

**BOARD MEETING**  
**MAY 14, 2020**

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, May 14, 2020, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Supervisor  
Randy J. Zahm, Councilman  
Bruce Gustafson, Councilman  
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk  
Brian T. Anderson, Highway Superintendent

**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 with everyone else turning in paper reports and the public is still not allowed to attend meetings yet by the NYS Governor's Orders.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. A Thank you note was received from the Sinclairville 76ers for the Town's annual donation.
2. A letter of complaint was received from a Town Resident regarding the condition of the Town's flags that were hung up last year. Supervisor Heath received phone calls as well by residents.

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**ZONING OFFICER.**

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, is staying on this month training the Town's new Code Enforcement Officer, Eric Yager as he received so many permits this month. Mr. Yager is currently taking the online training for the NYS Code. A letter was received from a Town Resident regarding the deplorable condition of the Prine Property on Route 380. Mr. Crossley is aware and will be contacting the owner regarding the condition and try to have an asbestos study done to be able to remove this building. The Suburban house on Route 60 is also in the process of being demolished and the Code Enforcement Officer is working with the owner on this as well.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:**

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

Received a call from a Resident on Route 380 regarding a coon hound with no collar or tags that showed up at his house and will not leave. The resident placed the dog in his garage and I picked up the dog and transferred it to the humane society on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that they put all the flags up in the town and Supervisor Heath commented that all the flags placed up this year were new and he did receive calls thanking him and in return he thanked the Highway Dept. for putting these up.

Mr. Anderson had the Road posting signs pulled and next week the department will be starting to skid pave in the area. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, explained that they have been having so much issues with the New Holland that he is suggesting looking into purchasing a new zero turn mower for the park and area with the money they received from the Red International that was sold for \$5,000.00. Supervisor Heath spoke with Councilman Swan on this as he is on the Highway Committee and he believed it was a good idea as well, being that they have put so much money in the New Holland. Mr. Anderson obtained two quotes from Southern Tier Trailer Sales for a Kubota z400 Kommander Pro for \$6,520.60 and LandPro for a John Deere Commercial z915E Z-Track for \$7,717.18. After discussion, and going with the lowest price bid Councilman Zahm entertained a motion to allow Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, to purchase a Z400 Series KommanderPro, Model #Z421KWT-60 from Southern Tier Trailer Sales, Inc. for the Final Sale Price of \$6,520.60, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, discussed the money being lost by sales tax due to the pandemic and CHIPS money. Supervisor Heath has spoken with the accountants and they feel we are able to cover costs for next year with money lost and Mr. Anderson suggested just patching roads this year with minimal skid paving to not spend a ton of money and roll money over at the end of year for next year's budget to help as well. Supervisor Heath noted that it is a good idea and basically due to this ongoing pandemic we really won't know numbers of what has been lost really until later and everyone in the County is in the same boat. Supervisor Heath and Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, discussed the County Bidding process and Mr. Anderson noted that the Dump box for the truck has also been put on hold and probably will not be in until August.

Supervisor Heath thanked Mr. Anderson and the Highway Dept. for all their help in the maintenance of the Town Hall and supplying the Clerk with sanitizing equipment for the Town Hall as well.

## **ASSESSOR REPORT:**

Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor, was absent but submitted the following reports:

### April 2020

The Tentative Roll will be filed May 1, 2020 with the appropriate legal notice. He is in the process of finishing up valuation on all new building construction, demolitions, and owner requests for review. Gas well reports are not all in from companies as of yet. State land valuation is complete and I am still waiting on final Special Franchise and Telecommunications values.

### May 2020

Change of assessment notices have been mailed out to property owners, and the Tentative Roll was filed on May 1, 2020 with the proper legal notice published.

Board of Assessment Review Hearings will be held Wednesday May 27, 2020 at the Village of Sinclairville Municipal Bldg. from 4pm -8 pm and appointments are only going to be by telephone this year.

## **COMMITTIES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:**

Supervisor Heath discussed the Garbage Bin at Park and being that the Park is closed right now that they will not place it quite yet.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Resolution No. 24 - 2020. 2020 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Resolution No. 25 -2020. Modifications to 2020 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:****NEW BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Heath noted that Town Clerk, Recia Myers, contacted Southern Tier West regarding the Website and they gave her a quote and she checked on another company but felt they were way too pricey so she will contact Southern Tier and check more on the process for a basic website to get it set up for the Fall Season.

The Town Board discussed Recreation this year and as of right now they would be doing the hiring process and after discussion the Town Board agreed to cancel the Town's Recreation Season this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and being that the park is closed right now and the Town is following the guidelines by the NYS Governor's Office. They discussed the Park Rental fees and will place that on next month June's agenda.

Local Law No. 1 of 2020 was introduced regarding Amending the Zoning Law for Solar Energy. Town Clerk, Recia Myers, will contact Town Attorney, William Duncanson Jr., on the Public Hearing process due to the pandemic as well to make sure everything is done correctly. The Town Board set the Public Hearing for the Local Law on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM.

Supervisor Heath noted that he has not heard anything more regarding the Army Reserve Center and they cleared debris to help with the process of the artifacts.

Supervisor Heath has been in contact with the County Executive regarding the COVID pandemic and will follow the guidelines for social distancing and will discuss with the Town Attorney once the Town Re-opens to the public for Board Meetings for guidance.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:****VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers #56 – 75 totaling \$10,865.58 was approved on a motion by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #112 - 141 totaling \$4,426.87 was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, June 11, 2020 at the town hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM on a motion by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Zahm.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,  
Town Clerk