

BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2017

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:40 PM, October 12, 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
 Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent
 William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) An invitation for training to be held in Rochester and Albany for newly elected officials was received from the Association of Towns.

- 2) A letter advising of Zoning Law changes for roof requirements in the Town of Ellery was received and the Town Board asked the Town Attorney why they decided to make the roof requirements for double wides that much steeper and William Duncanson Jr, Town Attorney, noted that they already have a provision in their Zoning Law and they just decided to change it upon themselves and not by the Code. Supervisor Crossley is going to contact the Town of Ellery and talk with the Zoning Officer just to check on it.

- 3) A letter was received from Agriculture and markets regarding an inspection of the Dog Control Officer and the Humane Society and the report stated that everything was Satisfactory.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Was absent and no report was submitted at this time.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

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

Mr. Kennelley received a phone call about a dog running loose on Gerry Ellington Road and told them to contact the owner to try to remedy the situation and if that does not work to file a nuisance charge against the dog owner. The caller said she would try this and if it did not work she would call back if needed.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted they have been brush hogging and doing shoulder work and are starting to get the snow plows ready. Brian commented that Kevin Carlson is doing a good job at painting the Highway garage.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor submitted the following report:

He attended the NYS Assessors conference from Oct 1-4 and picked up credits for his continuing education. STAR credit checks have been mailed out to those who have registered for the program. The STAR credit check is the new program the State has implemented for all new Basic and Enhanced STAR applications. If a property owner has experienced any problems they need to contact the State of NY directly at 518-457-2036.

He will be sending out Enhanced Star renewals and Senior Low Income renewal applications starting the first part of November. These are the annual renewals that have to be filed with the Assessor's office and returned to the office by March 1, 2018.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

Councilman Heath asked to have Recia Myers, Town Clerk, call to have the dumpster removed from the Town Park as there is only one rental left for this weekend and he asked Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, if he could get the park winterized at the end of the month too.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 37 - 2017. Setting Halloween Hours in the Township of Gerry. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 38 – 2017. Creating a Budget Reserve. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 39 -2017. To Raise Aged-Income Exemption. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Resolution No. 40 -2017. Park Rental Fees to be Place in Park Reserve. A motion was made by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minute approval for the September Board meeting and Budget Sessions on Sept. 21st and October 5th and the Supervisor's monthly report. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Rabies clinic will be held this Saturday from 9am – noon at the Highway Garage.

Supervisor Crossley supplied the Town Board with packets of different health care coverages as he met with the Insurance Representative and initially the same plan was going to increase about 14 % but everyone else had a problem with this as well and they ended up coming up with the same plan if renewed by December 1st to only receive a 4 in a half increase for the upcoming year. So he feels that would be the best option as most plans have high deductibles and not enough coverage. He will meet with the Insurance Representative again to verify the numbers and time frame to finalize and if necessary an emergency meeting might have to be set if things change and he will keep the Town Board informed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recia Myers, Town Clerk, is setting up another x-mas party for all town employees and after discussing with Supervisor Crossley they come up with it to be held at Steeners in Greenhurst and the Board decided on December 8th at 6 pm.

Recia Myers sent a letter as a citizen of the town to request a letter of support from the Town to send in a letter to the State Dept. of Transportation to request the speed limit to be lowered to 45 mph from Old Chautauqua Road to Moon Station Road past the Cassadaga Valley High School. After discussion the Town Board agreed to have a letter drawn up with Supervisor Crossley signing it.

Local Law No. 2 of 2017 was introduced, this local law is for the elimination of the Town of Gerry Planning Board. William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, noted that there have been so many turn overs on the Planning Board and members were not attending the schooling required so he felt this would be in the best interest for the town and he commented that other towns such as Ellicott are also doing this. A public hearing will be held on November 9th at 6:40 PM at the Town Hall.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #150 - 167 totaling \$15,379.96 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #275 – 275 totaling \$6,093.34 was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew.

Minutes taken by,

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk