MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
October 21, 2026

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting & Public Hearing on Wednesday October 21, 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, Highway Superintendent Brandon Ayers, Deputy Highway Superintendent John Grzeskowiak, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morse, Assessor Enza Mineo and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.
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.
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1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

2. 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. Taped recording available at the Town Clerk's Office.

3. Public Hearings – 1. Local Law 1-2026 Tax Cap Override
   2. 2027 Preliminary Budget

1. Supervisor Stell opened the public hearing regarding Local Law 1 of 2026 to Override the Tax Cap for the 2027 Budget. The Town Clerk confirmed duly posting both public hearings. Barb Frank and Jonathan Archey commented. With no further comments the hearing was closed.
2. Supervisor Stell opened the 2nd public hearing regarding the 2027 Preliminary Town Budget. Barb Frank, Rebecca Long, Bill Glitch, Sally Napolitano, Lynn Klotz, Lisa Maslyn all commented during the hearing. With no further comment, Supervisor Stell closed the public hearing at 7:50pm.

4. Approval of Minutes - 09/16/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
10/07/2026 Budget Workshop 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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5. 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 Bay, 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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6. Audit of Bills -

Approval of Vouchers

On the motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the abstract of bills in the amount of $910,273.20 was approved for payment. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0
5 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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7. Business –

a. Adopt Order Establishing SHG Ambulance District

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

111-2026

ORDER ESTABLISHING
AMBULANCE DISTRICT
In the Matter of the
Creation of the
Stanley-Hall Gorham Ambulance District

in the Town of Gorham,
County of Ontario, New York.

WHEREAS, the Town Board, has upon Resolution adopted on October 21, 2026 approved the establishment of the Stanley-Hall Gorham Ambulance District, pursuant to Article 12-a of the Town Law, said district having been approved in accordance with the details in a map, plan and report now on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Gorham; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has certified that a notice setting forth the date of adoption of the Resolution and containing an abstract of said Resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, was duly posted and published as required by law and that no petition has been filed with her office within 30 days of the date of adoption of said resolution calling for a referendum.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the establishment of the proposed district, as detailed in the formation documents, be approved in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit A and that the Town Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Order in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Ontario and a certified copy thereof with the State Comptroller, within ten (10) days after the adoption of this Order.

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 October 21st, 2026 by the following vote:

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

b. Adopt Resolutions Approving Local Law 1-2026 Tax Cap Override w/Special Districts

Councilmember Brown offered the following resolutions and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the resolutions were adopted unanimously. 5-0

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

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TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION #27-2026
AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026
TAX CAP OVERRIDE

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Gorham for a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on October 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Gorham Town Hall, 4736 South Street, Gorham, New York, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of Gorham, on October 15, 2026 and all other notices required by law to be given were properly served, posted or given; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on October 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Gorham Town Hall, 4736 South Street, Gorham, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town of Gorham to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Gorham hereby adopts said Local Law No. 1 of 2026 entitled, "A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Gorham, and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York.

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 October 21st, 2026 by the following vote:

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

TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION 28-2026
SPECIAL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham is the governing body of the special districts and/or fire protection districts set forth in the Schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this resolution to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Gorham, on behalf of the aforesaid special districts and/or fire protection districts, pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Gorham, on behalf of the aforesaid special districts and/or fire protection districts, to

adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Gorham, County of Ontario, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2020 on behalf of the special districts and/or fire protection districts set forth in the Schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

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 October 21, 2026, by the following vote:

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

c. Adopt Resolution Regarding Deputy Town Clerk Duties

Councilmember Watkins offered the following resolutions 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 #29-2026
APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTIES TO TOWN CLERK

WHEREAS, NYS Town Law § 30 10. (a) empowers the town clerk to appoint a first deputy town clerk and to "establish the duties and responsibilities of the first deputy town clerk" and further provides that "such first deputy town clerk shall possess the powers and perform the duties of the town clerk during the absence or inability to act of the town clerk, or during a vacancy in the office of town clerk"; and

WHEREAS, NYS Town Law § 30 10. (a) further empowers the town clerk to appoint "up to two additional deputy town clerks whose duties and responsibilities shall be established by the town

board" and also provides that the "town board, in its discretion, may delegate to the town clerk the authority to establish the duties of the additional deputy town clerks"; and

WHEREAS, the town clerk has previously appointed both a second deputy town clerk and third deputy town clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario County Department of Human Resources recently notified the Town that it did not have documentation showing that the Town Board had established the duties and responsibilities of the Town's second deputy town clerk and third deputy town clerk, as required by Town Law; and

WHEREAS, the town has been unable to find documentation showing that the Town Board took the necessary action to establish the duties and responsibilities of the Town's second deputy town clerk and third deputy town clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board now wishes to adopt this resolution to clarify this oversight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Gorham hereby provides that the Town of Gorham second deputy town clerk shall possess the powers and perform the duties of the town clerk during the absence or inability to act of the town clerk, or during a vacancy in the offices of both town clerk and first deputy town clerk and further delegates to the town clerk the authority to establish any additional duties of the second deputy town clerk, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Gorham hereby provides that the Town of Gorham third deputy town clerk shall possess the powers and perform the duties of the town clerk during the absence or inability to act of the town clerk, or during a vacancy in the offices of town clerk, first deputy town clerk and second deputy town clerk and further delegates to the town clerk the authority to establish any additional duties of the third deputy town clerk.

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Gorham hereby acknowledges the creation and appointment of three (3) Deputy Town Clerks for the Town of Gorham with the powers as authorized above.

I, Darby L. Perrotte, Town Clerk of the Town of Gorham do hereby certify that the Town Board of the Town of Gorham adopted the aforementioned resolution on October 21st, 2026,by the following vote:

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

d. Approve Purchase of a Mower, a Truck and Overhead Doors for the Highway Department

On the motion by Councilmember Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Chase, the Board approved the following quotes for purchase of;

Bush Hog Brand Rotary Cutter	$29,700.00
2027 Chevy 2500 Pick-up w/plow	$62,358.00
Overhead Doors for Highway Barn	$28,571.00

All quotes are on file in the Town Clerk's Office. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

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

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9. Set The Next Meeting Date –

The Board will hold a Budget Workshop Meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2026 at **6:00pm** at the Gorham Town Hall.

The Next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 18, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

10. 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.

12. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk