

BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2015

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, October 8, 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
 Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk
 Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent
 William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney
 Larry Barmore, Chautauqua County Clerk

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Larry Barmore, Chautauqua County Clerk, congratulated the Town of Gerry on a job well done. Larry Barmore stated the Town of Gerry looks great.

Larry Barmore, Chautauqua County clerk, asked if the Town of Gerry board would look into changing the way the Gerry Town park gets rented. Mr Barmore would like to be able to rent the park for the following year before the first of the year. The Gerry town Board stated that they believe it was set up that way so everyone has a fair chance to rent it. The Town Board agreed to leave it the way it is.

Larry Barmore, Chautauqua County Clerk, asked the Town of GerryBboard if there was anything that can be done about the snowmobiles driving down the side walk. Larry Barmore stated that he feels that there should be signs set at the Rodeo grounds, and asked if the cops could patrol on a more regular basis. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would look into getting more patrols during the snowmobile season and asked Brian Anderson if he could look into having some signs made up to be hung at the Gerry rodeo grounds. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated that he would look into the signs and get back to the Gerry Town board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) A letter was received from the Sinclairville Free library thanking the Town of Gerry for their continued support.
- 2) A letter was received from Heritage Village asking if a board member would be able to say a few words in honor of Faith Bender on the 14th of October 2015 as she has earned the highest award for service at their facility.
- 3) Received a mailing of notice of extending deadline to comment on a preliminary scoping statement. This is in regards to the wind energy project in Cassadaga. Along with a notice of pre application conference to consider intervenor funding request.
- 4) An E-mail was received from the New York State Comptroller's office about Municipality's in financial trouble. Supervisor Crossley looked it over and the Town of Gerry is in great shape.
- 5) A letter was received from Agriculture and markets regarding an inspection of the Dog Control Officer which was completed on 9\10\2015. The report stated that everything was Satisfactory.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Was absent but submitted the following report:

6 permits issued

7 permits are pending

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

No Report.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, commented they are on schedule and that the Highway Guys have removed the flags. Brian Anderson, Highway superintendent, stated that the volleyball court at the town park is still covered and the Town board said they should leave it covered for the winter.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated the new dump truck is done and he will be going to pick it up next week. Highway superintendent, Brian Anderson stated that he is getting quotes on a new radio for the new truck.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated that he is in the process of getting quotes on a new tractor as the one they have has been making noise and is starting to cost money to keep it running. He is looking into a smaller tractor he presented the board with a county bid for a John Deere. The Town board suggested that he get a few more bids from different manufacture of different tractors. The Town of Gerry board tabled this issue until next month's board meeting.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

No Report.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

Councilman Heath reported that Matt is done mowing for the year. Rick Heath Councilman, asked to have Recia Myers, Town Clerk, call to have the dumpster removed from the Town Park.

Cherin Mehs addressed the Town of Gerry Board on behalf of the holiday committee, she stated that they need more donations. The Can drive that was held in September brought in \$164.05 they would like to extend the can drive out through the month of October, having drop off points at the Gerry Highway Barns and the Gerry town hall and the cans would be turned in at the end of the month. Cherin and Recia the Gerry town Clerk will be on the breakfast club on Saturday October 10, 2015 talking about the holiday festival which will be held in November. Cherin also stated that the craft show will start at 9:30am on November 28, 2015 and the rest of the festivities will begin at 1:00 pm at the Town Park. There will be hay rides\sleigh rides and santa will be here. Cherin stated they are still in need helpers. Cherin stated that the craft show will help with some of the advertising.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 34 -2015. Setting Halloween Hours in the Township of Gerry. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 35 – 2015. 2015 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Minute approval for the September Board meeting and Budget Sessions on Sept. 10th and the 24th. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley, stated that they are still holding on the Maple Grove Cemetery as the town board will be going to look at the cemetery in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Cherin Mehs, town resident, is concerned about the snowmobile trail at the top of Salisbury Road as it is dangerous. Supervisor Crossley stated that the operator of the snowmobile is responsible for their actions while operating there sleds. Supervisor Crossley stated that there are signs properly posted on that trail.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #144 - 166 totaling \$25,745.90 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #275 – 275 totaling \$4,706.89 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, November 12, 2015 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by,

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Deputy Town Clerk