

BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10, 2016

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:11 PM, November 10, 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  
                              Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk  
                              William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney  
                              Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent  
                              Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer  
                              Larry Barmore, Chautauqua County Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Randy Zahm commented that he has lived in Gerry for over 30 years and he is interested in the vacancy on the Town Board. Supervisor Crossley thanked him for coming and told him to contact Cherin Mehs to let her know he is interested. Supervisor Crossley also let him know they will be advertising for the position and will be setting interviews up soon as well.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. A resignation letter was received from John Traniello from the Planning Board effective January 1, 2017. A thank you letter will be drawn up as he has served on this board for many years.
2. A letter from ISO which did an analysis on building codes for the town was received and gave the town a thank you for our cooperation with the effectiveness of the building codes.

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**ZONING OFFICER:**

Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, submitted the following report.

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Permits Issued 1

Pending permits 10.

Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, commented that the Board of Appeals will be meeting one more time for an RV concern and it seems to be quieting down.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:**

No report given.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, noted that they are getting ready for winter and are working on getting the truck set up. Cherry Creek is interested in purchasing the 1 Ton Chevy for \$4,000.00 and quotes for a new snow plow for the truck were presented to the Town Board. A motion was made by Councilman Swan to declare the 1990 Chevy as surplus and allow Cherry Creek to purchase the truck for \$4,000.00, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved. After review of the quotes and recommendation from the Highway Superintendent for the snow plow for the truck just purchased a motion was made by Councilman Heath to purchase a SnowDogg VXF95 Steel Plow for \$5,015.00 with the custom mount for \$200.00, for a total of \$5,215.00 from Southern Tier Supply Company, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, suggested possible sealed bids or placing the 1975 Dodge Truck on Auctions International for sale and William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, recommended not doing sealed bids as they would have to sign something in case they were rejected for this option, so after discussion a motion was made by Councilman Swan to declare the 1975 Dodge Truck as surplus and allow Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, to advertise on Auctions International, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

**ASSESSOR:**

No report given.

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:**

**Holiday Festival.**

Recia Myers, Town Clerk, reported that everything is set for the festival which will be November 26<sup>th</sup> with all day events occurring and she thanked Larry Barmore, County Clerk on helping her apply for a grant for the festival and is waiting to hear more on this. She noted to pass along to everyone and is looking forward to that day.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Resolution No. 42 - 2016. Adoption of 2017 Town Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 43 - 2016. Authorizing One- Year Agreement with Gerry Volunteer Fire Department for 2017. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 44 - 2016. Authorizing One-Year Agreement with Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department for 2017. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 45 - 2016. SEQR Notice of Intent to Serve as Lead Agency Gerry Homes-Homestead Project. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 46 - 2016. 2016 Budget Transfers. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 47- 2016. Modification to 2016 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, Seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No.48 – 2016. Adoption of Local Law No. 3 of 2016. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Roll Vote: Councilman Heath	AYE
Councilman Swan	AYE
Supervisor Crossley	AYE

Minute approval for the October Board Meeting, Public Hearings for 2017 Fire and Emergency Contracts, Public Hearing on Local Law # 2 of 2016. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Planning/Zoning Boards.**

Supervisor Crossley asked William Duncanson Jr, Town Attorney, regarding the combining of the Planning and the Zoning Boards and felt it would be a good idea. William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, noted that it would and they should begin this at the beginning of next year and suggested having 5 minimum members with one alternate and currently there are 9 members serving on both boards total. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that members need to have proper training and it's supposed to be required before they are even appointed. Charlotte has this already and is run very smoothly and Councilman Swan asked if say Dave Crossley could give training and he said he could or the Chairman of the board could as well. Supervisor Crossley will contact all the boards and see what their thoughts are and will present this at the next board meeting.

**Seqr Heritage Village.**

The Town Board received paperwork regarding being lead agency seqr status for the Homestead Stables project from Heritage Ministries and Supervisor Crossley asked William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, if he reviewed and is okay with the paperwork filed. William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, noted he has been in touch with Mr. Wolanski and they have chosen not to have an attorney for the project so therefore they are doing all the paperwork

and he is fine with the paperwork filed and the next step is notifying the County Planning and Health Departments and the DEC to see if they would like to challenge and be lead Seqr for this project within 30 days and in which they would act on a declaration for the December meeting.

The Town Hall sign fell and Supervisor Crossley spoke with Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, and they decided to just put it back up for now and get through the winter and in the springtime look for possibly a new sign.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers #160 - 182 totaling \$24,990.27 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #328 -354 totaling \$3,717.41 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Minutes Taken by,

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk