

BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, September 12, 2019, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were:

- Richard C. Heath, Supervisor
- Gary J. Swan, Councilman
- Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
- Randy J. Zahm, Councilman
- Bruce Gustafson, Councilman
- Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
- Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent
- William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

A thank you note from the Myles family for flowers received was sent.

A flyer for an expo for an equine affaire in Massachusetts was received.

An invite to the Annual Sinclairville History Fair was received.

A public service notification on windmills was received.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, was absent and no report was submitted.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

Matthew Abbey, Dog Control Officer, noted that he received a call from a lady who informed him of a missing boxer on Chautauqua Pets that she picked up in the town and she tried contacting him and transported the dog back to Buffalo with her. He explained that the dog needed to come back her and we use the Humane Society, after a few calls and days she did bring the dog back to the Humane Society. On 8-26 she received a call from the Sherriff's Dept. of a loose pit bull in the park but was too late to check and heard nothing more on it. Received a phone call from a resident that wanted to report a dog that was not being

taken care of and he advised her to call the County Sherriff's Dept. which has an officer in Animal Cruelty.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported that things are winding down for the summer and they will start fall mowing soon. Councilwoman Bartholomew commented that the sidewalks look good and Supervisor Heath noted that we received the \$2,000.00 towards the sidewalk for the grant for Complete Streets and He and the Town Clerk sent in the follow up report for the grant and Supervisor Heath is working on getting the shoulders widened on Gerry-Ellington Road. Supervisor Heath thanked the Highway Department for all their work.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor, sent in his report noting he will be at the Assessors conference from September 23 through the 25th and that school tax bills were mailed out and if they did not receive them they need to contact the school tax collector and his office. He has been working on updating of sales transactions and address changes.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

Town Park: Supervisor Heath commented that the mowing should be done next month and Kevin has been staying within his hours requested. And next month we can shut off the garbage and winterize the park.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 37 -2019. Authorizing Zoning Officer to attend Western Southern Tier Building Educational Conference in Mayville, NY. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 38 -2019. 2019 Budget Transfers. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Resolution No. 39 -2019. Modifications to 2019 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minute Approval for the August Board Meeting, and Supervisor's Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Heath received the quote for the Maple Grove Cemetery on Hanson Road which came to \$2,500.00 for the removal of 2 trees and 1 dead top, deadwood and 6 other maples by Maple Trees Services. Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, met with the owner who gave the quotes and he suggested it was a good price and that the highway will help clean up as well. Councilman Swan entertained a motion to accept the bid of \$2,500.00 by Maple

Tree Springs Service for the removal of two trees and 1 dead top, deadwood and approximately 6 other maples, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved. Aye. Supervisor Heath asked the Town Clerk if the tree company regarding the Gerry Hill Cemetery has contacted her and he has not yet and he will work on that.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, commented that a while back he turned in the petitions for Route 60 to be changed commercially and wondered about it as he thought there was a time frame. William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, explained that it needs to be budgeted for as a seqr needs to be done to see about the environmental impacts and it will cost a lot of money to get started. William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, explained how the Comprehensive Plan spent hours on the plan and actually they were in favor of having 60 become commercial. Councilwoman Bartholomew asked where they would start and it would be from the Gerry Cemetery to the Town of Charlotte line on 60. After discussion, Supervisor Heath will contact Clark-Patterson Lee to get an estimate on a cost of the study and discuss more during budget time as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thomas Atwell contacted Supervisor Heath regarding lights on Route 60 during the rodeo and wondered if the Town would be willing to split the cost which would be \$158.00 per light a year. After discussion, the Town Board felt like it would be the responsibility of the fire dept. not the town and Councilman Gustafson noted that they might be able to run an electric switch from the rodeo grounds to those lights.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #119 - 132 totaling \$21,627.32 was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #278 - 316 totaling \$29,968.49 was approved on a motion by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, October 10, 2019 and Budget Sessions will be on September 19th and September 26th at 5 pm at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk

