BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 10,2022

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, November 10, 2022, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Supervisor

Gary J. Swan, Councilman

Bruce Gustafson, Councilman

Todd Wissman, Councilman

Jodie L. Fehlman, Town Clerk

Andrew Robinson 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 Wissman Family.
2. Received an email regarding that a rock was thrown into the siding at a neighbor’s residents, Supervisor Heath noted that the town will not pay for damages as there is no way to know whom is responsible for the damage Supervisor Heath asked if Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent would be willing to look into the issue and possible fix it using the pieces of left over siding that was left in the garage as the home owner had originally stated. Brian Anderson, Highway superintendent, stated that he would get in touch with the homeowner on this issue.

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**ZONING OFFICER:**

Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, noted that he has issued 4 permits for the month of November, Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, also stated that he has posted one house” condemned” in the Town of Gerry, and is in the process of doing another house as it is not safe to live in.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:**

Supervisor Heath, noted that there was only one application for the Dog Control Officer position, Supervisor Heath stated that Jeffery Johnson Jr, will be our new Dog Control Officer. Supervisor Heath stated that Mr. Johnson already has kennels that are ready to be inspected. Jeffery Johnson Jr. will need to stop by the Gerry Town Hall and sign the contract for the Kennels and fill out all necessary paperwork.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson stated that the Highway Department has two plows ready and will have a third one ready shortly. The Highway department has winterized the Town Park and has mowed it one last time for the year.

Highway Superintendent, Brian Anderson, commented that they are in the process of pricing tires for the trucks. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that the tires are between $80.00 and $100.00 per tire per truck plus the mounting and balancing of the tires. Brian Anderson asked the Gerry Town Board if they would be ok with the purchase of a tire changer and balancer for the Town of Gerry, the cost of this would be $4,000.00 for both machines. The Gerry Town Board is ok with this purchase, as it will save the Town money in the long run.

Brian Anderson noted that they are hauling sand from Corbitt Hill gravel pit as they received a good price for the sand that is needed for the winter mixture.

Councilman Gustafson asked Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, if it was possible for the Town of Gerry to keep the Army reserve center plowed out in the wintertime as that is the only landing Zone for the Medical Helicopter. To land in our town. Supervisor Heath stated that he will get in touch with the Grounds keeper for the facility and see if it is ok with them for the Town of Gerry to plow it. Supervisor Heath stated that he will get back to Brian Anderson, on this issue. Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that he does not have a problem with keeping that space open.

**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 30th, so I have been spending a lot of time processing deeds and updating the computer system. Senior Citizen and Agricultural Land renewals will be mailed out by January 1, 2023.

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:**

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Resolution No. 48 – 2022. Authorizing One-Year Agreement with Gerry Volunteer Fire Department for 2023. A motion was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

Resolution No. 49 - 2022. Authorizing One-Year Agreement with Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department for 2023. A motion was made by Councilman Wissman, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

Resolution No. 50- 2022. Highway Accounts. A motion was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

Resolution No.51-2022. Appointment of Dog Control Officer. A motion was made by Councilman Wissman, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

Resolution No. 52-2022 Adoption of 2023 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

Resolution No. 53 – 2022. 2022 Modification to 2022 budget. A motion was made by Councilman Wissman, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

Minute approval for the October Board Meeting along with a public hearing and Fire Department appropriations for 2023 budget along with the Supervisor’s Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Heath along with Town Attorney Andrew Robinson Jr., met with the attorneys for Heritage Village and they have proposed to pay the town of Gerry $10,000.00 for the year of 2022 and then it will go up yearly only to cap at $35,000.00 in 2025. This offer is not acceptable as they have owed the Town of Gerry for 2021-2022 and if they are not wiling to work with the Town of Gerry the assessor will have no choice but to put heritage village on the tax roll. If the Town does put them on the tax roll, they would be paying around $196,000.00 in taxes Andrew Robinson Jr., Town Attorney, will be in contact with Heritage village on this matter and will keep the Gerry Town Board informed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Highway Superintendent asked the Gerry town board if he should start pricing out a new truck for the Town highway department. The Gerry Town Board stated to go ahead and price thing s out and they will discuss what can be done when the time comes.

Supervisor Heath noted that the State has released a new round of Grants for bridges and roadways, Supervisor Heath stated that he will contact FEMA and see if they will be willing to help with the Grant writing, for this round of grant monies.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers #123 - 140 totaling $26,068.92 was approved on a motion by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

General Fund Voucher’s #286 –316 totaling $17,050.05 was approved on a motion by Councilman Wissman, seconded by Councilman Gustafson. Approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, December 08, 2022, at the town hall

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM on a motion by Councilman Gustafson, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

Minutes Taken by,

Jodie L. Fehlman,

Town Clerk