

BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2020

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, February 12, 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
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Bahgat & Laurito Bahgat sent their annual contract for Bookkeeping Services which will be signed and sent back.
2. A Thank you Card from the Gerry Cemetery to the Highway Department for all their help in 2019 with the trees and driveway as well as the Town Board was received.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, gave the following report:

2 permits issued
23 pending permits

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, reported that it has been quiet and Heritage Village is moving along with their community center and are working on the utilities, plumbing and heating right now and are updating cottages and plan on a spring opening. Councilwoman Bartholomew asked about the storage containers and Mr. Crossley noted that the Town Attorney is working on this and comparing this with other towns. May 1st Mr. Crossley will be retiring and the Town Board discussed setting up interviews in March for his position with Mr. Crossley to sit on the interviews.

Mr. Scott Kryzanowski gave the Town some historical items which will be sent over to the Historian to make copies.

Dog Control Officer.

Matthew Abbey, Dog Control Officer, was absent but submitted the following report:

A dog was picked up by an employee at Heritage Village and the employee posted the dog on Facebook to see if they could find the owner and he was contacted to pick it up, which he had the dog stay at the Highway Building until he could get there to transfer it to the Humane Society. Supervisor Heath noted that after the dog was posted on Facebook, it had a blue stripe on it and people were commenting on this that it would be considered a bait dog. Channel 7 news contacted

the Town after seeing this and in the meantime he contacted them back and found that after research the blue stripe was a medication for dry skin on the dog. The Dog Control Officer, Matt Abbey, was contacted by the dog's owner and he advised her that she has to license the dog, pay any impoundment fees and will be ticketed for a dog at large. The owner ended up licensing the dog and the ticket was issued. A Full Report filed in Clerk's Office.

Highway Superintendent.

Absent. No Report submitted.

Assessor's Report.

Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor, was absent but submitted the following report: March 1ST, Taxable Status Date is fast approaching, all new Enhanced Star, Aged and Agricultural exemptions need to be filed on or before March 1st 2020. They can also be post marked March 1st.

Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor, will be sending out in the next week to those who have not yet reapplied for their Aged or AG exemption. He will call those who have not yet reapplied by the last week of February.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 16 – 2020. Agreement to Spend Town Highway Repair and Improvement Funds. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 17 – 2020. Authorizing Municipal Cooperative Agreement for Highway Projects and Maintenance and Designation of Coordinators for the Town of Gerry. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Resolution No. 18 – 2020. Authorize Contracts Between the Town of Gerry and Various Governmental Purchasing Alliances and Alliance Participants. A motion was made by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Supervisor Heath explained that this would benefit in purchasing Highway Equipment at a better rate. Approved.

Minute approval for the January Board Meeting, the Annual Audit Meeting and Supervisor's Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Heath discussed Church Street and he reviewed everything and there was a Resolution for a request to lower the speed limit to 25 mph in 2007 that was denied. He is going to check with the State and local Sherriff's Dept. to help to reduce the speed in that area possibly having a speed trap set up and Supervisor Heath has been in touch with the County Engineer and he recommended possibly a dead end road for the future. Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, updated the signs to no thru traffic and Supervisor Heath suggested if anyone can get license plate numbers to if someone is speeding through their to contact the Sheriffs as well. A discussion for different possibilities occurred.

Supervisor Heath attended a meeting at the County on January 31st with State and local representatives and he spoke with Tom Reed regarding the Army Reserve Center which he noted that it

is a work in progress. Supervisor Heath has been contacted by residents as there has been movement at the building. He found out that they are in the process of an archaeology study before it goes to the realtor. Supervisor Heath noted that as things get closer he will keep everyone up to date and former Supervisor, John Crossley, is working on this with him as well.

Discussion regarding the building use and who would be in line for the purchase occurred and Councilman Swan explained how long ago the Town tried having the Post office at the Cold Storage Building but in the long run it boiled down to the Town cannot be a landlord and it may run into this with the purchase of the Reserves. Councilman Heath will keep working on this and keep the Town Board posted.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new Business.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #9 – 25 totaling \$11,161.48 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew; seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #11 – 53 totaling \$147,347.21 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, March 12, 2020 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM on a motion by Councilman Zahm; seconded by Councilman Gustafson.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk