

Board Meeting  
July 10, 2014

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

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor  
Gary J. Swan, Councilman  
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman  
Todd R. Anderson, Councilman  
Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk  
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent  
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney

Absent were: Richard C. Heath, Councilman  
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Crossley called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) A letter was received from the Town of Ellery regarding a public hearing for Proposed Zoning Changes.
- 2) A letter was received from Independent Health for a proposed rate increase for next year to 5 ½ %.

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**Zoning Officer:**

David Crossley, Zoning Officer, submitted the following report:

- 1 Permit issued.
- 15 Permits pending.

David Crossley, Zoning Officer, stated that he is working with the two snowmobile clubs on moving the snowmobile bridge on the Maloy property. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, stated, that he needs the Town Board's approval for the DEC to file the paper work stating that by moving the bridge it would not affect the flood plain in our area. William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, asked when this permit had to be filed. Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, stated that they need three months to file it. Supervisor Crossley along with Town Attorney, William Duncanson Jr., stated that they would like to see the paper work and that Supervisor Crossley will speak to Don Cornell a member of the snowmobile club whom has the paperwork so the Gerry Town Board and Town Attorney, William Duncanson Jr. can look it over and will discuss at next month's board meeting.

Zoning Officer, David Crossley, asked Town Attorney, William Duncanson Jr., if they could work together on updating the zoning for decorative fences at the end of driveways at property corners. There is a resident whom built a decorative fence without a proper permit or a variance permit. Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, stated that the residents were charged double for the permit as it was built without a permit. Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, said that he was in contact with the resident on this issue and that he would let the resident know what was said at the Board Meeting. The residents needed to have a variance due to the size of the fence as it is too tall for the right of way. William Duncanson Jr., stated that they will work together with Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, on making the need changes to the fence part of the zoning laws.

**Dog Control Officer.**

Submitted the following report:

Four dogs were picked up and transported to the CCHS holding center. Several appearance tickets were issued for unlicensed dogs, and had received numerous calls on lost dogs.

**Highway Superintendent:**

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, stated that the oiling is done for the Town Of Gerry. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, also stated that the Highway guys still have some crack sealing to be finished up and the Town of Gerry Highway Department have been helping out the surrounding towns with flood damage from the storms.

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, asked the Town Board if there was any money for the guys to attend the Chautauqua County Highway picnic this year. Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, stated the guys have always gone and the cost is a total of \$100.00 for all of them to attend however he also stated that in some years in the past there were a couple of tickets that were donated to the Town of Gerry so the guys could attend. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would not have a problem letting them go this year but, would like to see Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, set money aside for the tickets for next year.

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, also submitted a proposal for a new truck for the Town of Gerry. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would like some time to have Councilman Heath look over this proposal as he was absent from the July meeting and they will discuss this at the next board meeting in August. Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, stated that he would like to go with the Freightliner which has an extended warranty with it.

**ASSESSORS REPORT:**

The following report was submitted:

The final roll was filed July 1, 2014 with the County and the State of NY. Also, the appropriate legal notice was posted in the Post Journal.

The State is sending out an updated list monthly with the reinstatement of the basic STAR exemption. If a property owner has not signed up with the State it looks like they will be able to through the summer.

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:**

**Park & Recreation Committee.**

No report was given.

**Town Picnic:**

Councilwoman Bartholomew stated that the Gerry Town picnic will be held on Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> from 4PM to 9PM. The music will start at 4Pm to 6PM with the first band and from 7PM to 9 PM with the second band.

Councilwoman Bartholomew stated that she is double checking with a few people to see how they are coming with their duties for the town picnic. Councilwoman Bartholomew also commented that there would be chicken and corn again this year.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Resolution No. 31 – 2014. 2014 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 32- 2014. 2014 Budget Modification. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Minute approval for June 2014 Board Meeting and Special Board Meeting was approved on a motion by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Crossley stated that he had a meeting with Larry Scalise to look at the structure of the current Town Hall and he was happy to say that the building structure is sound. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would like to sit down with the Town of Gerry Town Clerk and the Town of Gerry Judge to discuss utilizing the second floor of the existing building for office space and meeting area. Supervisor Crossley stated that he is going to ask Larry Scalise to come back and have him take an accurate measurement of the building so they know exactly what kind of space they will be working with. Supervisor Crossley stated that as soon as the town has as much info as they can he will call a public meeting and have pictures and estimates of much money is need to remodel the Town of Gerry Town Hall.

Supervisor Crossley stated that there are some Town of Gerry employees that should have photo Id's Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, Dog Control Officer, Troy Kennelley, Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, and Town of Gerry Assessor, Kevin Okerlund.

Supervisor Crossley stated that the employees can go to Mayville police department and have the Id's made at no cost to the Town of Gerry. The Town of Gerry Employees that need the Id's will have to set up a time and have the Id's made.

Supervisor Crossley stated that William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, along with Dog Control Officer, Troy Kennelley, has had a chance to look over the Town of Ellery dog ordinance and has recommended that the Town of Gerry should revise the existing dog ordinance for the

Town of Gerry. Supervisor Crossley stated that he also thinks it's a good idea to revise the existing dog ordinance. William Duncanson Jr., will get a hold of Town of Gerry Clerk, Recia Myers, to work on a new dog ordinance for the Town of Gerry.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Crossley stated that Vince Horrigan, County Executive, is holding a meeting for local government from 1PM to 4 PM on July 16 2014. This meeting is discussing keeping the tax cap under 2%. Supervisor Crossley stated that if anyone else would like to attend the meeting to let him know and that he would try to get a place saved for them.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Voucher's #99 – 119 totaling \$78,099.64 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's # 183 –207 totaling \$4,370.84 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, August 14, 2014 at the town hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Anderson.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman  
Deputy Town Clerk