

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting will be held at the town hall at 5:30 PM on March 12, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM on a motion by Councilman Wissman; seconded by Councilwoman Fanara.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Town Clerk

Kevin Okerlund, Town Assessor, was absent and sent the following report: The Aged and Ag land applications will be mailed next week.

Kevin also noted that Contrary to an article in the newspaper, all individuals on the STAR Exemption program do not have to do anything. The State will confirm their income automatically if a tax return is filed. If not, the State will send out a letter requiring the property owner to verify their income. This can be done online or through email. For those seniors having difficulty, he will assist them in his office to get their income verified.

Property owners on the STAR Credit program also do not have to do anything unless they receive a letter requesting information.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 16-2026. Annual Audit Findings. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

Resolution No. 17-2026. Appointment of Court Officer. A motion was made by Councilman Wissman, seconded by Councilwoman Fanara. Approved.

Resolution No. 18-2026 Intermunicipal Agreement. A motion was made by Councilwoman Fanara, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 109-2026. Appointment to Assessment Review Board. A motion was made by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

Minute approval for the January Board Meeting, Audit Meeting, and Supervisor's Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilman Wissman, seconded by Councilwoman Fanara. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Heath stated that he had a meeting with Councilman Swan and the Highway superintendent, along with Jessie Prieto, to move things along with the Army reserve center. There are studies that have to be done before they can move forward. However, they are trying to get things done in early spring 2027.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chautauqua County Humane Society has sent a new contract for the Town of Gerry to have a place to take stray dogs. They have also sent a DocuPet contract; however, the Town Clerk would like to look into this a little further.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #1 – 14, totaling \$15,068.98, were approved on a motion by Councilwoman Fanara, seconded by Councilman Swan.

General Fund Vouchers #18 – 52 totaling \$211,110.79 were approved on a motion by Councilman Swan, seconded by Councilman Wissman. Approved.

BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2026

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, February 12, 2026, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Supervisor
Gary J. Swan, Councilman
Todd Wissamn, Councilman
Kasey Fanara, Councilwoman
Jodie Fehlman, Town Clerk
Brandon Shelters, Zoning Officer
Brian Anderson, Highway Superintendent
Jeff Johnson Jr., DCO

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Jerry House, Gerry Cemetery President, addressed the Gerry Town Board, asking if the Highway Department would be able to help the Cemetery out with a small project this spring. Supervisor Heath noted that he would need to contact Brian Anderson, Highway superintendent, and set up the date and times.

COMMUNICATIONS:

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer:

Brandon Shelters, Zoning Officer, stated that there has been a signed agreement between the Town of Ellicott and the Town of Gerry. The Town of Gerry will pay for mileage for the Town of Gerry and will pay 1/4 for the use of the cell phone, along with paying ¼ of the training and certifications. Brandon Shelters stated that he has two properties in court and five other property maintenance issues currently. Brandon stated that he has issued two new permits and is still closing out permits from last year. He also stated that he has not done any fire inspections as of yet; however, he will be contacting businesses soon to get them inspected. Brandon stated that he had one zoning meeting last month and one coming up on the 26 of February.

Dog Control Officer.

Jeff Johnson, the Dog Control Officer, stated that he had caught the two strays that were loose on Kimball Drive, and they had been taken to a rescue center. Jeff noted that he has been busy with his Drone helping find lost dogs in the cold temperatures.

Highway Superintendent.

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Brian Anderson stated that they have a plow truck down and had to have Ostrom haul it back to the shop so they could fix it. Brian noted that the new truck has been having issues, but it has lately been running well.

Assessor's Report.

ANNUAL AUDIT OF TOWN BOOKS
JANUARY 15, 2025

The Gerry Town Board met at 5:00 PM, January 15, 2025, to review the books of the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and Town Justice.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Supervisor
 Jamie Ansell, Councilwoman
 Todd Wissman, Councilman
 Gary Swan, Councilman
 Jodie L. Fehlman, Town Clerk
 Kevin Sirwatka, Town Justice

The Town Clerk provided proof of Publication.

The Town Clerk's books were reviewed and found to be in order.

Tax Collection books were found to be in order after review.

The Supervisor's General, Highway, Trust and Agency Vouchers were reviewed, and all were found to be in order.

The Highway and General Fund Vouchers were reviewed and found to be in order.

The Town Justice books were reviewed and found to be in order.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman
Town Clerk

The next board meeting will be held at 5:30 PM, February 12, 2026, at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM on a motion by Councilwoman Ansell, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minutes Taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Gerry Town Clerk

stand. Jeffery Johnson Jr. also stated that he has gone through a kennel inspection, and everything has passed.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Highway Superintendent Brian Anderson stated that they are currently utilizing shared services with the Village of Cassadaga. They have borrowed the New Holland tractor with the snow blower. The Town of Gerry Guys is also going to help with the rebuilding of a truck, including an engine installation.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

No report given

COMMITTEES, BOARDS & AGENCIES:

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 15-2026 –2025 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilwoman Ansell, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Minute approval of the December Board meeting, Year-end, and Organizational Meeting with the Supervisor's Monthly Report. A motion was made by Councilwoman Ansell, seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

The Gerry Town Board agreed to enter into a one-year contract with the Dog Control Officer Jeffery Johnson, Jr.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

General Fund Vouchers #1 – 17 totaling \$5,710.42 was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Fanara, seconded by Councilwoman Ansell. Approved.

Highway Fund Vouchers #164– 171 totaling \$32,816.41 were approved on a motion by Councilman Wissman, seconded by Councilwoman Fanara. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 08, 2026

The Gerry Town Board met at 5:30 PM, January 08, 2026, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Supervisor
 Gary Swan, Councilman
 Todd Wissman, Councilman
 Jamie Ansell, Councilwoman
 Kasey Fanara, Councilwoman
 Jodie L. Fehlman, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor Heath noted that the town clerk received a phone call from a town resident stating that they are very happy with the roads being well taken care of.

OFFICERS REPORT:

ZONING OFFICER:

Supervisor Heath noted that he had spoken to Brandon Shelters, the New Zoning officer, and he is moving forward and will be getting some tickets issued for properties that have not complied with the Orders to remedy. Brandon Shelters will also be getting the 2025 permits closed out for the end of the year.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

Jeffery Johnson Jr., Dog Control Officer, stated that he has been busy with a cruelty case. Jeff Johnson Jr. has also trapped a stray dog on Old Chautauqua Road. And has since been transferred to Friendship, New York, to a rescue center. Jeff Johnson is also currently trapping two stray dogs in Kimball

Resolution No. 11 - 2025. Review of Procurement Policy for the Town of Gerry. Motion by Councilwoman Ansell; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 12 - 2025. Approving a one-year agreement for Highway employees' wages and benefits. Motion by Councilwoman Ansell; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 13 - 2025. Approval of Contract for 2023 Town of Gerry Liability Insurance. Motion by Councilwoman Ansell; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 14 -2025. Park Chairman Stipend. Motion by Councilwoman Fanara; seconded by Councilwoman Ansell. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM on a motion by Councilwoman Fanara, seconded by Councilwoman Ansell.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman
Town Clerk

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2026

The Gerry Town Board held the 2026 Organizational Meeting at 11:30 P.M., January 5, 2026, at the town hall.

Present were: Richard C. Heath, Supervisor
Todd Wissman, Councilman
Jamie Ansell, Councilwoman
Kasey Fanara, Councilwoman
Jodie L. Fehlman, Town Clerk

Supervisor Heath called the meeting to order and proof of publication was provided by the Town Clerk at 11:30 PM.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 1 - 2025. Official Town Designations. Motion by Councilwoman Ansell; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 2 - 2025. Town of Gerry Financial Obligations. Motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilwoman Fanara. Approved.

Resolution No. 3 - 2025. Town of Gerry Official Monthly Meetings and Holidays. Motion by Councilwoman Fanara; seconded by Councilman Sawn. Approved.

Resolution No. 4 - 2025. Confirm Appointments by Supervisor. Motion by Councilwoman Ansell; seconded by Councilwoman Fanara. Approved.

Resolution No. 5 - 2025. Town of Gerry Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions. Motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilwoman Ansell. Approved.

Resolution No. 6 - 2025. Confirm Appointments by Town Clerk. Motion by Councilwoman Ansell; seconded by Councilwoman Fanara. Approved.

Resolution No. 7 - 2025. Confirm Appointment by Town Justice. Motion by Councilwoman Ansell; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 8 - 2025. Confirm Appointment by Highway Superintendent. Motion by Councilwoman Ansell; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 9 - 2025. Fixing 2023 Salaries of Officials and Employees of the Town of Gerry. Motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilwoman Ansell. Approved.

Resolution No. 10 - 2025. Review of Town of Gerry Investment Policy. Motion by Councilwoman Fanara; seconded by Councilwoman Ansell. Approved.