

BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2021

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, January 14, 2021, 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  
                                      William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney  
                                      Eric Yager, Zoning Officer  
                                      Mrs. Greeley

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Southern Tier West sent paperwork advising of online webinars to be held instead of their Annual Conference this year that was passed around to the Board Members.
2. Sinclairville Library sent an email regarding an advocacy report required by the state which they summarized what they did during the pandemic and they also received a grant which will be given to them approximately around July of 2021. The report was passed around to review.

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**ZONING OFFICER:**

Eric Yager, Zoning Officer, noted that he had to do a Fire Inspection at the Burquist Building at Heritage Village and required a Covid test before he went onsite and he passed. Mr. Yager gave the Town Board a 2020 permit log of the breakdown of Permits issued since April of last year to review.

Supervisor Heath filled in Town Attorney, William Duncanson, of the complaints received by residents on Hanson Road regarding a dilapidated storage structure that is on a property near them that they would like to see this removed as it is a hazard. William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, noted that unfortunately that the new Local Law on storage sheds would not apply to this as the shed already was existing, they could possibly deem it as an unsafe structure. The Zoning Officer will review.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:**

Matt Abbey, Dog Control Officer submitted the following reports:

For November, he had a dog bite incident on Wilson Street which Officers were called to and he was notified that a neighbor's dog bit the other neighbor on the left hand and arm. The Officers arrested the dog owner for a warrant under different circumstances and the dog was placed back into the residence. The neighbor was treated at the hospital for the dog bite and Mr. Abbey gave them a dog complaint form to fill out to proceed with a dangerous dog. Mr. Abbey will return to the dog owner's residence at a later date when the owner is released from jail to ticket the owner and the County Health Department is checking back in after 10 days to check on the dog as well.

For December, he received a phone call of a dog running at large on to a property and she is afraid of the dog attacking her family. The dog owner was contacted and she was given a warning to keep her dog on her property and make sure the dog gets licensed by the end of the month.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Absent and no Report Received for this month.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:**

No Report received for this month.

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:**

## **SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Minute approval for the December Board meeting, Year End and Organizational Meetings with the Supervisor's Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

A Public Hearing was set for February 11 at 6:45 for Local Law No. 2 of 2021 Regarding a Local Law Creating a Moratorium on Wind Energy Conversion Systems within the Township.

Supervisor Heath gave Town Attorney, William Duncanson Jr., a letter received from the Land Bank regarding the property next door to the Town Hall. Supervisor Heath commented that he has spoken with one of the owners and they really do not want to turn the property over to the Town, only if they can purchase it back. Mr. Duncanson noted that they cannot re sell the property back to them, the property would have to be sold competitively once the property is turned over to the town and a Permissive Referendum would be needed as the Public would have their say as well. The Town may even want the property in the future as well. Discussion. Supervisor Heath will let the owners know that a contract would not be able to happen and report back to the Town Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Town Board will advertise for the Vacant Board Seat until January 31<sup>st</sup> and interviews will be conducted in February.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Mrs. Greeley asked the Town Board if a new library stand could be placed within the Township which gives free books and is tied with the Sinclairville Free Library. The organization is known as the Free Library Organization and they have many of these stands all over. The stands are overseen by the library and are built by contributions federally and locally.

Mr. Greely has spoken with the Gerry Methodist Church and they would be willing to have one in their area. The Town Board suggested having it placed near the building on the small road next to the Town Hall that the church has. It would be a great location as it is off the main highway as well. The Town Board felt that

it is a great idea and approved to have the small stand placed and thanked her for attending.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

General Fund Voucher's #1 – 22 totaling \$27,905.19 was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

Highway Fund Voucher's #1 – 6 totaling \$2,166.78 was approved on a motion by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, February 11, 2021 at the town hall. The Audit Meeting is scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Minutes Taken by,

Recia L. Myers,  
Gerry Town Clerk