

BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2016

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, June 9, 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  
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent  
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:**

John Risley Sr., spoke on behalf of his grandson, he is trying to put in a mobile home on Damon Hill Road on his fiancée's Dad's property and there is not quite 2 acres. They assumed there was 2 acres as he pays taxes on 4 acres and Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, let them know they do not have quite 2 acres as the taxes and the GIS round up to the nearest acre and the substandard lot to build is 2 acres they are off only approximately 2.96 feet. Dave Crossley, Officer, has advised them to ask neighbors to purchase a small amount of land to make up the difference to be able to place the mobile home. Mr. Risley noted that they have the loan waiting and may lose it as they keep pushing it forward trying to work everything out and they have already invested money on project as they have the cement down for the setting of the mobile home and electric as well.

The neighbor they have asked about purchasing said they would but they are still mortgaged and then they decided not to as they need a letter of release. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that they have to go to the Zoning Board for a variance to request and there is really nothing he can do he feels bad as it's so close but they have to follow the procedures and he can't favor one or else everyone in town will want favors. After discussion, William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, commented that to make it simple the Town Board cannot do anything as they do not have the authority, they have to put a Variance Request into the Zoning Board and if it's approved then they can proceed with the placement of the mobile home. An application for a variance was given to Mr. Risley's grandson.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A card was received from the Sinclairville 76 ers thanking the Town for their annual Donation.
- A letter was received from National Grid advising of a tariff offering street lights to be switched to LED.
- A Letter was received from Independent Health stating a rate change. The rates are supposed to go up, a single family up \$51.00, Employee and Spouse \$103.00, Employee and
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child \$87.00 and family \$146.97 which would go up \$4,800 for town Supervisor Crossley commented.

## **OFFICERS REPORT:**

### **Zoning Officer:**

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that he had explained the whole process of the Zoning Variance about six weeks ago to the Risleys and he feels bad as they are so close but he has to go by rules and regulations. Mr. Crossley commented that the developer for the Dollar General site has been in contact with him and they have been in contact with the county and state regarding the size of building on the small lot and are actively pursuing.

### June 2016

6 permits issued this month

15 pending permits

### **Dog Control Officer:**

No report given.

### **Highway Superintendent:**

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated they have been finishing up stoning and putting pipe on Engdahl road and hope to start receiving millings to top the road as well. The new tractor is in and the guys seem to like it, Councilman Heath said it was okay as he tried it out and it just takes getting used to. There is a safety feature that when it backs up it shuts down and they can have it eliminated so they will probably have that done. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, asked if the board wanted him to take the tarp off the Volleyball court at the park and they said yes to see what happens if the bees do come back.

### **Assessor Report:**

Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor, was absent but submitted the following report:

The Board of Assessment Review met and was a quiet year with only 3 parcels presented to the board for review and Kevin thanked the Board of Assessment review for their work and willingness to serve. The final roll will be filed July 1, 2016 and the appropriate legal notice will be published in the newspaper. The State has issued a Tentative Equalization Rate for the town at 98%. The Board discussed the vacant land going up and they are planning on contacting Kevin to see if he can attend the September Board Meeting to go over everything.

## **COMMITTIES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:**

### **Town Park:**

Councilman Heath reported that the fence is in to keep the cars out near the mill stone area and that he and Matt worked on the playground and did the weeds around the fence. Councilman Heath noted that the basketball and tennis courts need to be re-sealed and he will work on getting bids. Councilman Heath reported that he and Councilwoman Bartholomew did interviews for Recreation and a resolution will be presented and also he received some quotes from Denny Bartholomew for led lights at the park pavilions.

Supervisor Crossley received the paperwork for the Chautauqua Works program for Recreation which allows Chautauqua Works to hire someone for our town and give them the opportunity to work. Councilman Swan entertained the motion to allow Councilman Heath to sign and oversee the program of Chautauqua Works for the 2016 Summer Recreation Season, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

**Town Picnic:**

Councilwoman Bartholomew reported that the committee will be meeting July 7<sup>th</sup> at the park pavilion to get ready for August.

**Holiday Festival:**

Town Clerk, Recia Myers, noted they will be meeting June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm and it is a working progress.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Resolution No. 26 – 2016. Appointment of 2016 Summer Recreation Leader and Assistants. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved. Program begins July 5 – August 12.

Resolution No.27– 2016. 2016 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Minute approval for May Board Meeting and Special Meeting June 2. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS.**

No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

Supervisor Crossley introduced Local Law No. 1 of 2016, A Proposed Local Law Amending the Town of Gerry Zoning Law to allow and Equestrian Center as a Special Use by Permit in the Business District. A public hearing is scheduled for July 14, at 6:45 PM.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers #78 - 98 totaling \$44,144.20 was approved on a motion by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #149 - 184 totaling \$7,403.40 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, July 14, 2016 at the town hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk