

BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2021

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, March 11, 2021, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Supervisor
Randy Zahm, Councilman
Gary Swan, Councilman
Todd Wissman, Councilman
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent
Eric Yager, Zoning Officer
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
Jamie Ansell

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Heath called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance and Welcomed Mr. Wissman to his first Board Meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A Thank You note was received from the Valley Historical Society thanking the Town for their annual donation.
2. A notice was received from the Town of Ellery advising of a Public Hearing to be held on a Local Law Regarding Windmills that was similar to what our Town just did.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer:

Zoning Officer, Eric Yager, commented that it has been quiet and he could not print off a report tonight as his computer was currently updating. He has issued one permit for the double wide that had a fire across from the High School for renovations and he has walked through the Old Spartan Tool to follow up with the Zoning/Planning Board request and they are up to code and they plan on planting trees and fixing the fence this spring.

Dog Control Officer.

Dog Control Officer, Matt Abbey, was absent and no report was received.

Highway Superintendent:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that it has been quiet as well they are hauling stone right now and there tractor broke down and is currently getting repaired as it has been losing power. Supervisor Heath noted he received the Check from the Auctions International and Recia Myers, Town Clerk, gave the accountants the break down so they can

have checks ready for the other towns. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, said the new truck has been pushed back to the second week of May now.

Assessor.

The Assessor was absent and no report was received.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Minute approval for the February Board Meeting, Local Laws 1 and 2 of 2021 and the Supervisor's Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS.

Easter egg Hunt.

Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, suggested due to the pandemic on passing out candy bags instead of the Easter Egg hunt at the Town Park on Good Friday for an hour, be it first come first serve. The Town Board agreed for her to do this. She will advertise and set it up.

Part Time Mower.

The Town Board will be advertising for the Position and applications will be accepted until March 29th. Councilman Wissman asked about the interview process and Supervisor Heath explained that the Highway Superintendent will sit in and only two Board Members are allowed as more than that would be considered a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, asked what the Town would like to do with the allocated stimulus money they will be receiving due to the pandemic from the Federal Government as the Town of Ellicott has already been planning. Supervisor Heath commented that they have not really discussed it yet as it was just recently approved and he has been attending the Zoom meetings and the County Executive said that the Town should receive approximately \$300,000.00.

Supervisor Heath said they should look at vehicle equipment and Councilman Swan noted we should look into possibly building a new town hall as we may not have this opportunity again. Discussion regarding the Army Reserves and the Town Hall being landlocked occurred and William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, noted to contact North Harmony to see the cost of a new building as they just recently did this. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, will contact Mr. Strickland. Supervisor Heath commented that they will definitely have to look at the cuts from the pandemic to see where we are at and will contact Laura the Town's accountant to discuss the stimulus money and where it should be used.

Supervisor Heath noted that he has received complaints about speeding on Gerry Levant Road and he will call the Sheriffs' office again to try to watch as they have already

requested for the Speed limit to be lowered on that road and was turned down by the County and the State.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #22 - 38 totaling \$9,963.20 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers#60 - 93 totaling \$9,016.80 was approved on a motion by Councilman Wissman, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, April 8, 2021 at the Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Wissman.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk