

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING  
GORHAM TOWN BOARD  
JANUARY 11, 2017**

The Gorham Town Board held a regular meeting and public hearing on Wednesday January 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Gorham Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Lightfoote, Councilmembers; Glitch, Case, Malcolm and Chard. Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants Coston, Code Enforcement Officer Freida, Assessor Mineo, and Town Clerk Perrotte. Highway Superintendent Ayers was necessarily absent. Other guests in attendance; Doug Finch, students from Marcus Whitman Central School's 'Participation in Government' Class; Ally Mack, Taylor Chappell, Timothy Proctor, Dominic Evangelista, Jimmy Rowe and Max Paine.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:

2. Privilege of the Floor – Doug Finch asked for privilege of the floor. He addressed the high school students in attendance. Mr. Finch said "You made a wise choice in coming here tonight! I'm a Town of Gorham resident and I'm also the Director of Development for the Town of Canandaigua and our meeting was this past Monday night and the Agenda was four hundred pages long!"

In comparison, the Town of Gorham's agenda tonight is only four pages long!

Mr. Finch also said "I just wanted to stop by and say hi, it's been a while since I've talked to a lot of you and I hope everything is going well. If there's ever anything I can do to help out just give me a yell."

Supervisor Lightfoote thanked Mr. Finch for his offer and for attending the meeting.

3. Public Hearing: Local Law #1- 2017 Zoning Changes – The legal notice as it appeared in the official newspaper of the Town was read. Supervisor Lightfoote opened the public hearing. With no comment from the public the hearing was closed.

4. Approval of Minutes – 12/14/16 Meeting. On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, the 12/14/16 minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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5. Audit of Bills:

Abstract #13

A	372-392	\$69,826.93
B	383-384	33.80
SL	382-392	867.37
DB	210-224	58,487.39

	SS	94-99	1,094.76
	SW1	230-240	2,489.77
Abstract #1			
	A	1-14	\$34,008.83
	B	1-6	2,916.19
	DB	1-5	19,468.29
	SS	1-5	1,645.42
	SW1	1-6	14,422.89

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

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6. Reports of Town Officials

- a. Water/Wastewater Plants - written report on file.
- b. Highway Superintendent – written report on file.
- c. Zoning – written report on file.
- d. Assessor – written report on file.
- e. Town Clerk – written report on file.
- f. Supervisor – written report on file. Supervisor Lightfoote added his list

of Town Board liaisons for the various Boards and Departments in the Town of Gorham.

Supervisor Lightfoote said "they are simply positions for Town Board members to deal a little more closely with certain departments and they'll be there for concerns that maybe those Department heads, or some employees, may not want to bring to me but, they would be interested in talking to a Town Board member."

Jake Chard has the Town Hall staff and Board of Assessment Review.

Brian Case has the Water/Sewer Department and Conservation Board.

Bill Glitch has the Highway Department.

Rick Malcolm has the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Supervisor Lightfoote has the Agricultural Committee and anything else that is necessary.

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

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7. Business:

- a. Local Law #2–2017 Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for the 2018 Budget.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Case, the following resolution was adopted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

**008-2017**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a public hearing to solicit public comment upon a proposed Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham has reviewed the draft of the aforementioned proposed Local Law attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and deems it in the best interests of the Town of Gorham to proceed in accordance with the Code of the Town of Gorham and the Laws of the State of New York in adopting said Local Law,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to schedule a public hearing to be held on February 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gorham Town Hall, 4736 South Street, Gorham, New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk, be and hereby is, authorized to forward to the official newspapers of the Town a Notice of Public Hearing in the form substantially the same as that attached hereto as Exhibit "2"; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to post a copy of the proposed Local Law on the Town of Gorham sign board and take any and all other necessary actions to properly bring the aforementioned Local Law before the Town Board of the Town of Gorham for its consideration; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to provide all other notices as required by law for the adoption of this local law.

b. Large screen Monitor System for the Town Hall – Board members have been discussing the advantage of having a large screen monitor system for Town Hall meetings. The screen would be mounted on a portable cart for ease in movement. Councilmembers agreed it is a high-tech, cost effective way to bring the Town of Gorham into the new wave of technology and is a great visual tool for meetings and public hearings.

On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, to approve purchase of a large screen monitor system for the Town Hall from Keyser Computer Service for \$1,770.99. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

c. Budget Transfers -

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, the following budget transfers were approved: \$45.00 from A1010.4 to A1010.1, \$1,770.00 from A1010.4 to A1220.4, \$73.00 from A1355.4 to A1220.4, \$2,133.00 from A1330.1 to A1330.4, \$1.00 from A1355.4 to A1355.1, \$80.00 from A1410.4 to 1410.1, \$60.00 from A1430.4 to A1430.1, \$70.00 from A1670.4 to A1680.4, \$60.00 from A5010.4 to A5010.1, \$3,000.00 from A1990.4 to A8160.1, \$8,000.00 from A8160.4 to A8160.1, \$710.00 from B8020.4 to B3620.1, \$4.00 from B8020.4 to B4010.4, \$710.00 from B8010.4 to B8010.1, \$710.00 from B8020.4 to B8020.1, \$700.00, from SW1-8340.4 to SW1-8340.1, \$20.00 from SS8110.4 to SS8110.1, \$65.00 from SL909 to SL5182.4, \$2,750.00 from DB5110.4 to DB5130.4, \$900.00 from DB5110.4 to DB5110.1. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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d. Power Supply for Fuel Pump System– The Gorham Town Board approved the bid from Sloth Electric, Inc. to install power for the new fuel pump readers at the Highway Department. Once the new power supply is installed, bringing it up to code, the pumps can be installed.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Chard, to approve Sloth Electric, Inc. bid for \$3,600.00 to install new power supply for the fuel pumps at the Highway Department. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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e. Fuel Pump System – Supervisor Lightfoote obtained three quotes for a new Fuel Pump System at the Highway Department. The decision was tabled at the July 13, 2016 meeting when it was discovered the Town needed to repair the power supply for the pumps. Zoning Officer Freida obtained quotes for the new power supply. With that in place the Town can move forward on approving the new pump system. The Board agreed to accept the bid from The Pump Doctor Inc. For new pumps and readers at the Highway Department.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Chard, to approve the bid from The Pump Doctor, Inc. for \$11,548.14 to install a new GIR Fuel Management System at the Highway Department. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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f. Councilmember Glitch will be attending the 2017 NYS Association of Towns Training School and Annual Meeting held in New York City in February. The Town Board agreed to designate Councilmember Glitch to cast the vote for the Town of Gorham at the Association of Towns Annual Business Meeting.

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Case, the following resolution was adopted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

**013-2017**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham has reviewed the Certificate of Designation for The Association of Towns Annual Business Meeting

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gorham does hereby appoint Deputy Supervisor Willian Glitch to attend the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns of the State of New York.

**TO** be held on February 22, 2017 in the Astor Ballroom of the New York Marriott Marquis, 1535 Broadway, NYC, NY

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Deputy Supervisor William Glitch may cast the vote of the aforesaid Town, pursuant to 6 article III Of the Constitution and Bylaws of said Association.

Other – Town Historian Dennis Hogan submitted a detailed Annual Report.

## 2016 Town of Gorham Historian Report

Dennis Hogan, [historian@gorham-ny.com](mailto:historian@gorham-ny.com), 585 526-2149  
Office Hours Wednesdays, 10am to 11:30am, at office in Town Hall

HS – Indicates Town of Gorham Historical Society event that I was involved in.

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| Ongoing              | Organizing & cataloging contents of historian office<br>(3 4-drawer file cabinets & 1 5-shelve bookcase)  |
| Jan 19 <sup>th</sup> | HS - Historical Society annual dinner meeting & election of officers. Speaker Town of Canandaigua Historian Ray Henry “2004 Barn Survey for Town of Gorham”   |
| Apr 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | HS - Ontario/Yates Small Historical Society presented “Mennonite History, Doctrine, and Women in Society” by Ivan Martin and his daughter Mary Ann.   |
| Apr 17-19            | HS - Historical Society was awarded a grant from the Pomeroy Foundation to cover the expenses of two members to attend the annual conference of the Museum Association of New York. Dennis Hogan & Sharon Cornelius attended.   |
| Apr 27 <sup>th</sup> | Ontario County Historians meeting at East Bloomfield Historical Society   |
| May 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Shared my handout on using the <a href="http://www.fultonhistory.com">www.fultonhistory.com</a> site for research with all Ontario County historians  |
| May 19 <sup>th</sup> | HS - Historical Society’s 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual “Life During the Civil War” for all 5 <sup>th</sup> graders in the Marcus Whitman Central School District.   |
| May 24 <sup>th</sup> | Attended “Organizing Historical Records” at the Ontario County Safety Training Facility   |
| May 25 <sup>th</sup> | Veteran Plaque at Town Hall updated by Robin Perkins  |
| Jul 4 <sup>th</sup>  | HS - Community parade in Gorham   |
| Aug 17 <sup>th</sup> | Ontario County Historians meeting at West Bloomfield Historical Society   |
| Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> | Kick-off meeting for the Ontario County Suffrage Centennial Project   |
| Summer               | Town of Gorham funded the clearing of a significant area by the Pioneer Cemetery. This will allow the historical society to “probe” that area for possible headstones that are lying lost under the surface. If such stones are found and they are readable, this will yield important info since we have no records for this cemetery (other than readings of stones). |
| August               | Local artist Catherine McBride donated two watercolors which are displayed at the Town Hall (Aerial Observation Post & Stone Jug School).   |

- Fall Semester Audited a course at St. John Fisher College in their Museum Studies program, "This Old House" taught by the curator of the George Eastman Museum, Cathy Connor.
- Sep 12<sup>th</sup> HS - Dedicated Historical Marker (via grant from the Pomeroy Foundation) marking the site on Rt 18 of the Aerial Observation Post.
- Sep 15-17 Attended the annual conference of the Association of Public Historians of New York State in Syracuse.
- Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> HS - Gorham Rotary meeting hosted by the Town of Gorham Historical Society
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> My article, "The World's Fair at Reed Corners, 1853-1927" was published in the Canandaigua Daily Messenger.
- Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Ontario County Historians meeting hosted by the Town of Gorham Historical Society
- November HS - At Ontario County Archives, procured digital copies of 1917 & 1920 Town of Gorham voter registration. For prep for commemorating 2017 anniversary of women receiving the right to vote in New York State.
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> HS – Historical Society Christmas Open House with Santa
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> HS – Members of the historical society rang the old church bell to commemorate the attack at Pearl Harbor

**Research Inquiries** – searched historian & historical society files for these topics and prepared response

- Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Lincoln  
 Apr 9<sup>th</sup> Dusett  
 Jun 25<sup>th</sup> Mead, Dickerson  
 Jul 14<sup>th</sup> Allison, Benham  
 Jul 22<sup>nd</sup> Clark, Decott, McGrath  
 Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> DeWitt  
 Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Gorham Cemetery Association  
 Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Gorham baseball and Hersheys  
 Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Delaney  
 Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Blake  
 Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Galusha, Page, Paige, and Sechrist  
 Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Doneen, Lynch  
 Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Lafler  
 Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Gorham houses designed by architect, George F. Barber  
 Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Francisco

8. Set next meeting date – the Town Board set a Workshop Meeting date for January 25, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall to review the Final Draft Model Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Law.

The next regular meeting and public hearing for Local Law #2 2017 Tax Cap Override will be held on February 8, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

9. Privilege of the Floor - none requested

10. Adjournment: With no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darby Perrotte  
Town Clerk