

BOARD MEETING
APRIL 13, 2017

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, April 13, 2017, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
Gary J. Swan, Councilman
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Randy J. Zahm, Councilman
Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Clerk
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent

Absent was: Richard C. Heath, Councilman
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Received a Thank you note from the Sinclairville Free Library for the donation of support.
2. A letter was received from Chautauqua County for a Multi- Jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. The Gerry Town Board is preparing a resolution for next month's board meeting.
3. A letter was received regarding the date change for the Cassadaga Windmill technical conference.
4. A Legal notice was received from the Town of Ellicott for a public hearing on the abandonment of Cobb Road in the Town of Ellicott.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, submitted the following report:

Has issued 7 Permits this month and has 11 pending permits.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, also commented that there has been a few issues on the asbestos enforcement. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, stated that there will be changes coming on how to enforce asbestos issues and he has been in contact with William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, and they have been working on a letter to attach to the Town of Gerry's building permits about the asbestos removal guidelines.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, stated that there are a lot of people building right now.

Dog Control Officer.

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, was absent but submitted the following report:

He issued several tickets for unlicensed dogs and the owners will appear in Gerry Court at a later date to answer to the charge. Dog Control Officer, Wiles, from Charlotte also issued a ticket to a Town of Gerry resident for a dog running at large as Dog Control Officer, Troy Kennelley, was unavailable at the time of the incident. Dog Control Officer, Wiles, has also started a dangerous dog proceeding against the same owner.

Linda Bartholomew, Councilwoman, stated that there have been a few dogs running loose in the town. Supervisor Crossley stated that the people of the town should call the Dog Control Officer when this is happening so the issue of dogs at large can be addressed.

Highway Superintendent.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that they will be pulling posted signs and will begin work on Hanson Road Cemetery. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, also noted that they have been working on equipment maintenance.

Assessor Report.

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I am in the process of finishing up new construction and valuation, gas well valuation, special franchise review, and property owner requests.

Gas well production values have fallen another 33% this year from 1.82/mcf to 1.22/mcf. This is down from 9.54/mcf in 2012. May 1, 2017 the tentative roll will be filed and the appropriate legal notice will be posted in the paper. Change of assessment notices for new construction will be mailed out the first week of May.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 24 -2017. Appointment of Part Time Mower and Maintenance Position. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Discussion. Approved.

Resolution No. 25 – 2017. Standard Work Day and Reporting For NYS Retirement System. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Resolution No. 26 -2017. SEQR Notice of Intent to Serve as Lead Agency For Retail Store TBD Bloomer Street, Sinclairville NY. A motion was made by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, stated that the first letter that was received was not acceptable and the process is on hold for a little while for SEQR status.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Electric Bill. Constellation Energy has raised their rates and Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, looked into the matter and they only went up about .30 cents. Supervisor Crossley, stated that he didn't think it was a bad rate and the board agreed.

Maple Grove Cemetery.

Supervisor Crossley stated that the fee schedule has been set and he is waiting for a good day to go and start to measure out for new plots.

Supervisor Crossley asked Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, if he and a couple of the Councilman could help out measuring out new plots on Saturday April 22, at 9:00 am at the Hanson Road Cemetery weather permitting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Flags. A request from David Hall, Town resident, to buy 35 new flags from Geer- Dunn for .50 cents more than last year. David Hall also asked if it would be in the budget to buy a box of new poles as they come six to a box and they run around \$12.95 a box. Supervisor Crossley said to go ahead and purchase what is needed. Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, is going to inspect the ropes on the flag poles in the cemetery and Dave Hall also stated that they are still looking for a Grand Marshall, and a veteran along with someone to place the wreath for the Memorial Day Parade.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Voucher's #47 – 67 totaling \$13,644.37 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #102 –138 totaling \$9,850.19 was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, May 11, 2017 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew; seconded by Councilman Zahm.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Deputy Town Clerk

