the town would have to carry insurance on this person and the town attorney stated that he did not believe that the town would have to. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would look into it and get back to Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, on this issue.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #43 – 62 totaling \$12,240.23 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #90 – 117 totaling \$7,240.81 was approved on a motion by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, May 8, 2014 at the town hall.

The Town Easter Egg Hunt will be held Friday April 18, 2014 at 10:00 Am at the Town Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Anderson.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Deputy Town Clerk

