

BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2022

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, January 13, 2022, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Supervisor
 Randy J. Zahm, Councilman
 Bruce Gustafson, Councilman
 Todd Wissman, Councilman
 Jodie L. Fehlman, Town Clerk
 William Duncanson Jr., Town Attorney
 Eric Yager, Zoning Officer

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor Heath stated that the reason for the large bill for the garbage pickup was due to the fact the company never billed the Town of Gerry for the whole Year for the Park. Supervisor Heath stated that the Town Clerk has made a few calls and has it all taken care of.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Eric Yager, Zoning Officer, noted that he had to do a Fire Inspection at the Burquist Building at Heritage Village and it passed. Mr. Yager gave the Town Board a 2021 permit log of the breakdown of Permits issued for the last year to review.

The Gerry Town Board asked Eric Yager, Zoning Officer, if there is a suggestion on what to charge for solar panels. Eric Yager, Zoning Officer stated that they should charge per square footage per solar panel. The Gerry Town Board agreed and the fees will be adjusted.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

Matt Abbey, Dog Control Officer submitted the following reports: Matt responded to a call in July on Hodge road, he picked up the dog and transported it to the humane society. On November 18 he was notified of a dog running at large in the middle of town and the Ellington DCO responded. On December 21 he was called by the dispatch form the Sherriff's office to a residence on Gerry Ellington road, On December 22, 2021 he received a call from the NYS Troopers to a dog being aggressive. The Dog was picked up by Ellington DCO and Matt met her at the humane society. The Dog was picked up the next day. ON December 26 he received a call from a Gerry resident about animals not being treated correctly, Matt stated that it is not in his jurisdiction over animal crulity and he directed her to contact the humane society. December 30, 2021 he was called about a dog running loose on 28 Creek Road, he stated that they should let the dog go back home however they had gotten the dog into the car and then the dog would not let them in to the car. He arrived about 45 minutes later and took the dog to the humane society.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Absent and no Report Received for this month.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

All Property owners on the Enhanced STAR do not have to reapply with their local Assessor this year. The State will be verifying income and will notify him of those who qualify. If he receives notification that a property owner does not qualify he will follow up with the property owner.

Those Property owners who are currently on the Basic Star program and are turning 65 by 12/31/2022 can apply directly with the Assessor's office by March 1, 2022.

All property owners who are on the senior exemption program must reapply with their Assessor by March 1, 2022. Renewal applications have been mailed out and will be followed by a second notice around the first of February.

The Senior Exemption income limits are as follows:

Town – \$15,000

County- \$22,000

School - \$20,000.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No.16-2022 Audit Findings. A motion was made by Councilman Zahn, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

Resolution No. 17-2022 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

Minute approval for the December Board meeting, Year End and Organizational Meeting, and the annual Audit Meeting along with the Supervisor's Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilman Wissman, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Heath gave the town board an update on the new guidelines for the usage of the ARPA funds that the Town of Gerry has received. Supervisor Heath stated that there may be a way to use some of the monies to fund the replacement of the bridge on 28 mile creek road. The Money can also be used to replace equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jodie Fehlman, Gerry Town Clerk, presented the Town board with some options for replacing the computer in the clerk's office. The Gerry town board

agreed to have her get the best computer for the job. The Town Clerk will be placing the order to get the new computer.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

General Fund Voucher's #1 – 21 totaling \$48,471.79 was approved on a motion by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

Highway Fund Voucher's #1 totaling \$27,563.89 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 10, 2022 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM on a motion by Councilman Wissman, seconded by Councilman Zahm. Approved.

Minutes Taken by,

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Gerry Town Clerk