

BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2020

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, November 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
 Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk
 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:

There were no communications.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Zoning Officer, Eric Yager, was absent but submitted the following report:

This month there has been 3 permits issued and 6 inspections have been done. The Town of Gerry Board would like to see a more detailed report from Zoning Officer, Eric Yager. Supervisor Heath said he would speak to Eric and ask if it would be possible for next month.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

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

On October 21, 2020, Matt was contacted by a Sinclairville resident about a dog that was chasing his chickens. He told him he would have to contact Sinclairville Dog Control Officer to have the dog picked up due to the fact that she had jurisdiction. The Dog Control officer for the Village of Sinclairville said she would not respond. Dog Control Officer, Matt Abbey, contacted Supervisor Heath about the issue of the dog and the fact that Sinclairville's Dog Control Officer would not respond. Supervisor Heath told Mr. Abbey to go ahead and pick up the dog that was later found at a Reed St. residence. The dog had a broken jaw and a very bad infection in its face. The dog was taken to the Humane Society however they would not keep the dog as he needed medical treatment. Matt Abbey, Dog Control Officer was able to get the dog into Moon brook Veterinary hospital in Jamestown N.Y. after treatment the he transported the dog back to the Humane Society. Matt Abbey, Dog Control Officer was in contact with

Gerry's Town Attorney, William Duncanson Jr. regarding this matter along with the Town of Gerry Supervisor and the medical bills will be forwarded to the Village of Sinclairville.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson was absent and no report was received.

ASSESSOR:

Kevin Okerlund, Assessor, submitted his report as follows:

The deadline for assessment rolls to be at the County for January tax bills is November 15th, so I have been spending a lot of time processing deeds and updating the computer system. Monthly sales processing is complete and all required reports have been sent to the State of NY. Senior Citizen and Agricultural Land renewals will be mailed out by December 1, 2020.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 35 - 2020. Adoption of 2021 Town Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Resolution No. 36 – 2020. Authorizing One-Year Agreement with Gerry Volunteer Fire Department for 2021. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Resolution No. 37 - 2020. Authorizing One-Year Agreement with Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department for 2021. A motion was made by Councilman Zahm, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

Resolution No. 38 – 2020. 2020 Modification to 2020 budget. A motion was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 39 -2020. Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Discussion. Approved.

Minute approval for the October Board Meeting/ Budget Session Oct.8th Public Hearings for Local Law #2 of 2020 and Fire Department appropriations for 2021 budget along with the Supervisor's Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Heath stated that the Town of Gerry is looking into the Zoning Law for storage Cargo containers. Town Attorney, William Duncanson,Jr., stated that he has been

working on a zoning law that the property would have to have 2 acres and at least a 50 foot setback to have one on the property. Property owners will only be allowed to have only one with 2 acres of property. William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney, stated that there is still more work to be done on this and he will be able to present it to the Gerry Town Board in January 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

The owners of Universal Tool has contacted the Town of Gerry Supervisor to see if there is anyway the Town of Gerry would be able to help them take down a house that sits between the Town hall and Universal Tool. The current owners have been trying to get it taken care of how but the house has to have an asbestos study done and the cost is extravagant on top of the money to take the house down. Supervisor Heath stated that he will get in contact with former Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, and see if he had any recommendations that he could pass on to the owner of the property to get this issue taken care of before it becomes a liability. William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney stated that maybe the owner could contact the IDA and see if they had anything that may be able to help. The Town of Gerry Supervisor stated he will keep in contact and continue to help the land owner. Supervisor Heath stated he will talk more about it at next month's meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #140 - 157 totaling \$10,881.17 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

General Fund Voucher's #281 -310 totaling \$7,995.15 was approved on a motion by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, December 10, 2020 at the town hall

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Minutes Taken by,

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Deputy Town Clerk