

**THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2023 7:00pm**

The Gorham Town Board held a Special Meeting on Wednesday July 19, 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; Water Wastewater Chief Operator Greg Coston and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Several guests in attendance 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 – Supervisor Lightfoote opened the meeting and led the Pledge to the Flag.

2. Privilege of the Floor –

Kevin Bellis, 4170 Turner Road resident, was in attendance to make the town aware of the continued flooding problems affecting his property. Mr. Bellis has had continual problems over the last few years.

Debbie North, County Road 18 resident, asked if the Town of Gorham approved and voted on a referendum to become a first class Town. A Town may qualify as first class with property assessments in excess of \$10 million. She asks because she sent an email to the Town Board several weeks ago regarding the position of Highway Clerk 1 and did not receive a response. Mrs. North said the position of Highway Clerk 1 was not properly opened or advertised or conducted through Ontario County Civil Service.

Elke Schmitt, Crystal Beach resident, thanked the Board for allowing zoom so that residents can participate, listen and learn at the meetings.

3. Business –

a. Approve Consolidated Funding Applications –

**Town of Gorham
Resolution 23-2023**

**Consolidated Funding Application
Resolution of Support & Authorization for the Town of Gorham**

WHEREAS, the Town of Gorham, Ontario County, supports the submission of a 2023 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Town, for a NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Grant under the Culvert Replacement subcategory and the NYS DOS Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) to replace undersized culverts and make improvements to the roadside ditches to reduce flooding and erosion and allow water to move freely through the area along Cottage City Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gorham considers this project a priority, as the infrastructure is undersized and negatively impacts water quality in the area; and

WHEREAS, if funding is received it will allow the Town of Gorham to replace the undersized culverts to reduce flooding and erosion and improve water quality of Canandaigua Lake and local creeks in the surrounding areas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board, on behalf of the Town, identifies the Town Supervisor as the authorized representative for the project, able to execute necessary documents relative to and as required for this application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby accept that they shall provide at least a 25% match of the total of any grant funding awarded as a local match in the form of in-kind services or cash contributions hereby appropriated and obligated from the Town of Gorham General Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Gorham, recognizes and fully supports the submission of a WQIP & LWRP grant to replace undersized culverts that are causing flooding in the area.

Passed by the following vote of all Town Board Members voting in favor thereof:

Motion by: Councilmember Phil Curtis
Seconded by: Councilmember Brian S. Case

Passed by the following vote of all Town Board Members voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative Town Board Members: Supervisor Frederick Lightfoote
Councilmember Brian S. Case
Councilmember Jake Chard
Councilmember Phil Curtis

Affirmative: # 4
Negative: # 0
Abstain: # 0

**Town of Gorham
Resolution 24-2023
Consolidated Funding Application
Resolution of Support & Authorization for the Town of Gorham**

WHEREAS, the Town of Gorham, Ontario County, supports the submission of a 2023 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Town, for a NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Grant under the Streambank Stabilization subcategory and a NYS DOS Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) to improve the flow through a tributary along Jones Road to Canandaigua Lake to reduce impacts on flooding issues and improve water quality; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gorham considers this project a priority, as the existing retaining wall is failing which will negatively impact water quality in the area; and

WHEREAS, if funding is received it will allow the Town of Gorham to stabilize the failing streambanks to reduce erosion and sedimentation and improve water quality of Canandaigua Lake and local creeks in the surrounding areas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board, on behalf of the Town, identifies the Town Supervisor as the authorized representative for the project, able to execute necessary documents relative to and as required for this application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby accept that they shall provide at least a 25% match of the total of any grant funding awarded as a local match in the form of in-kind services or cash contributions hereby appropriated and obligated from the Town of Gorham General Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Gorham, recognizes and fully supports the submission of a WQIP & LWRP grant to stabilize the streambanks to reduce flooding and improve water quality.

Motion by: Councilmember Phil Curtis

Seconded by: Councilmember Brian S. Case

Passed by the following vote of all Town Board Members voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative Town Board Members: Supervisor Frederick Lightfoote
Councilmember Brian S. Case

Councilmember Jake Chard
Councilmember Phil Curtis

Affirmative: # 4
Negative: # 0
Abstain: # 0

b. Approve Yearly Insurance Renewal –

On the motion by Councilmember Case, seconded by Councilmember Chard, authorizing Supervisor Lightfoote to sign and renew the current Insurance Renewal from NYMIR. Motion carried unanimously 4-0

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

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5. Executive Session –

On the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Chard, the Board entered into executive session at 8:35pm to discuss employment history of a particular person, or corporation relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal.

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the Board returned to regular session at 9:01pm. No action was taken in executive session. Both motions carried unanimously. 4-0

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

5. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Case, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm. The motion carried unanimously. 4-0

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk