

BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2015

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, March 12, 2015, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

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

Absent was: Todd R. Anderson, Councilman  
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Cherin Mehs stated that the Memorial Day parade is in the works and that there has been a letter sent to an employee of the U.B dental school whom is a local Veteran and will be speaking at the service. Cherin also stated that the Cassadaga Marching band will be marching in the parade and that there will be refreshments served. Supervisor Crossley stated that the Pipe band will be returning this year as well.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) A letter was received from the Town of Ellery informing the Town of Gerry of the Public hearing that was held for their local law 1.of 2015.
- 2) A thank you note was received from the Valley Historical Society for the donation that was made from the Town of Gerry.
- 3) A letter was received form the Department of planning and Economic Development on the aging of the Baby boomers and how the next generation is up and coming and a forum is to be held on April 7, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Chautauqua Lake Central School District Auditorium.
- 4) A packet was received from ever power regarding the Cassadaga wind project informing of an upcoming meeting to be held on March 24, 2015 from 6PM to 8PM at the Pine Valley Veterans Association in Cherry Creek, N. Y.

## **OFFICERS REPORT:**

### **Zoning Officer:**

Zoning Officer, David Crossley, submitted the following report for March 2015.

3 Permits issued  
10 Permits pending.

Zoning Officer, David Crossley, stated that everything is order and things are starting to pick up for the spring.

### **Dog Control Officer.**

DCO Kennelley, was absent and no report was given.

### **Highway Superintendent.**

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted everything is going good and starting to slow down a little.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent stated that the FEMA paperwork from the November snow storm has been submitted and that the Town of Gerry will be receiving \$5,503.37 back from FEMA.

### **Assessor.**

The Assessor was absent but submitted the following report:

I have received the tentative gas well production values from the State for the upcoming year. Production values have dropped to \$2.37/mcf from \$6.08/mcf.. a drop of approximately 61%. This is after a drop of 25%last year. Gas wells valued as follows:

Production (mcf) x Production Value x Equalization Rate= Assed Value.

If there was no change in production the taxable assessment of gas wells will see a 61% drop... approximately \$900,000.

Attached is a copy showing the tentative production values from the state although considered tentative the values rarely change when they become final.

I will be out in the field over the next month or so finishing up data collection and property reviews.

Supervisor Crossley stated that he is looking into more information on this and will report back to the board at a later date.

## **COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:**

### **Park Commission:**

Councilman Heath stated that he received a call from Lori Johnson, Recreation leader, regarding the decline of children in the past few years for the Easter egg hunt. The Town of Gerry board discussed this and came to the conclusion that the town will hold the Easter egg hunt again this year and see how many children show. Councilman Heath recommended that they find someone to fill in this year as Lori Johnson, Recreation leader, will be out of town.

Councilman Heath stated that he recommended that we contact Chautauqua Opportunity to get a person to work for the recreation position this upcoming year. Supervisor Crossley stated that we should find people from the Town of Gerry to work the recreation this year and possibly get one person from Chautauqua Opportunity.

### **Town Picnic.**

Councilwoman Bartholomew noted the Gerry Town Picnic is set for August 15, from 4:00-9:00 PM. Councilwoman Bartholomew is working on getting bands lined up and she is working with the three churches on getting a dunking tank. Councilwoman Bartholomew also stated that there will be two guest speakers whom are descendants of the Strong Veneer mill. Councilman Heath will be barbecuing again and everyone from the Town and who has lived in this Town is welcome to attend.

## **SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Resolution No. 9 -2015. Modification to 2015 budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Minute approval for the February Board Meeting and February 26<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS.**

Larry Scalise presented the Town of Gerry board with copies of the specs for the proposed work to be done to the Gerry Town Hall. The plans are to renovate the existing building and to use the upstairs for a meeting room and court offices and the down stairs will be used for more office space as well as for more storage. The windows, doors, and the siding and roof will all be replaced. The bathrooms will be made handicap accessible and a lift will be installed for easy access to the upstairs. Larry Scalise stated that he should be done with the paperwork by the end of the month of March and will be in contact with Supervisor Crossley.

Supervisor Crossley stated that the Town of Gerry is in the early stages of collecting information for consolidating the Town of Gerry, Town of Charlotte, and the Village of Sinclairville. Supervisor Crossley stated that they are just collecting information and are having a meeting with a couple of gentleman from the State of N. Y. to see if it is worth consolidating

the three, and if the state is willing to help with monies to fund the consolidation if the they so choose to do so as it is very expensive. Supervisor Crossley stated that when all information is collected there will be a public hearing on this issue. Town resident, Brad Gane, stated that there is a website that shows all of the towns that have consolidated in the past years.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

**Part Time Mower.**

After discussion the Town Board will have the mowing position advertised until April 2 2015 and interviews will be held at the Town of Gerry Highway barns and Councilman Swan will be in attendance.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers #21 - 37 totaling \$5,987.46 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers#52 - 74 totaling \$4,586.73 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, April 9, 2015 at the Town Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew; seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,  
Deputy Town Clerk