

**BOARD MEETING
MAY 11, 2017**

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, May 11, 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
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Randy J. Zahm, Councilman
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Jerry House, President of the Gerry Cemetery Association, explained how several years ago the town put in driveways at the cemetery and the driveway is firm but in a few spots they are starting to cave in a little and he is requesting if the town could tar and stone the driveway. Mr. House discussed this with Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, and he said if the cemetery could purchase the materials they could probably do the work but it has to be approved by the Town Board. Councilman Heath asked how much would the materials be and Brian said approximately a couple thousand. Mr. House noted the association could pay for the materials if the town could please do the labor. The Town Board discussed and said it should not be a problem but Supervisor Crossley would like to talk with the Town attorney to double check a few concerns and will let Mr. House know.

Dan Heitzenrater, Executive Assistant to the County Executive, discussed the grant the County is working on for the chance to have 20 million dollars for our county to help with consolidating and shared services with 5 other counties competing from New York State. Supervisor Crossley noted that the county is requesting a resolution of support and they are still waiting for the feasibility results from CGR and need to have the architecture done so they have the cost figures to then be able to sit down with the public. Dan noted they are in phase one and all grants need to be turned in very soon and they have nine projects within the county which the Gerry, Sinclairville, Charlotte and CV school project is on the grant as well as the dissolution of Cherry Creek and the county is requesting for the Town to have a resolution of support done so they can forward on with the paperwork to the state with the grant.

Councilwoman Bartholomew asked if they needed a resolution from the school as well and Dan said yes he is going to attend a meeting to request this and he noted that all this is, is a resolution of support nothing of a legal agreement or anything of that sort right now. Councilman Swan commented that 20 million sounds a lot but if it is divided between nine projects it's not a whole lot but would help with potentials. The Resolution is being presented under special orders.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) An Invitation to a service of remembrance was received from Hospice the services will be held June 24th at Point Gratiot in Dunkirk and June 25th at Celeron Park.

- 2) Received three communications regarding the wind project in Town of Charlotte regarding the rulings against the project from residents.
- 3) A thank you letter from the Village of Falconer was received for the Town of Gerry Volunteer Fire Dept. for all there help with the fire in the village last month, the letter will be forwarded on to the fire dept.
- 4) Nancy Salemme, town resident, called Supervisor Crossley upset about the condition of the town hall and Supervisor Crossley told her they are looking into consolidation right now and waiting and once they know if this will be an option or not they will then figure out what to do with the town hall.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, submitted the following report,
7 permits issued
15 permits pending

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

Dog Control Officer, Troy Kennelley, was absent and no report was submitted.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted they have been working with Ellington, Charlotte and Cherry Creek and will be paving here within a month and they are first on the list. Councilman Heath said state is just patching roads and they sprayed the bricks in town.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor, was absent but submitted the following report:

The Tentative Roll was filed May 1, 2017. Change of assessment notices will be mailed out this week to property owners.

Board of Assessment Review Hearings will be held Wednesday May 24, 2017 at the Village of Sinclairville Municipal Bldg. from 4pm -8 pm.

COMMITTIES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:

Maple Grove Cemetery:

Supervisor Crossley said he and Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, have been to the Maple Grove a lot and laid out 24 new plots and it looks like 12 are already going to be purchased. Sam Genco from Lakeview Cemetery in Jamestown has helped a ton and is donating markers to the town as well. Supervisor Crossley commented that they have volunteers to help re set stones and the highway department cleaned up the cemetery and will be taking some trees down. Councilman Heath asked if there were any wires near trees but they did not think so and Councilman Zahm noted they have to be within 35 ft. of center for the electric company to take down. Saturday at 9 am they will be putting the flags up in the cemeteries and Brian asked about the large flags in town and John said to check with Dave Hall.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 27 - 2017. Chautauqua County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Discussion. Approved.

Resolution No. 28 -2017. Shared Services. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Minute approval for the April Board Meeting, May 9th Bid opening and Supervisor's Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cobb Road. Supervisor Crossley checked on the meaning of the qualified abandonment in the Town of Ellicott for Cobb road and all it means is it can't get shut down right away. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that the Ellicott ended up finding out they actually did not own as much as they thought and the people who owned the land are not happy right now. Our town will have to work a little on the project but it sounds like the property owner wants to turn it over to the town and there is a lot of legal items that are involved and it will be a long process before they even work on the road.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reminder the Memorial Day parade will be May 28th at 2 PM.

Fuel Bids were opened on May 9th and only one bid was received from TPS. A motion was made by Councilman Swan accepting the lone bid from TPS for Ultra Low Sulfur at \$1.4887, Ultra Low Sulfur Supreme at \$1.5187 and Unleaded Gasoline at \$1.5587, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Recreation Ad will be advertised and a resolution will be presented at next meeting. The Easter egg Hunt was discussed and Recia Myers, Town Clerk, noted it turned out great a lot of kids were present and the Heritage Village coordinator, Carrie Johnstone, did a wonderful job. It was discussed that the Recreation dept. should be helping or making sure this is done as Heritage Village may not always be able to do this and others may not be able to volunteer their time. Councilman Heath said they will discuss this during the hiring process for recreation.

A request from Heritage Village for having a day for yard sales was presented to Recia Myers, Town Clerk, and she thought it would be a great idea and the Church next door would like to be involved. They are looking at August 5th and the Town Board Okayed it so she will advertise for the day when the time gets closer.

Councilwoman Bartholomew gave an update that the town website will soon be mobile friendly.

Councilman Zahm suggested that the new sign either for consolidation or for our town hall be done by the students at Cassadaga Valley and Supervisor Crossley noted that would be a great idea.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #68 –82 totaling \$4,699.06 was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #139 - 169 totaling \$5,468.00 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, June 8, 2017 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk