

Board Meeting
July 13, 2017

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, July 14, 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

Absent were: Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
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) A letter was received from Associations of Towns regarding the cancer benefits for firefighters. Supervisor Crossley is looking into this matter further.
- 2) A letter was received from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The letter appoints The Town of Gerry as lead Seqr of the Demolition of the Witch Kitch/ Dollar General project.
- 3) A letter was received from New York State Siting Board on Electric generation stating that there are people against the wind energy project.
- 4) A thank-you card was received from Recia Myers and family.
- 5) A Letter was received from Niagara Mohawk dba National Grid regarding the rate hike that will take effect in April 2018.
- 6) A letter was received from the Office of Real Property Tax services discussing the partial payment of property taxes. The Town of Gerry Board discussed this issue and has decided to opt out of the partial payment at this time.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer:

David Crossley, Zoning Officer, was absent and no report was given.

Dog Control Officer.

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

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer wrote out one ticket for an unlicensed dog. Troy Kennelley also reported that in a one week span that six dogs had come up missing for their

owners on route 380 and Salisbury roads, with some help from surrounding neighbors and myself all dogs were located.

Highway Superintendent:

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, stated that they have a load of mulch for the Gerry Town Park and it will be put in later next week and noted the first week in August the Nova Chipping will begin. Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, sold the 1975 Dodge truck on Auctions International that was declared surplus in November of 2016 on July 12, 2017.

ASSESSORS REPORT:

The following report was submitted:

The final roll was filed July 1, 2017 with the County and the State of NY. Also, the appropriate legal notice was posted in the Post Journal. In addition, a link to the 2017 final roll is required by the State to be on our website and that is in the process of being completed. Assessors' reports required by the State of NY have been filed with the Office of Real Property Services in Albany. With the 2017 roll filed he will be updating the RPS software program to create the 2018 file and begin work on next year's roll.

Our State equalization will be 96.5% this year dropping from 98% last year. Being the 5th year after a reval the State came out and appraised properties in the residential and farm/ vacant classes. As you can see our residential ratio is 98.16% while our vacant class has dropped to 70.88% Increasing land values are the main factor in the equalization rate decrease. I did review the state documents and am comfortable with the current rate.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

Park & Recreation Committee.

Councilman Heath was absent and no report was given.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 32 – 2017. Standard Work day and Reporting for NYS Retirement Systems. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 33 - 2017. Authorizing Zoning Officer to Attend Western Southern Tier Building Educational Conference in Mayville, N.Y. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Minute approval for June 2017 Board Meeting and the Supervisor's Monthly was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley stated that there are some pine branches that are hanging over the property line at Hemminger cemetery and when the weather gets better the Town of Gerry Board will get together and trim up the trees in the cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Voucher's # 96 – 111 totaling \$64,962.30 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's # 204 – 234 totaling \$3,666.90 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, August 10, 2017 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Zahm.

Minutes taken by,

Jodie L. Fehlman
Deputy Town Clerk