

Board Meeting
August 14, 2014

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, August 14, 2014, 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
Todd R. Anderson, Councilman
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent

Absent was: Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman

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 Department of Real Property Tax notifying the Town of the final equalization rate for 2015 which is at 100%

An invoice was received from the Chautauqua County Finance Department regarding workman's compensation and there was a \$100.00 decrease from last year the amount for 2015 is \$10,571.53.

Chairman Paul Cooley for the Zoning Board of Appeals notified Supervisor Crossley that the Board of Appeals will be having a meeting on August 18th regarding an application for an area variance for an addition to a home on Salisbury Road.

Supervisor Crossley received a packet from Stagecoach West regarding footwear and he gave the information to Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson.

A State seqr report regarding the water system of the Village of Sinclairville was sent to the Town as some of the Village lies within the Town.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that he has been busy this month and discussed the training he will be attending in September and commented that it is the first training mandated by the State for the energy code. The cost of the training will be split between towns. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that the rating regarding ISO was to be ignored until it goes to the state so no letter needs to be written yet. Heritage Ministries sent a letter regarding a check that was never cashed

from 2005 which Dave was not even working for the Town then. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, will contact them again.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, submitted the following report for August 2014:

9 Permits Issued

12 pending permits

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer submitted the following report:

One stray was picked up and transported to the CCHS holding center. A dangerous dog complaint was filed on Terrace Drive. It involved the neighbor dog attacking another dog across the street. Dog owner was issued a civil appearance ticket for dangerous dog.

Still having issues with Chris McChesney's dogs getting loose and has spoken with both parties about the situation and if dogs get loose again he will start to write tickets for leash law until a solution is rendered.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported everything had been going well and they have been helping other town's oil and commented that the State is milling on Route 60 between Cassadaga and Fredonia next month. Roadside mowing is going well and Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, presented a new truck proposal. The three proposals were a Mack, Freightliner and an International. Mr. Anderson proposes the Freightliner over the International with all the extras. (See attached proposal attached to minutes) Supervisor Crossley said Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, should contact Laura the accountant to see if it is okay. Councilman Heath asked Brian Anderson, if he has been in touch with someone about the CHIPS to make sure that it is okay that this amount from them will be covered for the purchase of the truck and Brian said yes.

Supervisor Crossley entertained a motion to proceed to purchase the Freightliner Dump Truck and the plow frame from Valley Fab subject to meeting with the accountants to discuss the payment options and if they agree it is okay to purchase said truck. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ASSESSORS REPORT:

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

The School Tax Roll was filed with the County, Tax bill processing is under way with tax bills being mailed out the end of August or first week in September.

The State has notified me of our final Equalization Rate, which is 100%.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

Town Park.

Councilman Heath thanked the Highway and Town employees for the help with the Town Picnic and he thanked the Highway for replacing the sand in the volleyball court and the lights on the pavilions have been acting up and Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, is taking a look at them.

Town Picnic:

Supervisor Crossley thanked Councilwoman Bartholomew for all her work on the Town Picnic and Councilman Heath, Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, and everyone else and especially all the vendors this year for their donations.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 33 – 2014. Appointment to Assessment Review Board. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 34 -2014. 2014 Budget Transfers. A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 35 – 2014. Authorizing Zoning Officer to attend the Annual Building Officials Conference. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley noted that he is waiting to hear back from Larry Scalise regarding the Town Hall and he should be here in September and then they would like to proceed on getting the public's input.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Budget Session was set up for 5:00 PM September 11th at the Town Hall.

A proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2014 regarding Dog Control was discussed and will be looked over more and brought up at the next meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers # 120 –137 totaling \$8,405.15 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers # 208 – 244 totaling \$10,171.04 was approved on a motion by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, September 11, 2014 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers
Town Clerk