

**MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
June 10, 2020 7:00pm**

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting June 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Present via Video/and or Phone Conference were; Town Supervisor Fred Lightfoote, Councilmembers; William Glitch, Brian S. Case, Richard Malcolm and Jake Chard. Water/Wastewater Chief Operator Greg Coston, Highway Superintendent Zack Eddinger, Building/Code Officer Jim Morse, Assessor Enza Mineo, Billing Clerk Brenda Jones and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Other Guests in attendance by Phone or Video Conference; Brett Johnson, his granddaughters Destiny and Cheyanne, Susan Carpenter, Rita Kulp.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag. Supervisor Lightfoote called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Privilege of the Floor – none requested
3. Approval of Minutes 5/13/2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
 5/20/2020 Special Meeting Minutes

On the motion by Councilmember Case, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, the minutes from both meetings were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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4. Audit of Bills -

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A	347-420	\$45,715.89
B	353-408	2,775.70
SL	411,414	639.92
DB	204-271	45,062.53
SS	351-415	3,715.35
SW1	350-416	10,192.76
T/A	5	110.00
SW6	406	1,239.75

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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5. Reports of Town Officials -

A. Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants – written report on file. Chief Operator Coston informed the Board about a price increase for blue/green algae testing. Currently the Town tests once a week at a cost of fifty dollars. The lab that was doing the testing has quit doing it. The new lab charges two hundred twenty per sample. Chief Operator Coston said if other towns get together it costs a little less. Currently it will be one hundred fifteen per test per week. Which is a substantial increase from fifty dollars. With the new lab the turnaround time for results is one day. The previous lab would take two to three day to get results. Chief Operator Coston is submitting his samples for testing with other towns around the lake to keep the cost at one hundred fifteen.

B. Highway Superintendent – written report on file. Highway Superintendent Eddinger said the Governor decided to go ahead with the money allocated for CHIPS Extreme Winter Recovery and PAVE NY. The Town will get eighty percent of that money. The Town will be able to do more road work this year than they thought regarding repairs to existing blacktop roads.

Highway Superintendent Eddinger said “We’re going to do everything we can to make everything safe. It’s a tough year and we’ll do what we can do.”

C. Zoning/Building Officer – written report on file. Code Enforcement Officer Morse answered a 911 call for the Town of Seneca Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Hoover. Town of Gorham and Town of Seneca Code Enforcement Officers cover for each other when one is out of town. Officer Morse gave a report to Officer Hoover who followed up with it and condemned the house. The resident is now in adult protective services.

Officer Morse said “We followed up and did exactly what we should have done, just like we expect him to do when he’s covering for me.”

D. Assessor – written report on file. Assessor Mineo said the Town is looking for Board of Assessment Review Members.

Supervisor Lightfoote said he received notification from the State of our one hundred percent equalization rate.

E. Town Clerk – written report on file.

F. Town Supervisor – financial report on file. Supervisor Lightfoote said Code Enforcement Officer Morse is working with people to figure out how to start business back up appropriately.

Officer Morse said the Governor is making a lot of changes, daily. It was one time a week that he was updating and allowing things to happen now he’s doing it daily.

With no other questions, regarding the Reports of Town Officials, Supervisor asked for a motion to approve the reports.

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

6. Business:

a. Lake Drive Shed Issue -

Code Enforcement Officer Morse explained to the Board that there was a building permit issued, to a homeowner on Lake Drive, for a shed in two thousand eighteen. In two thousand nineteen the owner was issued a permit to install electricity to that shed. Officer Morse said he received a complaint, in regards to the shed, from a neighbor on Lake Drive. After investigating Officer Morse determined the shed did not meet Town setback requirements and the permit should not have been issued.

Officer Morse has talked to the Town Attorney and is looking for guidance from the Town Board on how they would like to proceed. The Board held a lengthy discussion.

Councilmember Malcolm made a motion for the homeowner to remove the shed. Councilmember Chard seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Clarification was made by Councilmember Malcolm regarding his motion and Councilmember Chard retracted his second. Supervisor Lightfoote then seconded the motion made by Councilmember Malcolm to remove the shed. The motion did not carry by the following vote.

Ayes 2 Malcolm, Lightfoote
Nays 3 Glitch, Case, Chard

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The Board and Code Enforcement Officer held more discussion.

Councilmember Chard made a motion to remove the shed or make it compliant with Town code. Councilmember Glitch seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote.

Ayes 5 Lightfoote, Glitch, Case, Malcolm, Chard
Nays 0

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b. Spectrum Contract –

Supervisor Lightfoote said the Town needs to set a Public Hearing date for Spectrum Northeast LLC, locally known as Charter Communications, to review the contract between them and the Town of Gorham.

On the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, to set the public hearing date for July 8, 2020 to be held at the Gorham Town Hall at 7:00pm

c. Case Farm Lease – Town owned land leased to John Newswanger

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, to enter into a lease for 42 acres on Yautzy Road at a rate of \$65.00 per acre, per year, for a period of three years. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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Supervisor Lightfoote said the Town is in need of Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board Alternate members.

The Board will interview residents Joseph Conte and Charles Goodwin at the next Town Board Meeting.

7. Privilege of the Floor –

Councilmember Glitch said "Because Ontario County, and this whole Covid thing, is pretty free of the issue, it's pretty much a dead issue. I am asking you, as Supervisor, to go to the Board of Supervisors to tell them, it's time to tell Andrew Cuomo enough is enough and we're opening up! If you strictly look at the numbers, and strictly logical numbers, there's no reason for it in Ontario County. Unfortunately it's the people in Nursing homes is the majority of deaths. I think there are three active cases in Ontario County."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "There has been activity among board members having discussions regarding that. Based on somewhat of a straw poll there isn't enough support, at least not yet. We're to the point we could be in the same position, as a County, two, three four months from now. We've got people who have already gone out of business. We can't just sit and twiddle our thumbs. People who may be at higher risk can be responsible. They can take care of themselves, we shouldn't be mandating that everyone stay home. It's killing our economy and killing our businesses in Ontario County, in my opinion, for no good reason."

Brett Johnson said there was a protest that went on last week with perfect reasoning as to why they want to reopen. Multiple other groups are taking a stance against Cuomo. Including Marcus Whitman School Superintendent Dr. Chris Brown. Mr. Johnson said if you just observe, on day one the whole village was wearing masks and complying. A lot of people are taking care of it themselves.

Councilmember Chard said "Bob Duffy is the regional manager. As devil's advocate, one thing is if we open up it could subject us to is, people from other areas coming into Canandaigua and kick starting it a little bit again."

Susan Carpenter said ""Think about if you open everything, how many people come into concerts at the Community College? I can tell you there is a lot of Covid still and a lot of people in the hospital in Rochester, a lot of people in the hospital in Buffalo, a lot of people in the hospital in a lot of the cities. Where you don't have a lot of density, you don't have a lot of transfer of this virus. You want to see everything open, you really think you can do that? You can't. You can't do that without bringing in people from all sorts of areas, you don't know how much this could spread around this area in the summer. I'm appreciative of the fact there isn't a lot of Covid here. I'm seventy six years old, I have asthma. I'm not apt to survive it if I get it. I am careful. You want to see everything open, so do I. I just think you sound cavalier about it when you say people should take care of themselves."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "CMAC has canceled their schedule for the summer. There are two sides to the argument. My biggest concerns are the smaller businesses, who won't have anywhere near a large crowd, who aren't being allowed to open. One thing that hasn't been discussed through all this is personal responsibility. If I was in your shoes even if everything opened up I would be very careful. Your point is well taken Susan and I appreciate you voicing it."

8. Set Next Meeting Date – the next regular meeting will be July 8, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk

