

BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, September 10, 2015, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

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

Absent was: Richard C. Heath, Councilman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Beth Hadley, Librarian for Sinclairville Library thanked the Town Board for their help with funding the library every year and presented a balance, performance and attendance sheet to the board. She asked for a little increase for the 2016 and gave a calendar for the Clerk to post. Brad Gane noted there is a Chicken BBQ being held tomorrow at the library to.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter was received from Everpower advising of a Preliminary Scoping Statement Submission.
2. A letter was received from the NYS Dept. of Public Service showing a proposed merger of Time Warner Cable Charter Communication Services.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that he dropped off a submitted plan for the Tri James Parking lot for the third time to the County Planning Board, and they are having a problem with a man living in a shed that lies within the town and he turned everything over to the Town Attorney. He will be attending training next week. Report as follows:

September 2015

5 permits issued

16 pending permits

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

No Report was received.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that everything is going good they got all caught up on summer work and the truck should be coming soon.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

September

I will be attending the NYS Annual Assessors Conference from Sunday October 4th – Wednesday, October 7th. This will give me the required 12 hours of continuing education credits.

School tax bills have been mailed to all property owners. If a property owner has not received their bill they should contact the tax collector. If there is a problem with any exemptions or any other issues they should contact me. He will be mailing out STAR and Senior renewals earlier this year, the goal is to have them in mail by October.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

Town Park:

No Report.

Town Picnic:

Councilwoman Bartholomew reported the picnic was a huge success this year approximately 250-300 people came out. The weather was great and the dunking tank was a great time. A thank you to the three local farmers for donating corn and a resident incorporated her 80th party and cake was presented there and was very nice. Vikie Strong spoke about her family lineage within the Town and sent a nice Thank you card to Councilwoman Bartholomew whom read it aloud, she thanked everyone for having her and was grateful to be able to share her lineage with everyone. Peggy Heath, Historian and Councilwoman Bartholomew said it would be a great idea to have more descendants of the Town every year to speak at picnic. Supervisor Crossley thanked Councilwoman Bartholomew for all her work into the picnic and Recia Myers, Town Clerk.

Holiday Festival:

Recia Myers, Town Clerk, reported that they will be having a Can Drive on Sept. 19th from 9 am to 1 pm to help with costs and would love to see everyone there and to pass along and they will be meeting again next Thursday at 6 pm and the Post Journal will be there to write an article in the paper.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 30 -2015. Authorizing Town Clerk to Hold a Rabies Clinic. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 31 -2015. Authorizing Zoning Officer to attend Conference in Mayville, NY. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Resolution No. 32 – 2015. 2015 Budget Transfers. A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 33 - 2015. Modifications to 2015 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Minute Approval for the August Board Meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maple Grove Cemetery. A request by a town resident to buy plots came up at the last meeting and Supervisor Crossley ended up talking with the neighbor of the cemetery and she seems to think she has a map of the cemetery and even offered to sell some land to the Town. Supervisor Crossley is going to meet with her again and discuss this more at the next meeting.

EDRS. A web based system of having online death certificates is going into effect for next year with a PILOT program implementing soon. Town Clerk, Recia Myers, said it is set for next year but would possibly not go into effect in our town until 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business.

A Budget Work Session was set for September 24, 2015, beginning at 5:00 pm.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Brad Gane, Town Resident, asked if there was any more information regarding consolidation. Supervisor Crossley commented that they met in Dunkirk with the State and there is 150 million specifically set aside for consolidating of towns/etc. Supervisor Crossley has been in contact with a consultant from the state and he has been a great guide. They are working on a way that the tax rates would not be different and cannot present to the public until they have a financial amount of what and how much the process would be. Mr. Leichner, CVCS School Superintendent, is still very much on board with the process. The consultant said that this would be great as so many town/village and school would be involved and this has never been done in New York State. A generic building drawing was given to the state though it was explained that this could not happen without monetary help from state. The next step would be meeting with Highway Superintendents, etc. to see their views too.

A windmill meeting in Cherry Creek was brought up and William Duncanson Jr, Town Attorney, commented that the Village of Cherry Creek and Town of Charlotte are trying to combine to help save costs on the project and this would be the first meeting since the scoping which will be in Cherry Creek on Wed., Sept. 16th.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #131 - 143 totaling \$6,945.07 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #241 - 274 totaling \$5,163.20 was approved on a motion by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, October 8, 2015 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk