

BOARD MEETING
JUNE 12, 2015

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, June 11, 2015, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
 Richard C. Heath, Councilman
 Gary J. Swan, Councilman
 Todd R. Anderson, Councilman
 Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent
 William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
 Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Clerk

Absent were: Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
 Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
 Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

James Daughenbaugh, a town resident, addressed the Gerry Town Board about his property at 2200 Old Chautauqua Road, Mr. Daughenbaugh states that the ditch in front of his property needs to be cleaned as it has been years since they have been done. He also wanted to know if he could have the Gerry Town Highway Department clean the ditches that run down the length of his property as well. Water is running down his fields and he is unable to use them for hay fields. Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, stated that the ditch on the road right away could be cleaned as long as there was the proper grade to it so it would drain properly. Supervisor Crossley stated that he thinks this should be tabled until the Highway committee could go up and look at the property and they would bring it up for a discussion at the next board meeting on July 9, 2015. William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, stated that he would like to see the board have some research done on how to go about addressing this issue.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A letter was received from the Sinclairville Free Library Board thanking the Town for their annual Donation. They Also Sent a flyer for a summer reading program along with a calendar of events for the month of June.
- A letter was received from the Chautauqua County Insurance Department regarding the Workman's Compensation. The letter is a challenge for 100 days of summer safety in hopes that the municipality will not have anyone hurt on the job within the 100 days.
- A letter was received from the New York Department of Taxation and Finance Office of real property tax services. This letter states that on 5/19/2015 the State Office of Real Property Tax Services established a tentative 2015 State equalization rate of 100.00 for our municipality.
- A letter was received from Homeland Security and Emergency Services. The letter states the payment is being processed from the buffalo storm on December 22, 2014.
- A Letter was received from Independent Health stating a rate change. The rate is going to be decreased.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer:

No report given.

Dog Control Officer:

No report given.

Highway Superintendent:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated that the posted road signs are now taken down and the loose stone signs are now in place as they will begin to work on the roads.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated that the new truck is in. Within the next two weeks it will be put in the shop to be put together. The new truck will be in the shop for about four weeks. Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, said if any of the board members would like to go see the new truck that he would take anyone over that would like to go.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated that the new tractor is here and it needed a new clutch. The highway guys put in a new clutch and everything works well. The mower that came with the tractor does not reach as far as it should. Highway Superintendent, Brain Anderson, stated that he has located a new mower for \$1,500.00. Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, told the Town Board that

he could trade one of the brush hogs for \$800.00 to go against the money owed for the new mower. The Gerry Town Board along with William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney had a discussion and stated that if a trade deal could be made to go ahead and work out the deal and report back to the town board on the findings.

Assessor Report:

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

The state has issued a Tentative Equalization Rate for the Town of 100%. This however, is using the tentative roll.

It was a quiet year for the Board of assessments review.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:

Town Park:

Councilman Heath reported that they did interviews for Recreation and Lori Johnson is Recreation Leader, Andrew Berg will be Co- Recreation leader/ Recreation Assistant, Brooke Johnson, Olivia Ruiz as Recreation Assistants. Councilman Heath is working on paperwork regarding a work program through Chautauqua Works for hiring a fifth assistant. The program hires this person directly the town has nothing to do with the hiring process. There is an agreement that needs to be filled out for the work program offered and Supervisor Crossley entertained a motion to enter into a work agreement with Chautauqua Works to employ a 5th Recreation Assistant who will serve for our Town through Chautauqua Works. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved. The paperwork will get submitted tomorrow.

Councilman Heath asked Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, if he would be able to take some time to look into the lights at the Gerry Town park to see if the light bulbs are out or if the fixtures are in need to be replaced with a more efficient light fixture. Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, stated that he would look into this and get back to Councilman Heath.

Town Picnic:

No report given.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 22 – 2015. Appointment of 2015 Summer Recreation Leader and Assistants. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No.23– 2015. Modifications to 2015 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS.

Supervisor Crossley had a chance to read the minutes of the meeting regarding the expansion of Rout 60 to a four lane road so that passing would be safer. This issue is ongoing and will be reviewed at a later date and Supervisor Crossley, stated that he would keep the Town of Gerry Board updated as to what the outcome will be.

NEW BUSINESS.

No new business.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #84 - 97 totaling \$3,427.58 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #127 - 162 totaling \$6,371.26 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, July 9, 2015 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:35PM on a motion by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Deputy Town Clerk

