

BOARD MEETING
MARCH 12, 2020

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, March 12, 2020, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Supervisor
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Randy Zahm, Councilman
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

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

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 for the Gerry Rodeo Senior Trip to be held in June was posted at the Town Hall and Councilwoman Bartholomew noted that they have a website as well notifying of trips to come and any other information.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer:

Zoning Officer, David Crossley, commented that it has been quiet and he will have a report next month. The Community Building at Heritage Village is coming along nicely and a property on Route 380 is being completely remodeled and the owner is doing a wonderful job. The Risleys have a pre fab home coming in on Nobles Rd and he has some concerns with the property next door to the Town Hall concerning structural repair improperly done and will be discussing with the Town Attorney on how to handle.

Councilman Zahm asked about the status of the Dollar General and Mr. Crossley explained that there was substantial smoke and water damage and it should take them closer to a month now to re stock before opening.

Dog Control Officer.

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

He contacted everyone on a late overdue dog license list and will visit the houses later that he could not reach by telephone. Received a text message from Town Clerk letting him know that the dog that was picked up, the owner did license the dog and paid for the

impoundment fees, so he contacted the Humane Society for them to release the dog to the owner and he dropped off the ticket to the court for the above incident as well.

Highway Superintendent:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that the new truck will be ready in July as it will take time for the flooring to get put in. He discussed that the Town of Arkwright is interested in the Red International and he did his research and he figured he would rather sell to a local municipality for \$5,000.00 as it would not be worth as much on Auctions International. Councilman Zahm asked about how much and he said \$8,000.00 possibly so not a substantial amount. After discussion with the Town Attorney, a motion was entertained by Councilwoman Bartholomew to declare the 1995 Red International as surplus as the Highway Superintendent investigated the cost and felt it was just in good condition as there are many repairs anticipated and the value of the vehicle would be worth \$5,000.00, so therefore they would like to sell the 1995 Red International to the Town of Arkwright for \$5,000.00 as is. Seconded by Councilman Zahm. Aye.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that the guys will be going off the winter shift next week and will start brooming tomorrow and will be roadside spraying. Councilwoman Bartholomew asked about the spraying if it is illegal with pesticides and Supervisor Heath said he does not believe so but will double check.

Assessor.

The Assessor was absent but submitted the following report:

Legal Notices were filed starting March 1st for two consecutive weeks in the post journal as required by the state regarding assessment inventory.

I am at the point where I need to replace the current laptop I am using as it is approximately 7-8 years old with windows 7 and windows 7 is no longer being supported as of January 2020. In addition, the state is rolling out a new version of RPS called ACES which needs windows 10. I put money in my budget and the laptops I'm looking at will be somewhere between \$1,200 to \$1,800.00 and the cost will be divided between Charlotte, Cherry Creek and Gerry.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 19 -2020. 2020 Budget Transfers. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS.

Easter egg Hunt.

Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, has been in touch with Carrie Johnstone from Heritage Village/Homestead and they plan on having the Egg Hunt on April 11th at 10 am at the Gerry Park and the Town Clerk requested to have \$200.00 instead of \$100.00 and Supervisor Heath contacted the accountants and they did not see any problem with this.

Part Time Mower.

The Town Board will contact Kevin Carlson as he is still interested in this position for 2020 and will have a resolution ready for the April meeting.

Army Reserves.

Supervisor Heath has been in contact with Congressman Tom Reed's office and per email received they notified him that they are conducting an environment assessment of the property and it should be done in September and if nothing is in need of disposal it should be ready in November. Supervisor Heath noted there is an order of agencies ahead of us and we will have to see what happens and he believes that we were around 4th on the list.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Heath commented that he received a letter from Buygreatland.com a company from New Jersey that would like to buy an acre of the Town's land on Miller Road for \$5,935.00 which is a swampy brush land and of no use to the Town. William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney, noted that we would need a permissive referendum in place to sell. The paperwork was given to him so he may review it and will let Supervisor Heath know.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #26 - 42 totaling \$18,862.38 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers#54 - 85 totaling \$6,514.72 was approved on a motion by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, April 9, 2020 at the Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM on a motion by Councilman Zahm; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew.

Minutes taken by

Recia L. Myers,
Town Clerk

