

BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2019

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, November 14, 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  
                              William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney  
                              Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent  
                              Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Paperwork from the Association of Towns was received regarding training for newly elected officials.
2. NYS Dept. of Transportation sent a letter advising of the widening of Route 60 and passing lanes which will begin next spring. There will be no passing lanes in Gerry just an overlay and the Bridge near Thrashers will be replaced.
3. Information regarding an application of Cassadaga Wind LLC was received. Councilman Heath asked Town Attorney, William Duncanson, Jr., if he has heard anything on the Wind Energy. Discussion. Town Attorney, William Duncanson, Jr., urged the Town Board to really discuss and see if they would want to welcome the Wind Energy in the Township or not. Councilwoman Bartholomew asked if they need so much property to do this and Mr. Duncanson noted that they adjust to the Zoning to make it work so it really should be looked at.

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**ZONING OFFICER:**

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, reported that he has two things going on and one is a residence on Hanson Road where someone is living in a camper with no septic, electric and rodents are everywhere and it is a mess. The Town will be stepping into this and he wanted to give the Town Board a heads up as I'm sure it will be being discussed.

The next item is shipping containers which he just received a permit request for and it does not fall under NYS Code or our Zoning Law and after discussion with the Town Attorney he decided to issue them one without a permit right now and the property owner was advised if something were to change he would have to work with him. Mr. Crossley has a copy of Town of Villenova's Zoning Law which they eliminate shipping containers altogether if the Board would like to review theirs. The Town Board discussed possibly having shipping containers fall under a building permit as a shed item after the discussion it was decided to look at Villenova's and discuss further at a later date.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:**

No Report was received.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, noted that the park is winterized for the season and he said he has been looking at 10 wheelers and pricing them and they run approximately \$165,000.00 total with the dump box. He asked the Board permission to bid out. The Town Board suggested to get all bids together for next month as he could look at piggybacking on county bid as well. Mr. Anderson will bring all bids next month and go from there. They are waiting on parts for a truck right now but the Highway is all set for the winter season.

**ASSESSOR:**

Kevin Okerlund, Assessor, submitted his report as follows:

The deadline for assessment rolls to be at the County for January tax bills is November 15<sup>th</sup>, so I have been spending a lot of time processing deeds and updating the computer system. Monthly sales processing is complete and all required reports have been sent to the State of NY. Senior Citizen and Agricultural Land renewals will be mailed out by December 1, 2019.

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:**

Supervisor Heath thanked the Highway Department for all their work done at the park for the season and for winterizing.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Resolution No. 44 - 2019. Adoption of 2020 Town Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 45 – 2019. Authorizing One-Year Agreement with Gerry Volunteer Fire Department for 2020. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Resolution No. 46 - 2019. Authorizing One-Year Agreement with Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department for 2020. A motion was made by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

Resolution No. 47 – 2019. 2019 Budget Transfers. A motion was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 48 -2019. Modifications to 2019 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Discussion. Approved.

Minute approval for the October Board Meeting, Public Hearings for 2020 Fire and Emergency Contract and Budget Session on 10/10 with the Supervisor’s Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new Business.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers #143 - 163 totaling \$18,082.38 was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

General Fund Voucher’s #348 –378 totaling \$3,432.47 was approved on a motion by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Minutes Taken by,

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk