

BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2015

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, November 12, 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
 Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
 Todd R. Anderson, Councilman
 Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
 William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney
 Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Thomas Bell, a resident that lives at 5360 Damon Hill Road, requested for a sign to be placed near his property showing a hidden driveway as motorists speed on the road and he hopes that will be a deterrent for them to be cautious a driveway is located there. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that the Town Board has to approve for the sign to be erected. William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, noted that it is fine for the Town Board to approve it now at the meeting. After discussion the Town Board agreed to have the Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, take photographs and measure and place a sign near Mr. Bell's residence. Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Cassadaga Valley School district sent paperwork advising the notice of determination of negative declaration regarding a 2015 Capital project for the Town Board to review.
2. A fax was received from grant central notifying of a seminar at Canisius College in January 2016.
3. A letter was received from Ag & Markets showing their yearly Municipal Shelter Inspection Report and the shelter passed as satisfactory.
4. A letter from the State DEC showing the quality review act statement of findings regarding the Chautauqua County Landfill phase IV Lateral Expansion was sent.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

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

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

A dangerous dog proceeding was filed for a dog attacking another dog on Herrick Road. The one dog was severely injured but survived and the other dog's owner was issued an appearance ticket for an unlicensed dog and will appear in court for the charge and dangerous dog proceedings.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, noted that they received the new truck and right now it is having a little work done at Valley Fab. A phone call was received from a resident requesting the speed limit to be dropped to 45 mph at the corner of Route 380 and Fluvanna-Townline Road. Mr. Spanos contacted Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, and said that the Town has to process this even though it is considered a county road. Councilman Heath commented that he will look into the process with the county and see if the Town has to send a letter of request or a resolution.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, commented that he received another call from a resident regarding a dead tree on the corner of Damon Hill Road and Gerry-Ellington Road and Mr. Anderson measured it was 19 feet from road to the center of the tree. Councilman Heath noted that if there are powerlines involved he has a contact for that and all the Town would be responsible for would be taking care of the wood.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, presented 6 different quotes for six different tractor options to purchase. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, will speak with the accountants tomorrow regarding the money situation for the purchase of the tractor and it will be discussed more at the December 2015 meeting. Councilwoman Bartholomew commented that residents are tired of getting their lawn cut up and to put that in consideration as well and the new tractor would be a better option for this not occurring.

ASSESSOR:**October 2015.**

I will be attending a class on distressed property valuation on October 27th in Mayville. This will provide me 6 continuing education credits. STAR/Aged exemptions should be in the mail by 10/31. Seniors can renew in person or through the mail as long as they have attached a copy of their income tax return or copies of their financial statements.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:**Holiday Festival.**

Recia Myers, Town Clerk, reported that more donators have come in and there are plenty of prizes and items now. Red bows for Hospice are on sale now at Town Hall and at the park is the Gerry Memorial Tree that has been decorated and she thanked Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, for his help with placing the bows. Drinks are being provided by Wendy's and Upstate Farms. Heritage Village is joining in on the festivities and she spoke with Tom Atwell for fire police for that day. Paul Cooley is advertising for the event and the last meeting is scheduled for November 19th at 6 pm at the Town Hall. Cherin Mehs reported that Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be Wanda & Jeff Crossley this year and the craft show is full. A lot of excitement around town for event. Saturday, November 28th is the day of the event.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 36 - 2015. Adoption of Preliminary 2016 Town Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 37 - 2015. Authorizing One- Year Agreement with Gerry Volunteer Fire Department for 2016. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 38 - 2015. Authorizing One-Year Agreement with Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department for 2016. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Resolution No. 39 - 2015. Authorizing Town Supervisor to Attend a Government Innovation Conference. A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Supervisor Crossley noted that this meeting is regarding government consolidation and they are gathering information to present to town. He and two representatives for the Town of Charlotte and Village of Sinclairville will be attending. Approved.

Resolution No. 40 - 2015. 2015 Budget Transfers. A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Minute approval for the October Board Meeting, October 9th Public Hearings for 2016 Fire Contracts. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

David Hall, member of the Memorial Day Committee, thanked the Highway Department for taking the flags down for the season.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers#167 - 189 totaling \$166,457.71 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #306 – 347 totaling \$5,204.95 was approved on a motion by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Minutes Taken by,

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk