

**BOARD MEETING  
MAY 8, 2014**

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, May 8, 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  
Tracy Butcher, Deputy Highway Superintendent  
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Luke Risley noted that he has put in his resignation and as of May 8<sup>th</sup> will be his last day. Supervisor Crossley and the Town Board thanked him for all his service he has done for the Town. He also, requested to take off weights that were left on the tractor which was his father's and his. The Board took his word and said he could take them.

Ralph Dalaba is building a residence on Engdahl Road within the Town and it is considered a seasonal road and he is requesting to have the road plowed for the winter. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted to the Town Board he has talked with Ralph and explained that half the road is considered Town of Charlotte's and right now the Town's do not have the money to maintain it and gravel that road which runs approximately a quarter of a mile to where he will be building as it has not been budgeted.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, commented that they could peel the ditches and fix shoulders but as far as plowing it, it could be a problem next year without it being graveled it's really the condition of how the road holds up. Supervisor Crossley commented that Brian should discuss the figures of what it would cost to maintain this road with the Highway Superintendent of Charlotte as it is split between the towns. Ralph Dalaba, requested a letter from the Town to National Grid saying that the Town will maintain the road as he will have to cover a large cost to have electric there if the Town will not maintain it. After Discussion, the Town Board decided to not draw up a letter right now as there are no guarantees of maintaining this road, William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, noted that it ultimately is up to Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, on making it a substandard road and not a seasonal. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, is going to work with Town of Charlotte's Highway Superintendent on figuring costs and if they are willing to maintain it as well and also will contact National Grid and let them know that there is no guarantees of maintenance and that Ralph is willing to maintain it on his own. After discussing everything Mr. Anderson will stay informed with Mr. Dalaba and will work on the process and keep the Town Board informed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Received a letter from the Chautauqua County Mayors/Supervisors Committee informing of a meeting to be held on May 22, 2014 discussing Employee Wages and Benefits. Supervisor Crossley will be attending.
2. A notice was received from the County Finance Department regarding a foreclosure in the Town and notifying the town they have the first opportunity to purchase this property.

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**ZONING OFFICER.**

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, was absent but submitted the following report:

May 2014

8 permits issued

7 pending permits

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:**

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

One stray dog was picked up and taken to the Holding Center and tickets were issued for unlicensed dogs. He has received numerous calls about missing dogs some have returned and some still missing.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted things are running well and paperwork for the closing of Shelters Road is going to be processed. They will be working on spots on roads that need to be patched up.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:**

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

Change of Assessment notices have been mailed out. Grievance Day will be held on Wednesday, May, 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm at the Sinclairville Village Hall. Appointments can be made by calling Mondays 5:30-7:30pm. The required legal notice was posted on May 1, in the Post Journal.

The State of NY now requires all Assessors to take an Ethics course and I took the required session on April 25<sup>th</sup> of this year.

**COMMITTIES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:**

**Town Picnic:**

Councilwoman Bartholomew noted Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 4-9 pm is the Town picnic and two bands named Allegheny Crossings and Misbehaving will be playing and Chef Heath will be cooking the BBQ Chicken and a lot of residents have been offering there help.

**Town Park:**

Councilman Heath reported mowing has started and they are in the process of fixing a toilet in the ladies room at the park.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Resolution No. 26 - 2014. Authorizing Highway Superintendent to attend the Annual Highway School. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minute approval for the April Board Meeting, April 21, Special Meeting and May 7<sup>th</sup> Bid opening. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Town Hall.** A meeting regarding the Town Hall was set for May 21, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

**Fuel Bids.** Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, recommended TPS for his choice for the Fuel Bids as they had the lowest bid against NOCO. Supervisor Crossley entertained a motion to award TPS for the 2014 Town's Fuel bid. Motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

A public hearing will be set for June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM to discuss the closing of Shelters Road in the Town of Gerry.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ID Cards.** Supervisor Crossley commented that they received a complaint from a town resident concerning the Assessor as he did not have identification when he was taking pictures of their residence for tax purposes. Town Clerk, Recia Myers, commented that she has spoken with Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, and he felt it was a good idea and they will work on finding out information on buying ID cards for the people and for the Town Employees that it would affect such as the Assessor, Zoning Officer, Dog Control and Highway Superintendent.

**Recreation.** Town Clerk, Recia Myers, will advertise for Summer Recreation and Councilman Heath noted they will have interviews in early June to have a resolution ready for the June Board meeting.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Cherin Mehs, Memorial Day Coordinator, reminded all elected officials that she would love for them to march in the parade on May 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 PM.

William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, commented that he and Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, found that Tri-James Gravel Company did not obtain the proper permits for expansion and did not receive approval from the DEC nor the County or Town and they feel they need to come back in for a Special Use Permit and comply with the Town. The Town Board agreed and William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney will pursue and keep the board informed.

Councilman Swan asked William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, if they may use the remaining applications left from the hiring process before due to the time frame and he said yes.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers #63 – 84 totaling \$14,279.65 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #118 -146 totaling \$4,767.64 was approved on a motion by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, June 12, 2014 at the town hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk