

**THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
August 30, 2023 7:00pm**

The Gorham Town Board held a Budget Workshop Meeting on Wednesday August 30, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall in Gorham, NY.

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

Councilmember Brian Lazarus was necessarily absent.

Town Officials in attendance; Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Several guests in attendance and via zoom.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag – Supervisor Lightfoote opened the meeting and led the Pledge to the Flag.

2. Privilege of the Floor –

Susan Carpenter, County Road 11 resident, stated there are a lot of steps between the beginning of the budget process and setting the tax rate. She asks that the Board be mindful of all the assessment challenges and the liability the town may be facing with all the assessment challenges because they will come in after the budget process.

Mrs. Carpenter said she wishes the Town would make the transfer station pay for itself. She feels if residents have to pay for the amount of trash they throw away, they would be more mindful about recycling.

3. Business –

a. Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing for the Wastewater Plant Improvements –

Councilmember Chard offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Case, the resolution was adopted unanimously. 4-0

4 - Ayes – Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis.

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**TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION # 26-2023
AUTHORIZING SCHEDULING OF 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 proposed improvements to the Gorham Sewer District #1 pursuant to § 202-b of the NYS Town Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has prepared a map and plan showing the proposed improvements being the installation and implementation of an ultraviolet disinfection system to enable the Gorham Sewer District #1 to implement effluent disinfection at the wastewater treatment plant.

WHEREAS, the plan shows the estimated costs of these improvements to be \$1,700,000.00, such estimated costs to be the responsibility of Gorham Sewer District #1. The Town intends to apply for a DEC grant administered through its Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program to pay for part of the cost of these improvements. Any remaining amount owing for these improvements will be borrowed from the EFC and financed and repaid by the owners of property within the Gorham Sewer District #1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to schedule a public hearing, to be held on September 13, 2023 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, directed 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 "1", such notice to be published not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the day set herein for the public hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to post a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing on the Town of Gorham sign board, not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the day set herein for the public hearing.

I, Darby L. Perrotte, Town Clerk of the Town of Gorham do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Gorham on August 30, 2023 by the following vote:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Frederick Lightfoote	X_____	_____
Brian S. Case	X_____	_____
Jake Chard	X_____	_____
Phil Curtis	X_____	_____
Brian Lazarus	absent	_____

b. Budget Workshop –

Supervisor Lightfoote discussed some of the larger ticket items the Town is considering funding.

The Board held discussion regarding the Library/Historical Society addition.

Supervisor Lightfoote asked the Board to consider options for the addition. The Town has engineered plans but would need updated estimates since the plans are from several years ago. The Wastewater and Water Treatment Plant Improvements were discussed.

Upgrades to the Highway Building were discussed.

The Board held discussion on the Maple Ave Drainage Project, the Transfer Station facility and the progress at Easton Park.

The Board discussed cost of living increases.

The Board discussed hiring more employees for various departments within the town.

4. Privilege of the Floor –

Lynn Klotz, Lake Drive resident, suggested using some of the covid relief money for flooding issues, land preservation and water quality.

Supervisor Lightfoote said he will look into it, there are certain things the money can or cannot be spent on.

Mrs. Klotz asked about the tree program. There are lots of trees being cut by the utility companies.

The town needs to find a new tree vendor to resume the program.

5. Set the Next Meeting Date – The next regular Town Board Meeting & Public Hearing will be held on September 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

5. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Case, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. The motion carried unanimously. 4-0

4 - Ayes – Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk