

BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2014

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, January 9, 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  
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman  
Todd R. Anderson, Councilman  
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent  
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney  
Mark Tarbrake, District 9 Legislator

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Mark Tarbrake, District 9 Legislator, introduced himself to the Town Board and let them know he is available to contact with any questions or concerns.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**Zoning Officer.**

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that it has been quiet and he gave the following report:

December 2013

1 permit issued  
4 Pending permits

**Dog Control Officer.**

No Report received it has been quiet.

**Highway Superintendent.**

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported that he is just getting started and he just ordered salt for the Highway. Supervisor Crossley noted that they had a good meeting with the accountants today to familiarize Brian Anderson and Todd Anderson with the Town Budget.

**Assessor's report.**

Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor, submitted the following report:

Although the State of NY stated the registration deadline for the basic STAR exemption was December 31, 2013 they are still accepting applications. The website is [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov). The phone number is 518-457-2036.

All other exemptions need to be in the Assessor's office or postmarked by March 1, 2014. These would include new and renewal senior STAR exemptions, low income senior exemptions (income under \$20,000), Veterans and Agricultural exemptions. This date is known as the "taxable status date" and this date is one of the primary dates in the assessment field.

Data collection for new construction and demolition, along with property owner requests for review has begun, and will be completed over the next several months.

#### **COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:**

##### **Park & Recreation.**

No report given. Supervisor Crossley commented that the money for the sealing of the Walking Track was going to be taken out of the Walking Track Reserve.

##### **Town Picnic Committee.**

Councilwoman Bartholomew commented the Town Picnic is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Minute approval for the December Board Meeting, Year-End and Organizational Meetings. A motion was made by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Town Hall.** Supervisor Crossley commented that he would like to start working on the Town Hall and finding options. Councilman Heath commented about the article in the paper Governor Cuomo discussed about the combining of services if that would be an alternative. Town Attorney, William Duncanson, Jr., noted that actually he is trying to make it harder for municipalities to go over the 2% Cap limit and now a municipality must consider shared services instead of going over that tax CAP limit. A meeting was scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM after discussion.

Supervisor Crossley discussed the increase in pay for Terry Rearick as he is currently at the Part Time Seasonal rate of \$11.00. The Board decided to have a resolution in place for him to receive the base MEO Trainee rate at \$11.97.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers #1 – 9 totaling \$4,451.89 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew; seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #1 –18 totaling \$23,811.06 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, February 13, 2014 and the Annual Audit meeting is scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM at the town hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk