

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
October 10, 2018

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on Wednesday October 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Gorham Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Fred Lightfoote, Councilmembers; William Glitch, Brian S. Case, Richard Malcolm and Jake Chard. Water/Wastewater Chief Operator Greg Coston, Highway Superintendent Zach Eddinger, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Gordy Freida, Assessor Enza Mineo, Billing Clerk Brenda Jones and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Other guests in attendance; Dr. James Wood, Brett Johnson, Lynn Klotz, Don Archy and Amy Deasey.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag
2. Privilege of the Floor – Don Archy and Amy Deasy recently moved to Gorham. They attended the meeting to introduce themselves. They said they have been welcomed by many, many people and everybody has been wonderful to them, they have really enjoyed the welcome. Board Members thanked them for attending the meeting and thanked them for the improvements they have made so far on their property.
3. Public Hearing 2019 Town Budget – The legal notice as it appeared in the official newspaper was read. Supervisor Lightfoote opened the public hearing. With no comment from the public the hearing was closed.
4. Approval of Minutes – 9/12/18 Regular Meeting
9/28/18 Budget Workshop Meeting

On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Case, the 9/12/18 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Case, the meeting minutes from the 9/28/18 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

(3-Ayes-Lightfoote, Case, Malcolm. 2 abstained-Glitch, Chard)

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5. Audit of Bills:

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A	298-369	\$77,978.30
B	349-369	1,490.71
SL	346,357	715.98
DB	285-351	171,936.40
SS	329-364	2,717.59
SW1	295- 342	31,111.16
HO	5	1,895.70
HD	6	500.00

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, the bills were approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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6. Reports of Town Officials:

- a. Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants – written report on file.
- b. Highway Superintendent - written report on file.
- c. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer– written report on file.
- d. Assessor – written report on file.
- e. Town Clerk - written report on file.
- f. Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Chard, the reports of Town Officials were approved. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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7. Business:

- a. Appoint Dr. James Wood to the Town of Gorham Planning Board.

Supervisor Lightfoote introduced Dr. James Wood to the Town Board. Dr. Wood is interested in serving on the Town Planning Board. Supervisor Lightfoote said Dr. Wood currently serves on the Town’s Board of Assessment Review. Dr. Wood would serve as an alternate member on the Planning Board.

On the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, to appoint Dr. James Wood to the Town of Gorham Planning Board as an alternate member. Term is effective immediately and runs through 9/30/25. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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Assessor Mineo said the Board of Assessment Review has a vacancy they are looking to fill. If anyone knows anyone that may be interested in serving on that Board please refer them to Supervisor Lightfoote.

b. Budget Transfers – On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Chard, the following budget transfers were approved; \$10,000.00 from A1310.4 to A1430.1, \$2,000.00 from A1990.4 to A1430.4, \$100.00 from A1990.4 to A1910.4, \$6873.60 from A1990.4 to A1910.4, \$46,580.00 from A878 to A1940.2, \$150.00 from B9040.8 to B4010.1
Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Case, that accounting adjustments and corrections be made. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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c. Transfer Station Operator - The Town of Gorham has created the appropriate Civil Service position of Transfer Station Operator.

On the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, to approve the position of Transfer Station Operator. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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d. 2019 Budget Discussion - The Board reviewed and discussed line items on the 2019 Budget. Board members had questions on a few of those items. Supervisor Lightfoote will work with EFPR Solutions to update and answer questions they had. They can review at the next meeting.

e. Councilmember Glitch moved that elected officials of the Town of Gorham do not receive the two percent increase in salary for 2019. There was no second, the motion died on the floor.

f. Councilmember Chard moved that Town Board Councilmembers and the Town Supervisor do not receive the two percent increase in salary for 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Glitch.

Motion did not carry by the following 2-3 vote.

(Ayes – Glitch, Chard. Nays – Lightfoote, Case, Malcolm)

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g. Supervisor Lightfoote brought up a change for the 2019 that reflects discussion the Board had a year ago regarding the newly elected Highway Superintendent salary for 2018 budget.

The Highway Superintendent salary was reduced to \$65,000.00 for 2018. It was suggested that the Board consider an increase in salary closer to the level of the former Superintendent.

Councilmember Malcolm said "I think the new Superintendent is doing a good job, he's learning quickly. I certainly wouldn't oppose an increase."

Councilmember Glitch said it would go against his first motion that was defeated.

On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Case, to raise the Highway Superintendent salary \$2500.00 in addition to the two percent increase for 2019. Bringing the Highway Superintendent salary for 2019 to \$68,850.00.

Motion carried by the following 3-1 vote (Ayes-Lightfoote, Case, Malcolm. Nays-Glitch. Councilmember Chard abstained.)

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8. Correspondence –

September 14, 2018

To: Fred Lightfoot, Supervisor
and
The Town of Gorham Board

It has been my honor to have served the Town of Gorham on the Assessment Board of Review since its inception in the early 1970's. I am a charter member.

I feel that it is now time for me to resign from the Board of Assessment Review, Effective immediately.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Roland C. Hoffman

9.21.2018

To the elected officials of Gorham,

This letter might seem strange, but I just want to express my feelings to the elected positions that help make Gorham - GORHAM.

My name is Lora Snyder. My late husband, Tim Goodall, lived at 4779 South St. fell in LOVE with Gorham, when we were looking for land to build our "dream house".

Gorham is like a true piece of Heaven to us. Beautiful country side views. Small, close, caring community. We loved seeing the horse-n-buggy community. Such friendly, caring people.

Mr. Gordy was always right there on-top of all of our inspections during the building of our home. Making us feel at home.

Highway Dept. always had the roads cleared in the winter (thank God) cause I worked evenings, and I'd on the roads 1AM/2AM.

Roger at the dump... always smiling, talk-a-five to everyone. He was always there to help me unload our trash if I needed help.

Water Dept. coming out to check out any of our concerns within a day or so of being contacted.

Fire Dept. Roger lending us a wheel chair to use before we could get one of our own.

Volunteer Ambulance Corp. The Gorham / Stankey were always quick to arrive. Professional, caring, understanding with my husband.

Even when he'd fall out of his chair and wasn't there to help him, or if he fell out of bed and I was unable to get him up off the floor. Staff would make us feel at ease, would even make small jokes to "lighten" up the situation.

I just wanted to let everyone know how much we enjoyed our life here in the beautiful community of Gorham.

Sincerely,

Lora E. Snyder

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John Sawers, Mayor
Joanne Burley, Clerk-Treasurer
Arthur Rilands, Public Works Supervisor

September 21, 2018

Town of Gorham
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Gorham, NY 14461

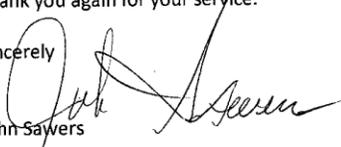
Dear Fred,

Just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing your Town workers to help us with our Water Main break a couple of weeks ago. Because your men responded in a timely manner we were able to get the break repaired quickly.

We appreciate your willingness to help a neighboring Community and we are happy to do the same for your Community at any time.

Thank you again for your service.

Sincerely


John Sawers
Mayor
Village of Rushville

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4194 East Lake Road
Canandaigua, NY 14424
September 15, 2018

Mr. Fred Lightfoote
Supervisor, Town of Gorham
Gorham Town Hall, P.O. Box 224
Gorham, NY 14461

Re: Property Improvements Throughout Gorham

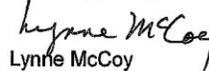
Dear Fred:

I want to commend you for your initiative to clean up neglected and refuse-filled properties in the town of Gorham.

What a difference! It is a major time-consuming process, requiring determination and consistency to see it through. As I drive around the town, I see place after place that used to be mini-junk yards completely cleared out, ready for occupancy, renovation, or sale. The neighbors of these places must be delighted.

Thank you for looking out for the decent appearance of properties in the town, property values, and general morale of the townspeople. It was a worthy project, and a project with significant long-term benefits. I'm sure it wasn't easy, but it is a great local effort well worth the high priority you gave it.

Sincerely yours,


Lynne McCoy
396-1053

xc: Gordie Freida

9. Set Next Meeting Date – The next regular meeting of the Gorham Town Board will be held November 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

10. Privilege of the Floor: none requested.

11. Adjournment - With no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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Respectfully submitted,

Darby Perrotte
Town Clerk