

**BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2017**

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, January 12, 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
 Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
 Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent
 Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer

Absent was: Richard C. Heath, Councilman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Lake Erie Management Commission sent a letter of concern regarding large scale ground mounted commercial solar electric generating facilities and the potential of watershed erosion.
2. A letter was received from Beichner Waste Services advising of a slight increase in services for the 2017 year as the landfill raised their rates. Supervisor Crossley will contact them to see how much the increase will be.
3. Paperwork was received from the Association of Towns notifying the board of their annual meeting held in NYC. Councilwoman Bartholomew noted she attended one a long time ago for the court clerk position and it was informative.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, gave copies of the building permit application and a letter of submission for the Homestead Community Project from Gerry Homes to the Town Board. Councilman Swan asked about the parking and they actually created more for the project Mr. Crossley noted. As far as business for the town goes Dave noted it has been pretty quiet.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

No report for this month.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, commented that everything is going well and the Town only had a little bit of flooding today but has been pretty well off. Councilman Swan asked if they received the tractor back and Brian said they did but had issues and have both tractors right now until the issue gets resolved.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Kevin Okerlund, submitted the following report:

All STAR, Senior and Agricultural exemptions have been mailed out. The renewal deadline for all exemptions is March 1st. The income limit for the STAR exemption is \$86,000.00. Although the State is processing all new STAR applications any property owner that has been on our system prior to 3/15 can continue to reapply with our office. The senior exemption income limits are as follows: Town \$12,500.00, County \$20,000.00 and School \$20,000.00(Cassadaga) \$14,000.00(Falconer). Field work and property reviews are ongoing.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Resolution No. 17 – 2017. Appointment of Town Board Position. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved. Randy Zahm abstained due to conflict of interest.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Swan made a motion to designate the town as the lead seqr for the Heritage Homestead Community Center Project by Gerry Homes seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Discussion. Approved.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

General Fund Voucher's #1 – 26 totaling \$36,875.92 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Highway Fund Voucher's #1 – 9 totaling \$29,687.68 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, February 9, 2017 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Minutes Taken by,

Recia L. Myers,
Gerry Town Clerk