Board Meeting

August 1, 2022

The Gerry Town Board met at 6:30 PM, August 11, 2022, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Supervisor

Gary J. Swan, Councilman

Todd Wissman, Councilman

Jamie Ansell, Councilwoman

Jodie Fehlman, Town Clerk

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer

Andrew Robinson Jr., Town Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**:

**COMMUNICATIONS**:

1. A Communication from Barton& LoGiudice regarding the town of Gerry’s mitigation plan. Supervisor Heath also noted that he has resubmitted the paperwork to them for the bridge on 28-mile creek road.
2. A letter from the Department of Transportation regarding lowering the Speed limit on Route 60 from the 35-mph zone to the bridge just past Kimball Drive has been approved and will be getting new signs soon as they can get them up.

**OFFICERS REPORT:**

**ZONING OFFICER:**

Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, stated that he has been busy, and that the building of new structures has been going up smoothly, Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer, also stated that there is another meeting for two more variances going on next week.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER**:

No report was received for this month however, Town Clerk, Jodie Fehlman, addressed the Gerry Town Board and filled them in on what was going on with the current situation with the Humane Society, as they are terminating all current contracts and only keeping a few as primary contracts, and the rest will be offered secondary contracts that being said the Town of Gerry may have to find another facility to take the stray dogs to, however they are all full to capacity.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**:

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, stated that they have been busy working on Elwell Road and Hanson Road.

Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent, noted that they have poured the concrete slab at the Gerry Town Park, and the new bench has been placed in honor of the Anderson family. He also noted that the highway guys have poured new sidewalk on church street and have been working on the washed-out spots from the recent storms, and they have been doing some roadside mowing.

**ASSESSORS REPORT**:

Kevin Okerlund, was absent but submitted the following report:

The Assessment roll has been filed with the County for school taxes bills which will be mailed out the first part of September.

He has updated all STAR exemptions to reflect the State’s decisions on who does not qualify for the enhanced Star exemption. The State is contacting those that they remove the exemption.

**COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:**

**Town Park:** No Report.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**:

Resolution No. 36 - 2022. Appointment of Dog Control Officer. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

Resolution No. 37 – 2022. Modification to 2022 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Wissman, seconded by Councilwoman Ansell. Approved.

Resolution No. 38 -2022. 2022 Budget Transfer. A motion was made Councilwoman Ansell, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 39 – 2022. Lead SEQR. A motion was made by Councilwoman Ansell, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

Minute approval for the July Board Meeting and Supervisor’s Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilwoman Ansell, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**: Supervisor Heath, noted that he has made a few phone calls to Heritage Village and called their attorneys and has now handed it over to the Andrew Robinson JR., Town Attorney, The Town of Gerry is still working on trying to work with Heritage Village.

Supervisor Heath stated that he has been in contact with George Berrello and Sherriff Quatrone to see if they are willing to work together to try to get that Army reserve center. The Town of Gerry is still waiting to hear what they are planning to do with it as it is sitting empty at this point.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A Budget Session was set for September 29th beginningat 5:00 PM at the Gerry Town Hall.

Supervisor Heath noted that there has been some graffiti on some picnic tables at the Town Park this past week and he thanked that Highway Department for cleaning them up. Councilman asked about putting up cameras and some signs up. The Gerry Town board noted that they will work on a solution for the issues we are having, and the police have stepped up the patrols in the area.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**:

**VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Highway Fund Vouchers # 90 – 103 totaling $149,893.11 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers # 197 – 225 totaling $15,710.92 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, September 08, 2022, at the town hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilwoman Ansel.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman

Town Clerk