

BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2014

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, February 13, 2014, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
Richard C. Heath, Councilman
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Todd R. Anderson, Councilman
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent
Kevin Sirwatka, Town Justice
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer
Mark Tarbrake, District 9 Legislator

Absent was: Gary J. Swan, Councilman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Herb Best, Member of the Gerry Volunteer Fire Department, requested if the Town Highway could plow the rodeo grounds and the firehall as they have been paying a lot of money for snowplowing. Supervisor Crossley commented that it is up to the Highway Superintendent. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that he does not have a problem with helping the fire department and said as long as the Town Board is okay with it. After discussion the Town Board agreed for the Highway Department to help the fire department and plow the rodeo grounds when needed and the firehall.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Bahgat and Laurito sent an agreement for their services to have signed and returned.
2. The NYS Ag and Markets conducted a Dog Control Inspection and the Inspection passed.
3. The County of Erie sent a letter notifying that the bills for the electric will be higher due to the current cold weather conditions.
4. The Chautauqua County Department of Taxation sent a notice to the Town of Gerry of foreclosures in the Town which are still going through a process.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, commented it has been quiet.

January 2014

3 permits issued this month

4 pending permits

Dog Control Officer.

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

He picked up one stray dog and transported it to the holding center and issued several tickets for unlicensed dogs.

Highway Superintendent.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, commented things are running good and he had a question regarding the Employee Handbook the Town Clerk has been working on. Vacation time is based on the year not the date started in the handbook and he commented that Tracy Butcher didn't realize he needed to take his vacation time last year and thought he could roll it over. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, requested if he could use this instead of losing it and use the handbook as a guideline for the time being. Supervisor Crossley said yes he may use that and said it is a good idea to use that now and if needed the Town Board may adjust the agreement at any time if necessary.

Assessor's Report.

March 1st, Taxable Status Date, is fast approaching. All STAR, Aged, and Agricultural exemptions need to be filed on or before March 1, 2014. They can also be postmarked on March 1st.

I will be sending 2nd notices out Saturday to those who have not yet reapplied for their STAR, Aged, or Ag land exemption. I will call those who have not reapplied by the last week of February.

Fieldwork will also be commencing in the next week looking at new construction, property changes, and requested property reviews.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 17 – 2014. Agreement to Spend Town Highway Repair and Improvement Funds. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 18 – 2014. Authorizing Municipal Cooperative Agreement for Highway projects and Maintenance and Designation of Coordinators for the Town of Gerry. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Resolution No. 19 – 2014. Adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2014. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Roll Call Vote as follows:

Councilman Anderson AYE
Councilwoman Bartholomew AYE
Councilman Heath AYE
Supervisor Crossley AYE

Approved.

Minute approval for the January Board Meeting , Annual Audit Meeting and Special Board Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Deputy Supervisor Heath made a motion to enter into Executive Session regarding the particular employment of a Town Employee at 7:19 PM, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Deputy Supervisor Heath made a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 7:29 PM seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. No action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall.

A meeting is set for March 27th at 5:00 PM at the Gerry Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #10 –26 totaling \$15,261.27 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew; seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #19 –61 totaling \$131,760.16 was approved on a motion by Councilman Anderson; seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, March 13, 2014 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk