

**BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2016**

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, January 14, 2016, 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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Bahgat and Laurito sent a notice advising of the minimum wage change for 2016.
2. Hospice sent a thank you letter for all the donations received from the Holiday Festival.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

No report for this month

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

No report for this month.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, was absent but submitted a report that the tractor has been ordered and should be here in about 8 weeks.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Kevin Okerlund, submitted the following report:

Equalization rates are calculated looking at 4 distinct property classes and for the upcoming year the trends will be as follows: Residential up 1% and commercial down -1% and farms/vacant up 7%. This trend is affecting each municipality county wide. As soon as he receives the proposed equalization rates he will be reviewing and contacting the board. Supervisor Crossley noted he is going to contact Mr. Okerlund to discuss the rate increases and will send a letter to Cathy Young of disapproval for these rates for our town.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 16 – 2016. Modifications to 2016 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Minute approval for the December Board meeting, Year End and Organizational Meetings. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley noted that state auditors will be taking over the audit from Bahgat now for the Justice Court and should save the town money now.

Supervisor Crossley also explained how there is no record of paperwork for the brush hog the snowmobile club has so it's best just to let them have it and if Brian needs to use it he can.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

General Fund Voucher's #1 – 30 totaling \$22,960.16 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, February 11, 2016 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM on a motion by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minutes Take by,

Recia L. Myers,
Gerry Town Clerk