

BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, September 10, 2020, 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
	Eric Yager, Zoning Officer
	David Hall, Court Officer

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Dave Hall noted that he has been appointed Constable since February 6<sup>th</sup> 1969 and he now wishes to retire from the position and he has had a wonderful time working with all the Judges through the years. The Town Board reminisced on Dave Hall's years of work and The Town Board thanked Mr. Hall for all his years of service. Tom Atwell will be taking over the position as he is the Deputy Court Officer.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Sinclairville Free Library sent a letter explaining the details of resuming their hours and following guidelines due to the pandemic and thanked the Town Board for their support and yearly donations to the library.

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**ZONING OFFICER:**

Eric Yager, Zoning Officer, commented that he issued four permits this month and has spoken with residents regarding violations and it has helped to visit the residences regarding this. Councilman Swan asked how everything is going and Mr. Yager said well. Supervisor Heath asked William Duncanson Jr, Town Attorney, about political signs and Mr. Duncanson commented that they come and go quickly so no real action needs to be taken right now.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:**

Matthew Abbey, Dog Control Officer, was absent but submitted his reports:

Supervisor Heath summarized Mr. Abbey's report that he had issues with dogs in the area of Gerry Ellington Road and no action needed to be taken. Mr. Abbey's reports are on file in the Clerk's office to review.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported that things are winding down for the summer and they will start fall mowing soon. The flags will be taken down next week due to a filming in the area right now and Supervisor Heath and Mr. Anderson discussed coming up with a time frame for the flags next year and Supervisor Heath noted he did receive calls in appreciation of the new flags placed this year.

The new truck is in and Councilman Zahm will be doing the lettering on the truck and they discussed the New Holland tractor that has had numerous problems and Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, will be looking into quotes for a new tractor and will present at the next Town Board Meeting.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**

No Report was received.

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:**

**Town Park:** Supervisor Heath commented that the park remains closed and all rentals were reimbursed for this year and they will evaluate the park next year. Supervisor Heath asked how other towns were handling the Parks and William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, noted that the Village of Sinclairville had some active residents trying to get the park opened and after they reviewed everything they financially could not open.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Resolution No. 31 -2020. 2010 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Heath discussed the Complete Streets program in which the Town received money for the placement of the bike paths and that they are beginning the project now. Shoulders are being expanded on Gerry Ellington Road all the way to Damon Hill Road currently and blacktopping and ditching is being done by the Town and County. He thanked the Highway for their help with the process and commented that the project should be all done before Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and the NYS DOT will be starting the millings from Kimball Stand to Sinclairville on Route 60 as well.

Councilwoman Bartholomew asked about the sidewalks and Supervisor Heath commented that they are fixing areas that need to be repaired in the town.

The Town's website will be taken over by Southern Tier West soon as the Town Clerk has been working with them and they will send over the website created for us to review before launching. Supervisor Heath thanked Councilwoman Bartholomew and her family for all the work they have done on the current website and Councilwoman Bartholomew asked a few questions regarding the new site as far as being charged for links and Recia Myers, Town Clerk, will give a copy of the quote from Southern Tier West for her to review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A Budget Session was set for September 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 PM.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers #108 - 123 totaling \$37,660.10 was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #227 - 253 totaling \$3,438.63 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 8, 2020 and Budget Sessions will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the town hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk