

BOARD MEETING
JUNE 11, 2020

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, June 11, 2020, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Supervisor
 Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
 Randy J. Zahm, Councilman
 Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
 Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent
 William Duncanson Jr, Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Heath called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic only three board members were able to be present and the public is now welcome only by phone call to make arrangements due to the limited seating space.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A memorandum was received from the County Dept. of Public Facilities Solid Waste Division noting that the generated sale of electricity from the gas to energy facility has caused a significant reduction in revenue so they are directly going to sell the landfill to a third party and a proposed local law regarding flow control will be presented later this month and a nominal fee for haulers will go into effect.
2. Supervisor Heath noted that Heritage Village sent a letter of changes in positions to the offices with asking for patience during the process and after research they found that in lieu of taxes for this year that was due in February was never paid. Supervisor Heath contacted the Main manager, Randy Jackson, and he said the check will be sent next week.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer:

Was absent and no report has been submitted.

Dog Control Officer:

Was absent and no report has been submitted.

Highway Superintendent:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, commented that they have been busy on a grinding job with the State on 83 along with 5 other towns and they will receive millings for the work done. The Highway Dept. has been roadside mowing and ditching right now and Tracy Butcher and Adam Johnson placed a guard window in the Judge's office required before they open and Supervisor Heath said please thank them it looks good.

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, noted that he and Recia Myers, Town Clerk, opened bids the other day and only one bid was received and Supervisor Heath explained that he was notified on the CHIPS money and it sounds it will only drop 1% and he also noted to the Town Board he has been in touch with Laura from Bahgat regarding the budget due to the pandemic and she commented that the quarters have been good in receiving money and we should not receive any major losses and to be just a little cautious for next year's budget. Supervisor Heath said he has been working tight with the Highway Superintendent to discuss projections and keeping costs minimal right now and they have come up with ideas on keeping the budget in good shape next year.

Assessor Report:

Kevin Okerlund submitted the following report:

Board of Assessment Review hearings were held Wed., May 27, 2020 from 4-8 with no hearings this year. The tentative Equalization Rate has been established at 90.8%. The equalization rate is the ratio of assessed value to market value across 4 classifications..Residential, commercial, farms and vacant, and utilities. This figure determined yearly, demonstrates what percentage of market value a municipality is assessing properties at. The final roll will be filed with the County and State July 1, 2020. The appropriate legal notice will be published in the Post Journal.

COMMITTIES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:

Town Park Commission:

Supervisor Heath reported that the Town Park may be possibly opening now with the Phase 3 opening by NYS, but he just found out today and will get all the information as far as cleaning and guidelines before they will decide on the opening and a pot hole is being fixed at the park as well.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 26 -2020. Adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2020. A motion was made by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Zahm	AYE
Councilwoman Bartholomew	AYE
Supervisor Heath	AYE

Minute approval for the May Board Meeting, Supervisor's Monthly report and Fuel Bids. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS.

Supervisor Heath entertained a motion to award the lone fuel bid to TPS for ULSD 0.97775 cents per gallon, UL Supreme 1.0075 cents per gallon and Unleaded Gasoline 1.1125 cents per gallon, a motion was made by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS.

Park Rental Reimbursements for this year were discussed due to the pandemic this year and no gatherings of 10 or more people are allowed by NYS right now and every day it is changing so after discussion the Town Board agreed to reimburse pavilion rentals for this year if the renter would like to cancel. Councilman Zahm entertained a motion to allow the Town Clerk to reimburse money received for the rental of the Park pavilions for this year if the renter would like to cancel and be reimbursed, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Councilwoman Bartholomew is concerned about how dim the street lights are in the Township. Supervisor Heath explained the wattage of the bulbs are all different in the areas due to the volume, for example, the four corners is traveled more so the wattage is higher in that area. Councilwoman Bartholomew feels that the whole township should have more wattage for safety concerns and Supervisor Heath explained that it will cost more money and right now due to the conditions of the pandemic money is tight. Supervisor Heath will contact former Supervisor, John Crossley, to discuss as he worked on this project and has it all mapped out and will find out how much it would end up costing to look into this during the fall.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #76 – 89 totaling \$12,279.14 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #142 - 171 totaling \$3,944.57 was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, July 9, 2020 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk

