

BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2015

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, February 12, 2015, 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
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer
William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney

Absent was: Richard C. Heath, Councilman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Bill Newton, a member of the Sinclairville Free Library, thanked the town for their support and passed out flyers of February events held at the library and commented that they have increased programs and hours. Jeff Embury, a member of the Library board, also thanked the town and noted how the library is such a great resource for the community. Councilwoman Bartholomew asked if she could put the flyer on the town's website and Mr. Embury said that the library actually has a website and she could link that to the Town's website.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The NYS Ag and Markets conducted a Dog Control Inspection and the Inspection was deemed unsatisfactory due to missing dispositions and a carrier case needed to be bleached. Supervisor Crossley spoke with Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, and he is fixing the problems and other than that everything else was passed on the inspection with numerous items listed.
2. The Chautauqua County Department of Taxation sent a notice to the Town of Gerry of foreclosures in the Town which are still going through a process.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, turned in the following report:

January 2015

1 permit issued this month

10 pending permits

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, commented that a new state law was acted on recently with no notice for every single dwelling and commercial building with trusses to have a sticker labeled on the building. The sticker is huge and a lot of people are unhappy as it was passed with no discussion.

Supervisor Crossley would like to send a letter of displeasure from the town but Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that it actually will affect the Fire Departments more and he will make a copy of new law and give to Supervisor Crossley to review.

Dog Control Officer.

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, no report submitted.

Highway Superintendent.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, commented that the Highway Department removed a lot of snow around town and he has been filling out FEMA paperwork for the days of the snowstorm that occurred in Buffalo and the Town should get back around \$9,700.00 for those days the Highway worked. Mr. Anderson noted that he has a copy of the Highway Inventory for 2015 if anyone wants to review as well and he said the Village of Sinclairville is interested in the Town's old mig welder as the Town purchased a new one a few months back and the old one is not needed. After discussion, Councilman Swan entertained a motion to declare the Town's old mig welder as surplus and donate the welder to the Village of Sinclairville, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved. Councilwoman Bartholomew thanked the Town Highway for all their work done as many residents are happy around town.

Assessor's Report.

No Report submitted.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 16 – 2015. Agreement to Spend Town Highway Repair and Improvement Funds. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 17 – 2015. Authorizing Municipal Cooperative Agreement for Highway projects and Maintenance and Designation of Coordinators for the Town of Gerry. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Resolution No. 18 – 2015. Modifications to 2015 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Discussion. Approved.

Minute approval for the January Board Meeting, and the Annual Audit Meeting A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shared Services.

Supervisor Crossley received the form from the County for the shared services that needs to be filled out by March 4th and he said if anyone can think of anything else to forward on to him. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, and Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, will write up items and Supervisor Crossley is going to contact Town Assessor, Kevin Okerlund as well. The Town has to show approximately \$4,810.00 in savings for shared services which everyone felt that would be no problem to come up with.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consolidation.

Supervisor Crossley attended a meeting with Village of Sinclairville members and Town of Charlotte board members discussing consolidation of towns and Supervisor Crossley noted it was a good meeting and they all discussed ideas and options such as a new facility for all governments to share, court systems, Highway Departments and more. Supervisor Crossley asked the Town Board if they would like to re-visit this option again and would like to fact find first to see if it is feasible and if the public would be in favor of as well. The Town Board agreed, although some were hesitant as they have tried this before and it seemed local residents were not in favor of consolidation but would be willing to see if it is possible and to listen to what options would be available. Supervisor Crossley noted they would like to ask the School if they would be interested in combining as well, as they have water, heating and they are in need of fixing there roads as the towns could help maintain them. Jeff Embury, Village Board member, commented that they don't want the Village and Towns to lose their identities just make one governing board with a representative from each town and use one payroll service/health plan/ etc.

William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, commented that you would not have to worry about the government part as the main cost from town budgets is the Highway and the more governments involved would be more beneficial and the State might listen. After discussion, Supervisor Crossley will be attending a school board meeting in March along with Village of Sinclairville and Town of Charlotte officials and invited board members to attend and see if the school would be at all interested in this process first and then other items will be discussed more later on.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #3 –20 totaling \$13,376.62 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #18 – 51 totaling \$152,565.35 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew; seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, March 13, 2014 at the town hall and a Special Meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2015 at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk

