

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
July 12, 2023 7:00pm**

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday July 12, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall in Gorham, NY.

Present were Supervisor Fred Lightfoote. Councilmembers; Brian S. Case, Jake Chard, Phil Curtis and Brian Lazarus.

Town Officials in attendance; Chief Operator Water & Wastewater Districts Greg Coston, Assessor Enza Mineo and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Highway Superintendent Zach Eddinger and Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morse were necessarily absent.

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Manager, Kevin Olvany.

Many residents/guests in attendance in person and via zoom.

The full Zoom recording of this meeting is posted on the Town of Gorham Website.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag
2. Privilege of the Floor –

Alan Makovsky, 3912 Route 364, spoke on behalf of himself and neighbors at 3900, 3902, 3910 and 3916 Route 364 (Shore Haven area).

Mr. Makovsky sent emails and photos to the Town Board wishing to formally document their concerns and issues related to the ongoing problems of storm water drainage and its damaging effects on their properties.

June Fisher, Rob Brenner, Robert Brancato, Hubert Reigler, Phil Curtis and several other residents echoed the same concerns regarding their properties.

Watershed Manager Kevin Olvany was present to explain some of the strategies to address the heavy runoff such as; upland retention ponds and stabilizing ditching, redirecting and capturing the water. Mr. Olvany said plans are in the works to address the problems.

3. Approval of Minutes – 6/14/2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, the 6/14/23 minutes were approved as submitted. 5-0

5 – Ayes - Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus

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4. 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 – Supervisor Lightfoote stated Bids were opened today for the drainage project in the Hamlet.

On the motion by Councilmember Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Case, the reports of Town Officials were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0
 5 - Ayes Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus

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5. Audit of Bills -

Abstract #7

Abstract prepared by the Bookkeeper, Town Clerk and Highway Clerk
 Approval of Vouchers

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, Councilmember Chard had questions on several vouchers, discussion was held. Councilmember Chard recommends that Town Officials state on their monthly report when they have attended a conference or have attended training.

The abstract for July, totaling \$138,283.53, was approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes - Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus

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6. Business –

a. Appoint Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor -

Supervisor Lightfoote made a motion to create a position for a Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor, to appoint Brenda Jones to the position.

Discussion was held. With no second, the motion failed.

7. Privilege of the Floor –

Sally Napolitano, Lake Drive resident, asked for an update on the Crystal Beach Fire Department Audit.

Mrs. Napolitano had questions regarding the “shell game” being played regarding the position/title for Brenda Jones, stating Confidential Secretary should be a competitive position.

Mrs. Napolitano asked for clarification regarding the Audit.

Susan Carpenter, County Road 11 resident, stated her concerns about the recent flooding and drainage causing harmful bacteria in the lake.

Amanda Gibeau updated the Board on the progress of the new building for Gorham/Hall/Stanley Ambulance.

8. Set the Next Meeting Date – The next regular Town Board Meeting will be held on August 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

9. Executive Session –

On the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the Board entered into executive session at 8:35pm for discussion related to proposed, pending or current litigation.

On the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Case, the Board returned to regular session at 9:43pm. No action was taken in executive session.

Both motions carried unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes - Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus

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10. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Case, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes - Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk