BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 08,2022

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, September 08, 2022, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Supervisor

Gary J. Swan, Councilman

Jamie Ansell, Councilwoman

Todd Wissman, Councilman

Bruce Gustafson, Councilman Jodie L. Fehlman, Town Clerk

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent

Andrew Robinson, Jr., Town Attorney

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer

Robert Rein, Dog Control

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Herb Best addressed the Gerry Town Board about the money that was donated and wondered if it could be moved around to help offset the cost of materials to help get the New Park project going, Supervisor Heath stated that the monies can be moved around along as there is board approval. Herb Best also asked if the flags could be put back up for at least a month. The Gerry Town Board did not have a problem with the flags being put back up.

Supervisor Health, stated that he is in talks with the lawyers for Heritage Group, along with the Town of Gerry’s assessor to try to get the Heritage group back on the Tax roll or to have a new contract in place.

Town residents Daryl and Rebekka Frost addressed the Gerry Town Board regarding the traffic speeding on Damon hill road and the people that have been reporting them for having signs on the edge of the road that say “Kids at Play” as the signs have flags on them and were in the roadway. Mr. and Mrs. Frost have since moved the signs off the town right away. However, they would like to see some signs up to slow people down as they have a child with special needs and the traffic is speeding on that road. The Gerry Town Board is willing to put up signs to alert people that there are kids at play in that area.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Gerry Town Board received a report from Jennifer Conti, Gerry Summer Recreation Leader. The summer recreation program had between 5-30 children daily, ages ranged from 4-14 years of age.

They had a busy summer with all the games and projects that they worked on. The kids were able to enjoy a trip to splash lagoon and the end of the year party was a great and enjoyed by all.

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**ZONING OFFICER:**

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, commented that he issued 10 permits this month.

Dave Crosley, Zoning Officer, also noted that the Lamar sign located just as you come into the hamlet will be fixed, as it was damaged during a storm. Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, also noted that Mr. Torok is moving ahead with building his green houses so he can grow year-round vegetables. Mr. Torok’s property is zoned agricultural, and the Gerry Town Board has no issues with his plans.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:**

Robert Rein, Dog Control Officer, noted that he has had a couple of calls. One was a dog bite call and he noted that he has contacted the owner, and she is working with him. The second call was a loose dog in the middle of town, the dogs was not found at large when he was able to get to town. However, he had been informed of the name of the dog’s owner and will be getting into contact with her. Robert Rein, Dog control officer stated that the Town of Gerry must have a back up to hold the dogs as the humane society is still restricted on how many animals they can house. Supervisor Heath, noted that we will be having a meeting with Robert Rein, Supervisor Heath, Town Clerk Jodie Fehlman, and two possible people that may be able to help the town for kennels. Along with the setting of fees for housing and kennel space rentals.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported that things are winding down for the summer and they will start fall mowing soon. The flags will be taken down next week. The work will begin at the new park as soon as possible.

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, noted that he noticed that the center of the Mill stone had been broken out and is now missing. Councilman Swan stated he would look at it the next day. Supervisor Heath noted that we need to have new signs put up at the park regarding the vandalism. Supervisor Heath also stated that there needs to be handicap accessible signs put up also, Highway superintendent Brian Anderson will be ordering the new signs as soon as possible.

**ASSESSOR’S REPORT:**

Kevin was absent however submitted the following report:

School taxes bills are out. If someone did not receive their tax bill, they will have to contact the tax collector. If there is an issue with exemptions or value, they can contact Kevin in his office.

The State has started mailing out the STAR Credit checks to those on the STAR Credit program. All property owners who are on the Star Credit check program instead of the Star Exemption program should receive their checks over the next few weeks. If they do not receive their check by 09/30/2022. They should call 518-457-2036.

Kevin will be attending the NYS Assessors Conference from 09/18/2022- 09/30/2022 in lake Gorge to pick up continuing education requirements.

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:**

**Town Park:**

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Resolution No. 40 -2022. Appointment to Assessment Review. A motion was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 41-2022. Rabies Clinic. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

Resolution No. 42 -2022. 2022 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Wissman, seconded by Councilwoman Ansell, Approved.

Resolution No. 43-2022. 2022 Budget Modification. A motion was made by Councilwoman Ansell, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

Minute Approval for the August Board Meeting, and Supervisor’s Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Gerry Town board has set a work session for the fire departments, for September 22, 2022, at 5:00, 5:15 pm. And a Budget session for October 20, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

A town resident addressed the Gerry Town Board regarding the new billing for the fire departments. He noted that everyone will now be charged if they need to have a rescue call to assist, them with an emergency. This is mandated by the state however the Fire departments are working out he details and will get back to the Gerry Town Board as soon as possible.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers #104 - 113 totaling $50,151.61 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

General Fund Voucher’s #226 - 257 totaling $18,046.33 was approved on a motion by Councilman Wissman, seconded by Councilwoman Ansell. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, October 13, 2022, and Budget work session for the Fire Departments will be on September 22,2022 at 5:00 PM and a Budget Sessions will be on October 20th at 5 pm at the town hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM on a motion by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman, Swan.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman, Town Clerk