

**BOARD MEETING**  
**APRIL 9, 2015**

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, April 9, 2015, 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  
                          Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk  
                          Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent  
                          William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney  
                          Mark Tarbrake, District 9 Legislator  
                          Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer

Absent was:             John R. Crossley, Supervisor

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Cherin Mehs informed the Town Board the Memorial Day parade is set and the speakers are all chosen. They will be starting at the Fire hall this year and marching up to the cemetery beginning at 1:30 PM on May 24<sup>th</sup> and requested for any help they can when they place flags on poles would be nice.

David Hall spoke with Supervisor Crossley and they are going to figure how many flags they are going to need and noted there will be wing night at the fire hall this Saturday from 5-7 pm and all proceeds will benefit the fire department.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Received a Thank you note from the Sinclairville Free Library for the donation of support.
2. Received a local law from the Town of Ellery informing the Town of Local Law changes to their current Zoning Laws.

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**Zoning Officer.**

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that he has been busy. He has been dealing with a residence on Gerry-Ellington Road where the bank came in and gutted the home with no permits/asbestos study etc. Mr. Crossley will be discussing what to do with Town Attorney, William Duncanson, Jr.

He issued 4 Permits this month and has 11 pending permits.

Dave Crossley also noted that he met with the Judge and talked about the new layout Larry Scalise presented at the last meeting and the Judge is going to review and let everyone know his opinions at a later date. Deputy Supervisor Heath commented that the Town Historian would like a room to display all the historical items as well and Dave Crossley said that would be great and suggested having a climate control area as well for her documents.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, also explained how Planning and Zoning Boards are required to have at least 2 hours of training each year to be re-appointed, which he has discussed with the Town Board before but has been somehow overlooked. He is suggesting that the Town Board should send a reminder notice to all board members. After discussion the Town Board requested for the Town Clerk to send notices to all board members reminding them of the training required for them to stay serving on the board.

**Dog Control Officer.**

No Report Submitted.

**Highway Superintendent.**

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, received quotes for a new loader but he suggested just to keep current loader for time being and he requested to purchase a 985 Case Tractor that he presented paperwork to Board members and asked if they would like to keep the current tractor they own or sell it on Auctions International. Councilman Swan asked what price he thought it would be worth and Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, didn't quite know yet but he will do homework and see what would be the best. William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney noted that the Town of Charlotte did well on Auctions International's website for the selling of their equipment. The Town Board agreed that he should sell the tractor once the Case Tractor is purchased. He requested to advertise for fuel and road materials bids for next month to approve at board meeting and the Town Board agreed. Mr. Anderson commented that they have an old army surplus generator from the Sinclairville Fire Dept. and it works but something is off on it and he asked the Town Board if they would like to keep it or sell it.

After discussion, Councilman Swan entertained a motion to allow Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, to put the old army surplus generator up for sale with an amount he feels it is worth on the website of Auctions International, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Councilman Swan entertained a motion to allow Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, to purchase the 585 Case Tractor from Auctions International for the amount of \$6,820.00, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Councilman Swan then entertained a motion to allow Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, to sell the 1974 International on the website of Auctions International for what Mr. Anderson believes would be a good price only if the 585 Case Tractor is purchased, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

**Assessor Report.**

**April 2015**

I am in the process of finishing new construction review and valuation, gas well valuation, special franchise review, and property owner requests. May 1<sup>st</sup> the tentative roll will be filed with the appropriate legal notice published in the newspaper. Change of assessment notices for new construction will be mailed out the first week of May. I have received notification of our tentative equalization rate which is 100%.

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:**

**Town Picnic.**

Councilwoman Bartholomew commented that the picnic is set for August 15<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 9pm all past, present Town residents are welcome. She is excited to announce that there will be special speakers this year from the Strong-Veneer families.

**Town Park.**

Deputy Supervisor Heath commented that he ordered baseball dirt today from Jamestown Mcadam for the park and hopefully will have Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, open the park up soon once there is decent weather. They are going to look at the lights on the pavilions again as there are some issues with them still.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Resolution No. 20 – 2015. Appointment of Part-Time Mower & Maintenance Position. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved. Councilman Heath abstained due to conflict of interest. Councilman Swan noted that interviews were held and Councilman Anderson, Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, and Deputy Highway Superintendent, Tracy Butcher were present with him and Councilman Heath abstained from interviews and after 3 interviews the best candidate was Matthew Heath as he was a local resident as well.

Minute approval for the March Board Meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Brad Gane asked the Town Board if they ever had the meeting with state representatives yet for the consolidation of the towns and Deputy Heath noted that Supervisor Crossley has not notified him yet and William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, commented that he believes the meeting is scheduled for late April as the Town of Charlotte was discussing that recently. Deputy Heath will find out and let Mr. Gane know. Mr. Gane also asked about the Town Clean-up Day and unfortunately nobody has really discussed this yet. Town Clerk, Recia Myers, noted that Town of Charlotte did not want to do again if there was a small turn out, but everyone said the Town alone could just do this, she and Deputy Heath will talk with Supervisor Crossley and will let Mr. Gane know what the status is.

District Legislator, Mark Tarbrake, noted that the new DMV location from Jamestown will be made public next week and will be overall a better area for everyone.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers #38 – 60 totaling \$15,070.81 was approved on a motion by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #75 – 96 totaling \$3,654.91 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, May 14, 2015 at the town hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Anderson.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk