

BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2017

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, March 9, 2017, 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  
Randy Zahm, Councilman  
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk  
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent  
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney  
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer

Absent was: Linda Bartholomew, Councilwoman

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A thank you note was received from the Valley Historical Society for the annual donation that was made from the Town of Gerry.

Constellation Energy sent a letter notifying the town of costs that will incur due to the reducing of emissions on the electric bill beginning the month of April. Supervisor Crossley asked the Clerk to keep an eye on the bill for April to see how much of an increase was placed.

A letter from the NYS Board regarding the Cassadaga Wind Farm project was received advising of monies paid by concerned citizens.

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**Zoning Officer:**

Zoning Officer, David Crossley, noted not much has been going on there will be rehab going on the house that was run into on Gerry Ellington Road and a garage is going up on Hodge Road. Mr. Crossley commented that the Zoning Board of Appeals had interesting meetings last night regarding variance requests. It was well run and all were approved except for one.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Office, also explained that he worked on a page to include with the demolition permit as they have been running into asbestos problems and this page gives everything in detail of what is required. William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, is reviewing

and adjusting a few things to go ahead for use. Supervisor Crossley asked the status of the combining of the Zoning and Planning Boards and Dave commented it is up to the Town Board now. Supervisor Crossley will contact Mr. Cooley to set up a meeting with the boards to discuss.

**Dog Control Officer.**

DCO Kennelley, was absent and no report was given.

**Highway Superintendent.**

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted everything is going good and they have been working on the brakes of the hoe and fixing oil leaks on the equipment. He commented due to the high winds yesterday they worked 8 hours on cutting down trees on Herrick and Harris Hill for the majority.

**Assessor.**

The Assessor was absent but submitted the following report:

The period for exemption applications has passed. However, they can be accepted up until grievance day for Enhanced Star for seniors who missed the deadline due to the death of an immediate family member, serious illness or hospitalization that can be documented by a physician. The applications can be for either new or renewal Enhanced Star exemptions and up until the deadline for paying school taxes, seniors who missed the deadline for a "good cause" have the option to apply to our department.

Also, related to the STAR credit program downstate legislator have begun the process to discontinue the STAR credit check program due to the problems the State of NY has had in implanting the program. It will be interesting to see if all new applications will be shifted back to the local assessor's office. Property inspections and field work are ongoing to meet the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline of filing the tentative roll.

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:**

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Resolution No. 23 - 2017. 2017 Budget Transfers. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Minute approval for the February Board Meeting and Supervisor's Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS.**

**Easter egg Hunt.**

Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, has been in touch with Carrie Johnstone from Heritage Village/Homestead and she is willing to put on the Easter Egg Hunt again this year. Recia Myers and her son Haydn will be helping her out this year and it will be on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Heritage Village/Homestead.

**Part Time Mower.**

After discussion the Town Board will have the mowing position advertised until March 31, 2017 and interviews will be held the week before the Town Board meeting to have it approved for then.

**Time Warner Franchise.**

William Duncanson Jr, Town Attorney, noted he emailed a copy of an agreement that was just passed with the Town of Poland and it was a good agreement and considers that a starting point he commented to Supervisor Crossley to get ahold of him when Time Warner contacts him.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers #32 - 46 totaling \$13,408.36 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers#67 - 101 totaling \$17,672.98 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, April 13, 2017 at the Town Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM on a motion by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilman Zahm.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk