

Board Meeting
August 11, 2016

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, August 11, 2016, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Deputy Supervisor
Gary J. Swan, Councilman
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney

Absent were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
Todd R. Anderson, Councilman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Larry Barmore, 4376 Route 60, noted that a couple of weeks back he received a remedy from the Code Enforcement Officer for unlicensed cars on his property. He commented that on the Zoning Laws from the town the wording states you can have a maximum of two unlicensed vehicles on property and he has two that are unlicensed. He Filed a FOIL and received a letter back with no complaints for the month he requested except for his. Mr. Barmore drove around the area and noticed a lot of residents that have more than two unlicensed cars on property and pictures were presented to the Town Board of these residents. Mr. Barmore feels he is being singled out and why have these people not received orders to remedy. Councilwoman Bartholomew noted that as you live on Route 60 you are more visible to Code Enforcement which is most likely why and Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that by the NYS Code, Section 302.8 there are no unlicensed vehicles and on October 3 there is zero tolerance. Mr. Crossley stated that he keeps everything consistent and if Mr. Barmore would like to file complaints against these property owners he may. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted he did his job and acted on it as it was visible and he cannot drive all over town every day that is why there are complaint forms to fill out for him to investigate and Mr. Barmore's concerns needs to be presented to the judge, not the Town Board. Deputy Supervisor Heath commented that the others should be investigated to and Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, said he will when he has the list presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No Communications received.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted they will be busy with upcoming residential variances with the equestrian center request from Heritage Village and a Dollar General store requested location where the Valley Shack is currently. These variances must go to the Board of Appeals and Planning Board. Councilwoman Bartholomew asked about zoning issues with the equestrian center and

William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney noted that they are discussing the assembly areas and the bulk of the requests will go to the Planning Board to be reviewed.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, submitted the following report for August 2016:

4 Permits Issued

10 pending permits

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

No Report was given.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported everything has been going well they finished blacktopping Damon Hill Road and next week will be doing the shoulders and noted the County helped them on project. Councilman Swan let them know they did a good job.

ASSESSORS REPORT:

Kevin Okerlund, Assessor, was absent and no report was submitted.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

Town Park:

Councilman Heath stated that the basketball and tennis court has been sealed by LakeShore Paving and they had to come back to fill cracks as they didn't finish. The volleyball court will soon have top soil put down and seeded to hopefully get rid of the bees.

Town Picnic:

Councilwoman Bartholomew reported everything is set to go for Saturday, but they are concerned about the weather. The firehall is available just in case they have to relocate and she will talk with Town Clerk, Recia Myers, and Councilman Heath tomorrow to figure out details for Saturday and everyone is welcome to come Saturday 4-9 to the town picnic.

Holiday Festival:

Town Clerk, Recia Myers, commented that the committee met last week and she spoke with the NY State Police today and they will be setting up a child safety seat check that day. The Chautauqua County K-9 Unit will be there again and McKinney's will be there offering sleigh, wagon rides, it looks like festival is going to get bigger and better. The check should be in this week for the can drive and also the committee is going to sell jerky sticks to help raise money for festival as well, flyers of the fundraiser were presented.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 31 – 2016. Declaring Elwell Road as Public Road. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 32 - 2016. Appointment to Assessment Review Board. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 33 – 2016. Authorizing Zoning Officer to attend Western Southern Tier Building Educational Conference in Mayville, NY. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 34 -2016. 2016 Budget Transfers. A motion was made Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minute approval for the July Board Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley presented a list of recommendations for costs for lots and grave openings for the Maple Grove Cemetery on Hanson Road. Councilman Swan made a motion to charge \$400.00 for a grave plot, \$400.00 for a grave opening, \$130.00 for a cremation opening and \$150.00 for a baby burial, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved. Fees will be added to a plot deed and rules and regulations form and will be presented soon.

NEW BUSINESS: A Budget Session was set for September 8th at 5:00 PM before the next board meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

David Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that the training request presented in the bills tonight is now being done locally and they used to be forced to go to Buffalo and Rochester and now they are saving a lot of money, especially with Shared Services, it is now only costing each town an average of only \$100.00 for the required training.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers # 115 –127 totaling \$5,520.46 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers # 213 – 253 totaling \$8,414.10 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, September 8, 2016 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Swan.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers
Town Clerk

