

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
September 11, 2019 7:00pm**

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting on September 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall. Present were; Town Supervisor Fred Lightfoote, Councilmembers; William Glitch, Brian S. Case and Richard Malcolm. Water/Wastewater Chief Operator Greg Coston, Highway Superintendent Zack Eddinger, Assessor Enza Mineo, Billing Clerk Brenda Jones and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Councilmember Jake Chard and Zoning/Building Officer James Morse were necessarily absent. Other guests in attendance; Lynn Klotz, Will McCoy and Ruth Freier.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

2. Privilege of the Floor – Mr. Will McCoy, 4194 East Lake Road. Mr. McCoy said he has several topics to cover.

Mr. McCoy said he had a very pleasant moment one Saturday driving past Heritage Park. He noticed a bunch of tables set up with white tablecloths, jarred flowers and a nice white canopy, it looked like preparation for a wedding. He said it left him with a very warm feeling that the wedding going on there was probably much more meaningful than one's that take place on the other end of the Lake. He thinks it's just great that the Town has that facility for people to enjoy for that purpose.

The second thing, in addressing the blue/green algae he believes there should be a central point of information for all beaches on Canandaigua Lake. For instance if you were planning to travel from Rochester for a picnic at a beach on Canandaigua Lake it would be helpful to have a phone number to get the status as to whether they are open or closed. He said much like the airlines, if you have problems the most important thing is to get the word out to the people. He thinks a central phone number for current information would be helpful.

The second part of the blue/green algae is the turnaround time for testing. He thinks one idea would be to have a lab at FLCC to get prompt analysis. Perhaps each Town could provide funding enabling a faster turnaround on the testing for blue/green algae.

Supervisor Lightfoote said yes there needs to be a better timing for testing and closing the beaches. Most importantly to get the beaches back open in a prompt manner when possible.

Lynn Klotz, a member of the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association said the Watershed Association, in conjunction with the Watershed Council, put out a joint statement regarding water quality, beach closings...etc. on their websites. They are trying to train the public to visit those websites for the latest information.

Mr. McCoy thanked the Board for understanding his point of view in the need, from a user's point of view, to get faster information and a fast response once the water clears.

3. Approval of Minutes - 8/14/19 Regular Meeting

On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the meeting minutes from 7/10/19 were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

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4. Audit of Bills -

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A	605-670	\$91,808.17
B	604-641	2,370.61
SL	669,670	637.08
DB	612-664	413,912.67
SS	607-659	2,504.01
SW1	603-673	23,090.55
T/A	40	110.00

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, the bills were approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

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5. Reports of Town Officials -

- A. Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants – written report on file.
- B. Highway Superintendent – written report on file.
- C. Zoning/Building Officer – written report on file.
- D. Assessor – written report on file.
- E. Town Clerk – written report on file.
- F. Town Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Case, the reports of Town Officials were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

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6. Business:

- a. Unified Solar Permit was tabled until October 9th meeting.
- b. Library Lease – Board members held a discussion about renewing the Library Lease. Library Director Ruth Freier was present to answer any questions.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Case, to approve the Lease with the Gorham Free Library. The Lease will expire 12/31/2030. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

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c. Tobacco Free Ground Policy – The Board held a brief discussion. It was tabled until the next Board Meeting to allow both the Highway Superintendent and the Water Department Chief Operator along with Councilmember Chard to weigh in on the specifics if the Town decides to adopt a policy.

d. Sexual Harassment/Workplace Violence Policy – The Town Board is updating this particular part of the policy book. State required training courses are mandated and were offered to all employees, board members and volunteers.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, to accept the updated draft policies for Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence for all employees in New York State. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

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e. Middlesex Valley Volunteer Ambulance (MVVA) - Board members discussed the budget request from MVVA.

In 2019 the Board agreed to provide \$53,643.00. MVVA is requesting an increase of \$27,175.00 over 2019's budgeted amount. The amount would total \$80,818.00 for the 2020 Budget. The Board agreed to provide half of the increased amount they are requesting for the year 2020.

2020 amount for MVVA would be a total of \$67,230.50.

On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Case, to provide \$13,587.50 over 2019's budget for 2020 Budget to MVVA. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

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f. Organic Recycling Containers – The Board held a discussion on supplying organic recycling containers to Town of Gorham residents. The Town of Gorham Conservation Board is interested in starting this area of recycling. Organic waste includes; fruits & vegetables, peelings and scraps, bakery items, meat, poultry, seafood, including bones and shells, eggs and paper egg cartons, dairy products, coffee grounds, including paper filters, tea bags along with other waste such as branches and leaves. The Town Board has discussed partnering with the local school district to start a vermiculture composting program. Vermiculture is the process of using worms to decompose organic food waste, turning the waste into a nutrient-rich material reducing the need for chemical fertilizers. The school district would be able to use the final product on school lawns and playing fields.

Supervisor Lightfoote said it is a work in progress with many variables to figure out. The goal is to reduce our waste stream that goes to the landfill.

7. Executive Session - The Board entered into executive session to discuss a legal matter.

On the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the Board entered into executive session at 8:39pm.

On the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Case, the Board returned to regular session at 9:04pm. No action was taken in executive session. Both motions carried unanimously. (4-0)

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8. Set Next Meeting Date – Budget Workshop Meeting September 25th, 2019 7:00 pm
Regular Meeting October 9th, 2019 7:00 pm
Meetings will be held at the Gorham Town Hall

9. Privilege of the Floor – none requested

10. Adjournment - with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk

