MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
August 19, 2026

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday August 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall in Gorham, NY.

Present; Supervisor Dale C. Stell.
Councilmembers; Phil Curtis, Chrissy Watkins, Chase Brown, Chris Bay.
Town Officials in attendance; Chief Operator Water & Wastewater Districts Nate Bay, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morse, Assessor Enza Mineo and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.
Assessor Enza Mineo joined via Zoom.
Highway Superintendent Brandon Ayers was necessarily absent.
Residents and guests in person and via zoom.

The minutes are written as a summary of the main points that were made and are the official and permanent record of the actions taken by the Gorham Town Board. Remarks delivered during privilege of the floor and discussions are summarized and are not intended to be verbatim transcriptions.
The full zoom recording of the meeting is posted on the town website for viewing and for listening to privilege of the floor comments.

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1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

2. Privilege of the Floor

3. Approval of Minutes - 07/15/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

On the motion by Councilmember Curtis seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0
5 Ayes – Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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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 – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the Reports of Town Officials were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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5. Project Updates -

Supervisor Stell and Town Officials updated the residents and guests on the progress of various projects that are underway in the Town of Gorham.

6. Audit of Bills -

Approval of Vouchers

On the motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Brown, the abstract of bills in the amount of $852,286.18 was approved for payment. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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7. Business –

a. Accept Resignation of Planning Board Chair for purposes of Retirement

On the motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Bay, to accept the resignation from Thomas Harvey effective 7/1/2026. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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b. Appoint Thomas Harvey as Planning Board Chairman

On the motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, to appoint Harvey as Town of Gorham Planning Board Chairman effective 7/3/2026. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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c. Adopt resolution Authorizing Chairman Harvey to Sign Subdivision Map & Authorize Purchase of Land in Collaboration with the City of Canandaigua.

Councilmember Curtis offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Brown the resolution was adopted unanimously. 5-0

5 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION #17-2026
AUTHORIZING PLANNING BOARD CHAIRPERSON TO SIGN SUBDIVISION MAP AS BEING ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF LAND IN

COLLABORATION WITH CITY OF CANANDAIGUA AS PART OF WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SOURCE WATER PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, the Town of Gorham (hereinafter referred to as the "Town") and the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council (CLWC), in partnership with the City of Canandaigua, have been working with the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to administer a Water Quality Improvement Program Source Water Protection Program grant, with contract number C01170GG, to protect certain parcels of land that drain to Canandaigua Lake, the public drinking water source for over 70,000 people; and

WHEREAS, the CLWC and the Town have identified a 20-acre portion of tax map # 141.00-1-38.100, which is a 51-acre parcel of farmland on NY State Route 364 in the Town of Gorham that lies within the Gage Gully sub-watershed and three additional drainage systems north of Gage Gully that provides an opportunity to enhance water quality protection efforts and improve flood resiliency downstream; and

WHEREAS, the DEC has approved the 20 acres for inclusion in the WQIP Source Water grant and the current property owner is supportive of this program and has agreed to sell the 20-acre portion to the Town of Gorham as part of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the 20-acres targeted for inclusion must be subdivided from the parent parcel prior to acquisition and Gorham Town Code authorizes the Town Board to exempt this action from portions of the Town's subdivision regulations when the parcel in question is being acquired by the Town; and

WHEREAS, due to the City of Canandaigua being the official grantee for this WQIP grant, the property acquisition will be completed in a simultaneous closing with the City acquiring the 20-acre parcel from the property owner first and subsequently selling it to the Town of Gorham in order to be in compliance with the grant award; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham hereby exempts the proposed subdivision from review by the Town Planning Board and directs the Chairman of the Town Planning Board to sign the subdivision map as being administratively approved due to its purpose for municipal acquisition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham hereby authorizes the purchase of the 20-acre portion of tax map # 141.00-1-38.100 from the City of Canandaigua in compliance with NY State Grant contract C01170GG.

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 19, 2026 by the following vote:

	Aye	**Nay**
Dale C. Stell	X____	_____

Chase Brown	X_____	_____
Phil Curtis	X_____	_____
Chris Bay	X_____	_____
Chrissy Watkins	X_____	_____

d. Adopt Resolution Approving Justice Court Records Audit

Councilmember Watkins offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Brown the resolution was adopted unanimously. 5-0
5 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION#18-2026
APPROVING AUDIT OF JUSTICE CHECKBOOKS &
BALANCE SHEETS

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham met on August 19, 2026 and said minutes will be duly recorded by the Town Clerk, and;

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor made available the Judges balance sheets and checkbooks for the year 2025

RESOLVE, that the Town Board did examine these items to the best of their ability,

RESOLVE, that a copy of this resolution be sent to NYS Office of Court Administration, Joan Casazza, jcasazza@nycourts.gov. Internal Control Liaison, NYS Office of Court Administration, Castle-on-Hudson, NY.

I, Darby L. Perrotte Town Clerk of the Town of Gorham, do hereby certify that the resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Gorham on August 19, 2026 by the following vote:

	Aye	**Nay**
Dale C. Stell	X_____	_____
Phil Curtis	X_____	_____
Chrissy Watkins	X_____	_____
Chase Brown	X_____	_____
Chris Bay	X_____	_____

d. Adopt Resolution Approving Order of Public Hearing for Creation of an Ambulance District

Councilmember Watkins offered the following resolution and called for adoption.
Seconded by Councilmember Curtis the resolution was adopted unanimously. 5-0
5 Ayes – Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION #19-2026
APPROVING ORDER OF
PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it to be in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Gorham to pursue the creation of the Stanley-Hall Gorham Ambulance District, pursuant to a Map, Plan and Report prepared by Supervisor Dale Stell, dated August 18, 2026, and filed with the Town Clerk on August 19, 2026, (See Exhibit 1 attached hereto and made a part hereof.)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Order Calling for Public Hearing, attached hereto, shall be signed by the members of the Town Board of the Town of Gorham and published, posted and entered into the Minutes in accordance with the Town Law and the Town Clerk and/or Counsel to the Town are hereby authorized to take any and all further measures necessary to comply with the Town Law in preparation for the final adoption of the aforementioned ambulance district creation.

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 19, 2026, by the following vote:

	Aye	**Nay**
Dale C. Stell	X_____	_____
Phil Curtis	X_____	_____
Chrissy Watkins	X_____	_____
Chase Brown	X_____	_____
Chris Bay	X_____	_____

8. Set Next Meeting Date – The next regular meeting & Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday September 16, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

9. Privilege of the Floor –

Several residents spoke during privilege of the floor.
The full zoom recording of the meeting is posted on the town website for viewing and to listen to privilege of the floor comments.

10. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5- Ayes – Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk