

**BOARD MEETING
MAY 9, 2019**

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, May 9, 2019, 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
William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney
David Crossley, Zoning Officer

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) A mailing was received regarding the Wind Project in Cassadaga from the NYS Board of Electric Generation advising that they are moving forward with the project.
- 2) A mailing was received from Chautauqua Works for summer employment which was passed on to Councilman Heath for review.
- 3) Supervisor Crossley passed out a photo of the plaque in honor of John Schofield from the Town that the County Veterans Memorial will have. He noted there will be a notice in the Memorial Day program if anyone would like to purchase a brick in memory of a veteran. Councilwoman Bartholomew noted that on the Town's website has detailed information about Mr. Schofield.
- 4) Windstream sent a notice of them filing Chapter 11 for reorganization which should not affect the services the town has.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, stated that he left his report at home but will present at the next meeting. He noted that Heritage Village is busy with putting in the new community center and told Mr. Woltz that there are complaint forms with the Town Clerk that he may fill out regarding property maintenance issues on Old Chautauqua Road.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

Matthew Abbey, Dog Control Officer, submitted the following report:

Received a call from the Town clerk in the am of 4-15-19 to report she received a call about a dog running on Salisbury Road that almost got hit by a car, around 4 pm that day received

another call from Dianne Franchina reporting she had the dog that was running at large and I came over around 5:30 PM to pick up the dog for her and transferred it to the humane society. Received a call on 4-20 of three dogs showing up to a residence on Cobb Road trying to kill their cat. She corralled them in her garage and the owner of the dogs contacted me and will be picking her dogs from the humane society where they were transferred.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, commented that the 2011 Chevy was hit by a boat which was his son's while backing up in his driveway. His son's insurance company will be taking care of it. Mr. Anderson requested to purchase a Tamper with the Village of Sinclairville as right now they have to borrow from the county. Discussion. Councilman Swan entertained a motion to allow the Town of Gerry to purchase a New Wacker Neuson Reversible Plate Tamper for a total of \$3,575.00, which half of that amount will be paid by the Village of Sinclairville which would be \$1,787.50 for each municipality, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that they are done with skid paving and will be helping Cherry Creek and Ellington next week with patching roads. Councilman Heath thanked the Highway Department with getting the water pump fixed at the Town Park.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor, was absent but submitted the following report:
The Tentative Roll was filed May 1, 2019. Change of assessment notices will be mailed out to property owners.

Board of Assessment Review Hearings will be held Wednesday May 29, 2019 at the Village of Sinclairville Municipal Bldg. from 4pm -8 pm and appointments can be made by calling 962-9455 Monday evenings.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:

Councilman Heath stated that Kevin Carlson started mowing again and they discussed making sure that he remains in a reasonable amount of hours and the Town Clerk will keep track.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 22 - 2019. Elimination of Tax Delinquent Charge. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

Resolution No. 23 -2019. Authorizing Conveyance of Town Real Property. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 24 - 2019. 2019 Budget Transfers. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Crossley stated that he has contacted representatives from Mr. Reed's office and they have not contacted him back and he is hoping to hear this week regarding the Reserve Center and the status to see if they will be selling it and for how much. He will keep trying.

Supervisor Crossley met with Town Attorney, William Duncanson, Jr., regarding the Zoning of Route 60 and the request for it to be commercialized as a petition was received for this. They decided to table this for next month as the process will not occur quickly and it was advised to form a committee for this as well.

Councilman Heath drew up roof bids for the town hall and there a few things that need to be added and changed and the Town Attorney will review and send over to the Town Clerk for advertisement.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Recreation Ad will be advertised so that they will have a Resolution ready for the hiring of the employees at the next board meeting.

Eileen Overturf, President of the Gerry Hill Cemetery, is worried about trees that are problems in there cemetery and she spoke with the State Cemetery Association and they advised her to request the help from the Town as they financially cannot afford to do this. Supervisor Crossley noted that this is something not budgeted for this year and will be a costly project. They may be able to do one at a time and he asked to meet with her to check the trees out and Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, will meet with them as well to see what they can do.

The Board Meeting for June was changed to June 12th and will be posted in the paper.

For the Memorial Day parade the church used to cook the hot dogs for the band students and this year they were not available to so the Town Clerk asked if the Town could do this and pay for the food. They agreed and Councilwoman Bartholomew had an idea for this and will discuss with the Town Clerk after the meeting.

Councilman Zahm asked about the plow at the Highway with the decals to be placed out in front of the Highway Garage. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, commented that they are going to place it soon and will check into the cost for decals for it.

A Proclamation Resolution for Supervisor John Crossley was presented and read for all his hard work and dedication to the Town by Councilman Heath. Supervisor Crossley thanked the Town Board and Clerk for all there help with helping all the offices run smoothly. The Town Justice requested for the Clerk to read and place his note in the minutes as follows:

John,

I truly wish I was able to be present this evening to extend my thanks to you and for a job well done during your many years of service. The Town has been lucky to have you at the helm and due to you it is truly a community on the continued right path. I know your commitment to the offices you've held has been based on a desire to truly help the citizens of our great town. It has been an honor to serve as an elected official with you first on the Town Board and now as Town Justice. Your insight,

advice, and guidance I am truly grateful for. Best of luck and enjoy your well-deserved retirement. You will be missed.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #58 – 74 totaling \$14,139.38 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #130 - 166 totaling \$3,750.11 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, June 12, 2019 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk