

BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2020

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, January 9, 2020, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Supervisor
 Gary J. Swan, Councilman
 Randy J. Zahm, Councilman
 Bruce Gustafson, Councilman
 Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
 William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney
 Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent
 Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The Town of Ellery sent a notice advising that they are making Zoning Changes regarding fences.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, noted that it has been quiet and they have been dealing with someone living in a camper on Hanson Road and he is trying to find ways of re-homing them. The Zoning Board is working on a meeting that had stipulations and unfortunately the tape did not record and no decision or findings of facts have been placed.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

No Report for this month.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported it has been quiet and Supervisor Heath commented that he saw that the truck box has been paid for and when should that arrive. Mr. Anderson noted in the spring and he asked the Town Board if there was anything regarding homeless in the township as he had an incident occur where a man was living in his truck, and it so happened that he knew a family member whom then wired money to the man to get him to be able to meet up with family. Councilman Zahm commented that he believed the County has something in place to help house any homeless and Town Resident, Ms. Cofer, noted she worked for the County and that they do have locations especially with the temperatures which they call Codeblue. The Town Board commented that the roads and sidewalks have been looking good.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Kevin Okerlund, submitted the following report:

All property owners on the Enhanced STAR program do not have to reapply with their local Assessor this year. The State will be verifying incomes and will notify me of those property owners who qualify. If I receive notification that a property owner does not qualify I will contact the owner to verify.

Those property owners who are currently on the Basic Star program and are turning 65 by 12/31/2020 can apply directly with the Assessor's office by March 1, 2020. Those property owners who are on the senior exemption must reapply with their Assessor by March 1, 2020. Renewal applications have been mailed out and will be followed up with 2nd notices around the first of February. The senior exemption income limits are as follows:

Town \$16,000.00

County \$22,000.00

School, Cassadaga \$20,000.00 and Falconer \$14,000.00

Second notices will be mailed as a reminder the 2nd week of February

Councilman Swan commented that the wording of the Enhanced contradicted and Supervisor Heath will contact the Assessor to make sure seniors do not have to reapply.

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 Swan, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

The current Zoning Officer is retiring in May and the Town Board decided to advertise for the position in February and have interviews in March.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

General Fund Voucher's #1 – 10 totaling \$1, 914.33 was approved on a motion by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Highway Fund Voucher's #1 – 8 totaling \$38,360.99 was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, February 13, 2020 at the town hall. The Audit Meeting is scheduled for January 16th at 5 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Minutes Taken by,

Recia L. Myers,
Gerry Town Clerk

