

BOARD MEETING
APRIL 14, 2016

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, April 14, 2016, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Deputy Supervisor
 Gary J. Swan, Councilman
 Todd R. Anderson, Councilman
 Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
 Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent
 William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney

Absent was: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
 Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Bill Newton, Sinclairville Free Library member, handed out the libraries annual report and calendar of events to the board members and thanked the town for all their support.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Received a Thank you note from the Sinclairville Free Library for the donation of support.
2. Received a notification from Nixon Peabody attorneys advising that an application for a special use permit was given to the Town of Ellery regarding the placement of a wireless telecommunication facility.
3. A letter was sent to David Wiles from the Town notifying him of his request of lowering the speed limit on Route 380 was denied by the Department of Transportation.
4. A notice advising application for Wind Energy Projects for the Towns of Charlotte, Cherry Creek, Arkwright and Stockton was received and William Duncanson Jr, Town Attorney, commented it's been an on-going project and is moving along.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, was absent but submitted the following report: He issued 10 Permits this month and has 11 pending permits.

Dog Control Officer.

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, was absent but submitted the following report:

He issued several tickets for unlicensed dogs and the owners will appear in Gerry Court at a later date to answer to the charge.

Highway Superintendent.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that they pulled some posted signs and have ditched Route 60 up to the high school with the state and will be receiving millings which will be placed on Engdahl Road. He purchased signs for the Town Park for parking and will be placing them with Councilman Heath.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, also noted that the tractor is in and should have the mower deck on May 2nd and also they have been discussing the possibility of placing a fence at the town park near the area of the old mill stone and Councilman Heath said they would take any suggestions.

Assessor Report.**April 2016**

I am in the process of finishing up valuation on all new building construction, demolitions, and owner requests for review. Gas well reports are not all in from the companies as of yet.

Gas well production values have fallen from 9.54/mcf to 1.82/mcf this year. Total gas well assessments have dropped from approximately \$3,195,000 in 2012 to \$1,305,000 last year, with an additional drop this year. State land, telecommunications, and special franchise valuation is complete. The tentative roll will be filed May 1, 2016 and the appropriate legal notice will be posted in the paper.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:**Town Park.**

Deputy Supervisor Heath commented that they had interviews for the Part Time mower position and Councilman Swan and Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, were present. Councilman Swan asked Town Attorney, William Duncanson, Jr. if they were required to advertise every year for this position, if the person they have is doing a good job and he said no the town does not have to advertise in that case.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 22 -2016. Pay Reduction Request. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Discussion. Approved.

Resolution No. 23 – 2016. Appointment of Part-Time Mower & Maintenance Position. A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 24 -2016. Declaring Office Equipment as Junk. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

Minute approval for the March Board Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Cleanup day. Town Clerk, Recia Myers, commented that she spoke with Supervisor Crossley and suggested that maybe the Town could just advertise to help clean up the community on their own time over Earth Day weekend and the Town would supply the garbage bags and the bags could be dropped off to the Highway Garage as there has not been a lot of participation on that day. Councilman Heath commented that he found out that the prisoners can do the main roads such as Route 380. After discussion an article will be placed in the post-journal.

Maple Grove Cemetery. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, and Supervisor Crossley have been working on the cemetery and Mr. Anderson explained that there is room for empty lots to be placed there and they need a map. Town Clerk, Recia Myers, commented unfortunately there is no map but she believes that because of the age of the cemetery it does not matter as long as they start mapping the area out currently. She is looking at the NYS Cemetery Laws to look at prices and what needs to be done. William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, suggested that Mrs. Myers should contact the Town of Ellington Town Clerk as they are always working on their local cemetery. She will contact Mrs. Bifaro for guidance as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Flags. A suggestion from Supervisor Crossley for the Flags to be placed before Memorial Day and take down after July 4th except the flags within the district to be taken down and the Town Board agreed, but Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, asked about the Scandinavian Flags for alternating and the Town Board suggested he speak with David Hall.

EOP. Town Clerk, Recia Myers, gave everyone a copy of the Emergency Operations Plan that she, Brian Anderson and Supervisor Crossley have been working on and noted that it is supposed to be reviewed every year and approved and asked if Town Attorney, William Duncanson Jr., could review and see if anything should be added or changed.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Voucher's #40 – 59 totaling \$18,082.71 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #89 –120 totaling \$7,106.72 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, May 12, 2016 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Anderson.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk