

BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2014

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, November 13, 2014, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Deputy Supervisor
 Gary J. Swan, Councilman
 Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
 Todd R. Anderson, Councilman
 William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney
 Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer
 Mark Tarbrake, Legislator

Absent were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
 Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
 Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter was received from the Department of Agriculture and Markets regarding the Municipal Shelter inspection report.
2. A letter was received from Cassadaga Valley Central School thanking the Town of Gerry for sending a crew to help fill pot holes at all three school buildings.
3. A letter was received from the Association of Towns informing the town of cheaper Electric for the towns.
4. A letter was received from Urban Engineers of New York. On the improvement of the Village of Sinclairville water system.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that it has been quiet and presented a report to the Town Board.

November 2014

4 permits issued

15 Pending Permits

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that they have been working on a special use permit for the Tri – James gravel pit. The work on the permit is ongoing.

Councilwoman Bartholomew asked Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, about the vacant house next to Universal Tool. Dave Crossley, Zoning Office, stated that they are in the process of getting it taken down as the testing has been completed and are waiting on the results.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

Issued one appearance ticket for an unlicensed dog.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Highway Superintendent, submitted the following report:

We have two trucks setup for winter and ready to plow and sand. The brine truck and tank are also ready.

The park is closed up and winterized.

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, submitted a request approval on resolution to transfer money from DA 5142.1 to DA 5142.4 to buy sand.

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, presented the town Board a handout on a new truck showing minor revision to the final cost of the new truck, requesting approval to order the truck.

Councilman Swan entertained a motion to give permission to Highway superintendent, Brian Anderson, to order from Fleet Maintenance a new 2016 Model year Freightliner 11456 chassis and Everest One Plow from Valley Fab And Equipment Inc. totaling \$57,842.00, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

ASSESSOR:

All files for the Town\ County tax bills are required at the County by 11\18\2014 so I have been updating sales, etc. for the tax bills.

All seniors with the enhanced STAR application need to reapply every year. The maximum income allowed this year is \$83,300. This value is calculated by subtracting line 15b from line 37 on IRS form 1040 or subtracting line 9 from line 18 on the NYS form IT-201. These calculations are subtracting IRA distributions from adjusted gross income. The 2013 income information is to be used.

All seniors with a total income of \$20,000 or less would qualify for the seniors low income exemption. This exemption applies to the County and School taxes. If the property owner's income is less than \$12,500 they would qualify for a reduction in Town taxes. This exemption reduces the assessed value by 50% for tax purposes.

The senior and enhanced STAR renewals are filed with the Assessor's office. The deadline is March 1, 2015.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 44-2014. Adoption of Preliminary 2015 Town Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 45 -2014. Authorizing One- Year Agreement with Gerry Volunteer Fire Department for 2015. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Resolution No. 46 -2014. Authorizing One-Year Agreement with Sinclaiville Volunteer Fire Department for 2015. A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 47 -2014. Standard work day and reporting for NYS Retirement System. Was tabled until December's Board Meeting.

Resolution No. 48 -2014. 2014 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Resolution No. 49- 2014. Modification to 2014 Budget. A motion was by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minute approval for the October Board Meeting, October 9th Public Hearings for 2015 Fire Contracts, and Local Law No 2 of 2014, and Budget Sessions. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A Public Hearing was set for 6:45 PM December 11th for Local Law No.3 of 2014.

The Town Board discussed a time for the Holiday party for the Town and decided that they would discuss it at the December Board Meeting.

Jodie Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk, asked the Town Board on Recia Myers Behalf if the Town Board would be willing to have a tree lighting ceremony for the residents of the Town of Gerry as Hospice is no longer doing the sales of the ribbons this year. This would be The Town's way of honoring the people of our Town. The Town Board discussed it and decided that they will contact Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, and hold it on a Thursday evening. They will discuss this further at the December Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Councilwoman Bartholomew on behalf of Cherin Mehs asked the board if the Town Board would be willing to write a letter to the Cassadaga High School to see if the Marching Band could participate in the parade this upcoming year. Deputy Supervisor Heath asked Deputy Town Clerk, Jodie Fehlman, to ask Recia Myers, Town Clerk, if she would be willing to construct such letter.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers#165 -184 totaling \$101,182.68 was approved on a motion by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #300 – 329 totaling \$4,458.26 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Minutes Taken by,

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Deputy Town Clerk