

Board Meeting
August 13, 2015

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, August 13, 2015, 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
Todd R. Anderson, Councilman
Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Clerk
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent

Absent were: Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
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:

A letter was received from the NYS Department of Real Property Tax notifying the Town of the final equalization rate for 2015 which is at 100%.

A letter was received from the Valley Historical Society regarding the 2015 History fair taking place on Saturday September 12, 2015.

A Notice of a public hearing was received from the Town Of Ellicott regarding the application for an Access Elevator at the North Main St Ext. Building.

A letter was received from the Village of Sinclairville, along with the affidavit of publication for the proposed activity of the 100 year flood plain in the Village of Sinclairville.

A request was made by a local family for a port a pot to be put at the Gerry Park as the distance is too far for some older people to the bathrooms from pavilion No 2. The Gerry town board held a discussion and stated that it would have to be up to the people whom rented it to have it placed for their time at the park. The cost of the rental would be costly for the Town of Gerry to have to pay for the whole summer.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that he has been busy this month and there are a few homes in the Town of Gerry that are in poor shape and that there are steps in place to make these homes safe. Zoning Officer, David Crossley, stated the Ramos House it going to be refurbished and there

is another home that has to be taken down and David Crossley asked the Town Of Gerry Board if he has permission to help the owners of the property by giving them a waiver at the Land fill to discard of the materials. The Town of Gerry board stated that it would not be a problem.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, submitted the following report for August 2015:

8 Permits Issued

16 pending permits

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, was absent however he submitted the following report: He picked up one dog and transported it to the CCHS Holding Center.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported everything had been going well and they have been busy. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated that the stoning on the roads is now complete and the blacktop is all done. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, said the new town truck was delayed getting into the garage but will be going in to be put together this week as the garage is behind on work.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, asked the Gerry town Board if he would be able to buy three tickets to the County Picnic. Supervisor Crossley along with the rest of the board agreed that it would not be a problem.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated that the town has a brush hog that is shared with the snowmobile club and is wondering if the snowmobile club would like to buy it as the Town of Gerry has no further use of it and it will not fit on the tractor that they have now. David Crossley said that he would ask the snowmobile club and get back to the town board at the next board meeting.

ASSESSORS REPORT:

Kevin Okerlund, Assessor, was absent and no report was submitted.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

Town Park:

Councilman Heath stated that he is in the process of looking into replacing the lights at the Gerry Town Park. Councilman Heath spoke about looking into getting LED lights installed at the Gerry Town Park and looking into seeing if there is any warranty that would come along with the lights. Councilman Heath will look into this and get back to the Gerry Town Board at the next town board meeting.

Councilman Heath stated that he has had a report of bees at the Gerry town park in the sand at the volleyball court. Councilman Heath stated that he has been down to the park along with Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, to get rid of the bees. Councilman Heath stated that the bees don't sting and they have not been a bother; however they have been taking measures to get rid of the bees out of the sand. Councilman Swan recommended that the sand be covered for two weeks and see if the bees leave. This is not the first year that the bees have been there. The Gerry town board discussed

having to take the sand out and put grass back in there to solve the problem Councilman Heath stated that they will try the plastic first and go from there.

Town Picnic:

David Crossley stated that he will be down at the Gerry Town Park on Friday August 14, 2015 to set up the tent for the Gerry Town Picnic.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated that he will at the Gerry Town picnic to help David Crossley, Zoning officer, cook the corn at 3:00 pm.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 27 – 2015. Appointment to Assessment Review Board. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 28 - 2015. Modification to 2015 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Resolution No. 29 – 2015. Modification to 2015 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minute approval for the July Board Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A Budget Session was set up for 4:30 PM September 10th at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Crossley stated that he has been in contact with Laura at the accountant office to have a preventive audit conducted at the Town of Gerry. It will cost the Town of Gerry \$2,750.00 the rest of the Gerry Town Board thought it would be a good idea. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would contact Laura to find out a time frame as when this would be started.

Supervisor Crossley stated that the rest of the ID badges need to be finished and picked up from the sheriff's office.

Supervisor Crossley stated that he attended a meeting with a few other people in Dunkirk N.Y. on Monday, August 10, 2015. This meeting was for 150 million dollars to be released for buildings to be upgraded. Supervisor Crossley stated that he had time to speak to these people and pitch our case about our Town Hall. Supervisor Crossley stated that he had a chance to speak to Ken Smith and they compared the tax rates between towns the cost to the tax payers would be high to have this building refurbished on our own. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would sit down and have to compare to budgets to see where we would stand.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk was contacted in re guards to someone wanting to buy two plots in the Town of Gerry's Maple Grove Cemetery. Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, is in contact with the state of New York Cemetery Association to find out what the rules are for selling plots as the last burial was in 2006. Supervisor Crossley stated he thinks there is room; however the town will have to have a map of the plots from now on. Supervisor Crossley stated that Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk will look in to this further and get back to the Board at the next board meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

David Crossley, Zoning Officer, stated that he has spoken with Paul Cooley whom is part of the Zoning board and that he is planning on resigning from the Zoning Board. The Gerry Town Board will wait for his resignation. The Town of Gerry is looking into combining the Zoning Board, Planning Board and Board of appeals all into one Board.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers # 115 –130 totaling \$101,363.31 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers # 197 – 240 totaling \$4,739.01 was approved on a motion by Councilman, Heath seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, September 10, 2015 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman
Deputy Town Clerk