

**BOARD MEETING
MAY 12, 2016**

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, May 12, 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
Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney

Absent were: Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) A letter was received from the Sinclairville Free Library thanking the Town of Gerry for their Donation.

2) A Letter was received from the Post Journal requesting a FOIL for the Town of Gerry Court. The Town Attorney, William Duncanson, Jr, took care of the Foil.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, submitted the following report,
7 permits issued
18 permits pending

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, stated that Heritage Village has submitted plans to expand the campus and add an Equestrian center with riding stables. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, stated that Heritage Village would have to go through the zoning board and the board of appeals in order to retain a special use permit in order to go forward with the project. Town Attorney, William Duncanson, Jr, stated that they may have to revise a local law on having this facility in our township. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would speak to Kevin Okerlund, Town of Gerry Assessor, about the taxes on this project and see if Heritage Village will have to pay more or if they are locked in for another five years at current rate.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, also stated he is having an issue with a resident building without a permit and is working on this issue and hopes to have it resolved soon.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

Dog Control Officer, Troy Kennelley, was absent and no report was submitted.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, was absent but submitted the following report. Things are good. This a list of upcoming projects:

- 1) Working on Ellington, Charlotte and Cherry Creek getting skid paving and spray patching done on roads we are going to seal.
- 2) We are going to oil and stone approximately 8 miles of road this year.
- 3) We are thinking about using CHIPS money to black top Damon Hill Rd. from Gerry-Ellington Rd. (approx.. 1 ¼ miles)
- 4) On Engdahl Rd. we have cut brush, ditched and replaced two cross pipes and have one more pipe to do. We will then start putting millings on top.
- 5) The new tractor is waiting on a mower deck and it should be here any day.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

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

The Tentative Roll was filed May 1, 2016. Change of assessment notices will be mailed out this week to property owners.

Board of Assessment Review Hearings will be held Wednesday May 25, 2016 at the Village of Sinclairville Municipal Bldg. from 4pm -8 pm.

New York State has changed the procedure for all new STAR applications. Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor, broke down the outline of the changes to the NYS STAR Exemption program for the Gerry Town Board to review.

COMMITTIES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:

Town Picnic:

Councilwoman Bartholomew noted that the Town Picnic committee has met for two meetings with six people in attendance. Councilwoman Bartholomew also stated that the music is going to be performed by Barbra Jean trio. The next meeting is going to be July 9th 2016, at the Town of Gerry park and the Town Picnic is going to be held on August 13, 2016, from 4pm – 9pm.

Town Park:

Councilman Heath stated that he has been working with Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, to figure out where the fence should be placed. Councilman Heath received one quote from Active fence for a chain link fence that would be 126 feet long and 4 feet high in the amount of \$2,125.00. Councilman Swan entertained a motion to have Active Fence place the fence at the Gerry Town Park, Seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Councilman Heath stated that he is in the process of putting up the signs in the park for parking. Councilman Heath is also looking into some new lights for the park. Denny Bartholomew, a town resident, suggested that he look into what kind of lights that have been put in at Heritage Village in the parking lot. Councilman Heath asked Denny Bartholomew if he could get information on the lights used and get back to Councilman Heath.

Holiday Festival:

Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, was absent but submitted the following report: There is going to be a holiday festival meeting held on May 19th, 2016 at 6:00 Pm. Recia Myers, also requested to have a yard sale on July 9th same day as Sinclairville's yard sales all proceeds will go to the Holiday festival and is requesting if anyone has any used items if they could please donate them on that day. Please see anyone on the Holiday festival committee. And they may possibly be holding a car wash in August sometime as well.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 25 - 2015. Modification to 2016 budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Minute approval for the April Board Meeting, and May 11th Bid opening. A motion was made by Councilwoman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fuel Bids. Councilman Swan entertained a motion for Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, to except the only bid submitted from TPS, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved. The Town Board awarded the lone bid from TPS with the prices for Unleaded Gasoline at \$1.5826, ULSD \$1.2176 and Ultra Supreme for \$1.4576.

Consolidation:

Supervisor Crossley stated that he has been to a few meetings involving consolidation of towns and it is a long process and hard to understand and it is a four step process and he is going to see it through the end of the first step and see where our town stands. There will be one more meeting occurring.

Supervisor Crossley has been approached by Town Resident, Randy Gibson, about purchasing four to six burial plots in the Hanson road cemetery. Supervisor Crossley is working with the state of New York on rules and regulations for this procedure. Supervisor Crossley asked the Town Attorney, William Duncanson, Jr., to see if he could draw up an agreement on pricing along with rules and regulations. Supervisor Crossley and William Duncanson, Jr, Town Attorney, stated that Recia Myers and Supervisor Crossley should have a conversation with the Ellington Town Clerk, Karen Bifaro, as they have rules and regulations set on the cemetery in the Town of Ellington to find out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreation. Town Clerk, Recia Myers, will advertise for recreation. The applications will have to be in by June 1st, 2016. Recreation in the Town of Gerry will run July 11th, 2016 through August 19th, 2016.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #60 – 77 totaling \$4,441.06 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #121 -148 totaling \$4,483.59 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, June 9, 2016 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Deputy Town Clerk