

**BOARD MEETING  
MAY 14, 2015**

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, May 14, 2015, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor  
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman  
Todd R. Anderson, Councilman  
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent  
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk  
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney

Absent were: Gary J. Swan, Councilman  
Richard C. Heath, Councilman

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Cherin Mehs, Memorial Day Committee, commented she received a phone call from a resident requesting the committee or town to weed the veteran's memorial at the Gerry Cemetery. Supervisor Crossley suggested advertising on the town's website requesting residents to help and have the Town Clerk place a sign in office as well. This should be a community project Supervisor Crossley commented and Councilwoman Bartholomew noted that hopefully some gardeners around town could help as this shouldn't be a problem every year as the monument is honoring our local soldiers.

Dave Hall, Memorial Day Committee, requested to see if others could look at flags upstairs to see what ones should be hung or not and he feels the town needs at least 75 new ones what average to be \$17.20 apiece. Supervisor Crossley commented that there is not enough money for all 75 and he will contact him tomorrow morning with the amount they have as to how much Mr. Hall should order. A suggestion of developing a plea of flag donations to be on website and Memorial Day program was discussed and will be put in place.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Supervisor Crossley spoke with a representative from the Jamestown Jammers and they would like to have a Town of Gerry night. The town could have proceeds go to some sort of Town fundraiser and Recia Myers, Town Clerk, suggested having proceeds for the Holiday Festival that will be discussed under new business, she suggested maybe the local ball teams would like this and she will get ahold of the coaches to see what date they would like to do and get back to him. Cherin Mehs noted that she could advertise as well and post at church.
  
- 2) Supervisor Crossley noted that he received a notice of a meeting when he was away regarding new county radio systems for fire departments that are being required. The radios run an average of 3 to 5 thousand each and portables at 2,500.00. Most fire departments are relying on

grant money and hopefully the grant will follow through for our area as the town could not afford this.

- 3) A memorandum was received from the Department of Real Property Tax advising of the Certificate of Satisfaction of the Tax Warrant by the Tax collector for the town. A copy will be in Clerk's office.
- 4) Paul Cooley, Chairman of the Board of Appeals, sent a letter explaining his concerns of the letter sent from the Town Board regarding schooling that is required. He took it as they needed to attend the class that was out of town and after he discussed everything with Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, he was told that there are local trainings to attend here and also they discussed having training here for all other local municipalities and they were satisfied with that.
- 5) An email was sent from the County Executive's office discussing the future of Route 60. Supervisor Crossley is available to attend one meeting and unavailable to attend the other, he will be contacting Deputy Supervisor Heath to see if he could attend.

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**ZONING OFFICER.**

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, was absent and no report was submitted.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:**

Dog Control Officer, Troy Kennelley, was absent and no report was submitted.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that the roads are posted and they have been doing a little paving and will use tar buckets next week. The town only has 10 potholes and we are in great shape. They have been painting a plow truck and the results from the auction came in from the generator and tractor. After discussion, Supervisor Crossley entertained a motion to accept the bid for the International tractor of \$3,550.00 and the 1990 Army Generator Set for \$3,900.00. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, requested to have a meeting set with the accountants to see where he will be at as far as the budget after the purchasing of the new truck. Supervisor Crossley will contact Laura to set up a date.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:**

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

Change of Assessment notices have been mailed out. Grievance Day will be held on Wednesday, May, 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm at the Sinclairville Village Hall. Appointments can be made by calling Mondays 5:30-7:30pm. The required legal notice was posted on May 1, in the Post Journal.

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:**

**Town Picnic:**

Councilwoman Bartholomew noted that the Town Picnic sign is being updated and hopefully will be put up soon and in the Memorial Day parade. Laurie Wissman is helping with the advertising of the Picnic and she will be meeting with Town Clerk, Recia Myers, and next Thursday.

**Town Park:**

No Report.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Resolution No. 21 - 2015. Declaring Office Equipment as Junk. A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Minute approval for the April Board Meeting, April 21, and May 13<sup>th</sup> Bid opening. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ID Cards.** Supervisor Crossley commented that nobody has picked up ID cards yet from Sheriff's office and Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, will pick up his and have Tracy Butcher, Deputy Highway Superintendent, go with him. Recia Myers, Town Clerk, will contact the other's to remind them.

**Fuel Bids.** Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, noted that the only bidder was TPS so the Town Board awarded the lone bid from TPS with the prices for Unleaded Gasoline at \$2.1776, ULSD \$2.1176 and Ultra Supreme for \$2.1476. Approved.

**Incident.** Supervisor Crossley commented that on April 12<sup>th</sup> a Delores Parsons called in to Sherriff's office and Town Hall that a man was rude and offensive to her at Gerry Park. After talking with Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, it was him and she was driving her car on the walking track and all over park and he asked her to leave. Supervisor Crossley and the Board commended him for having her removed and the case is closed as she is not returning any phone calls.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Recreation.** Town Clerk, Recia Myers, will contact Councilman Heath and advertise.

**Holiday Festival.** Recia Myers, Town Clerk, requested to see if the board would not mind her going forward with putting together a Holiday Festival in November with the Gerry Fire Department. She said she has been working with Cherin Mehs on this and they have wonderful ideas and noted that she would like the format of this like the Sinclairville History Fair being an all day celebration as it would be great for our town. She requested all the help they can get and would like to start working on this. The Town Board agreed it was a great idea, so she will move forward with the process.

**Littering Concerns.** A Gerry Resident, Mrs. Jeanne Danna, from Gerry-Levant Road, had concerns about the burning of trash in her area and Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, has been working on this and has contacted the DEC. She also is starting an online campaign to pick up trash in the town. Supervisor Crossley personally went to see her regarding her concerns and said that is fine but that she

should be careful on what she picks up and should not walk on Route 60 as it is dangerous. She also requested to have Litter signs with a fine on them placed and Supervisor Crossley explained to her that it is extremely hard to fine someone on this and that people who litter do not care about signs. The Town Board was not in favor on purchasing signs as most people do pick up and they feel it would not help the matter.

**Preventative Audits.** Supervisor Crossley has spoken with Accountant Laura from Bahgat and Laurito discussing audits of justice courts as it has been an issue locally and they are offering services to go over what the State is looking for and what is needed to be in order for a minimal fee to their clients and he felt this would be a good idea to do for preventative measures and he will contact the Justice too regarding this. The Town board agreed.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers #61 – 83 totaling \$17,022.30 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #97 -126 totaling \$4,875.92 was approved on a motion by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, June 11, 2015 at the town hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk