

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
March 11, 2009**

The Gorham Town Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, Gorham, NY. Present were Supervisor Calabrese, Councilmembers Lightfoote, Busch, Glitch and Adam-Anderson, Assessor Davey, Code Enforcement Officer Freida, Highway Superintendent Ayers, Alan Grethel, Don and Barb Christmas, Joan Busch, Michele Cutri-Bynoe and Town Clerk Hollenbeck.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:

2. Privilege of the floor: Pat Pavelsky, Director Ontario County Cooperative Extension. Mrs. Pavelsky gave an overview of what the Cooperative Extension has to offer. The CCE is a community based, not for profit education organization. Ties with Cornell University allow them to bring cutting edge, research based information to the residents of Ontario County with the goal of improving their lives and communities. Information, education and assistance is offered in the areas of agriculture, environment, family and consumer science, gardening, 4-7 youth development and 4-H camp Bristol Hills. Information is available on their website: counties.cce.cornell.edu/Ontario. Money management and credit/debt management educational seminars are very popular, as well as cooking classes, gardening, wood lot management, nutrition programs, as well as parenting classes.etc.

Councilmember Lightfoote is President of the Board of Directors of the CCE and Supervisor Calabrese is the Board of Supervisors representative on that Board.

3. Approval of minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting. On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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4. Reports of Town Officials

a. Water/WasteWater Plants - Written report is on file. Mr. Erb was excused this evening.

b. Highway Superintendent - Written report is on file. Mr. Ayers stated that the 10-wheeler is due to be delivered Friday. Requests approval to consign the old 1997 truck with plow to the auction in Palmyra on May 9th. The auction service will come down to appraise the vehicle before the auction.

On the motion by Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, Mr. Ayers is authorized to take the 1997 truck and plow to the auction. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0).

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The F550 was replaced last fall with a 4500 Chevy. Would like to put it up to the Transfer Station to receive bids. If no takers, would like to take to the auction. All agreed to do so.

We have been looking at lawn mowers and will be getting quotes, will have information by the next meeting.

The trees for the Annual Free Tree Program have been ordered will be planted in April. The response was significant. All 75 trees were reserved by residents on the second day. We will see how this goes and plan to offer the same thing next year.

Mr. Ayers stated that a local contractor would like permission to put clean fill on the Gorham Oil property. Fill is needed to level off the area. Approval was granted.

The Gulf sign on the Gorham Oil Property must be taken down. A resident, Mr. Grube has asked if he could have the sign to take to a car show in Carlisle to see if he can sell it. Board members all agreed to authorize Supervisor Calabrese to dispose of the sign in the best interests of the Town.

c. Zoning – Written report is on file. New housing starts are down so far this year. It is usually a slower time of year. Montebello Estates will be back before the Planning Board. Their previous approvals from the Planning Board have expired. They will be back for preliminary and final approvals. They will be requesting a water district extension, lighting district and drainage district formation.

Mr. Freida stated that he is sending letters to six homeowners regarding unsafe buildings. They will be given six months to clean up the property.

d. Assessor – Written report is on file.

e. Town Clerk – written report on file. The Tax Collector got a new computer last year. Joan would like to purchase the old laptop and offered \$50. That computer has problems. It continually locks up, you have to unplug entirely and take out the battery to get it going again. We will have all tax information taken off the computer before it is sold. Board members agreed to let Joan purchase the computer.

f. Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the reports of Town Officials were approved. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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5. Communications – on file

6. Audit of Bills:

Abstract #3 A	53-87	\$16,975.81
B	53,60,80	1,211.87
SL	64	634.79

DB	25-47	54,929.65
SW1	29-46	10,206.99
SS	12-20	550.84
HN	9	4,020.46
HM	6,8,10	6,329.18
HC	7	990.00

On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the bills were approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **019-2009**

7. Business:

a. AUD – The Annual Update Document (financial report) has been completed and is on file. A legal notice will be published that the document is complete and available for public review.

b. Budget Transfers – On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, approval was granted for the following budget transfers: \$15,000 from A599 to A8540.4 and \$1,400 from A1990.4 to A7510.4. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **120-2009**

c. Projects

1. Cemetery Vault – Mr. Ayers will check on the status of this project and report back to Supervisor Calabrese.

2. Moody Trail – NYS owes us \$50,000 for this project but at the moment they are short on funds. Supervisor Calabrese called and was told that the Town will receive the money, but it will be a few months. All of the required paperwork has been completed.

3. Comprehensive Plan Update - is coming along. They are getting some good ideas from residents. The Ag community is becoming more vocal. It has been suggested that maybe we should have an Ag Committee. It is hoped that the survey results will be available in April

4. Ford Garage – Supervisor Calabrese has a meeting with DEC in April. Hopefully we are almost to the end of that project. There are twenty monitoring wells on the property at this time. We are hopeful that they can be reduced to four or five so that we can pave the area.

5. Town road traffic safety study, Highway Garage alarm system and paint the Library are all in the works.

6. Blacktop around the transfer station and Highway Garage will be done as soon as possible this spring.

8. Other

a. Mowing Contract – Bay Landscape has provided a mowing contract for 2009. On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Busch, Supervisor Calabrese is hereby authorized to sign the contract for 2009. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **121-2009**

b. Supervisor Calabrese informed the Board that there was no increase in our insurance rates last year. We have worked well with Beaumont and Stork over the years and feel we can negotiate advantageously with them and would like to keep the same for another year. This was briefly discussed as was the need to get quotes from others on a regular basis. Agreed to put it off until next year.

9. Privilege of the Floor: None requested

10. Set next meeting date: March 25, 2009 at 7:00 PM meeting to conduct interviews of candidates for the position at the Water/Wastewater Department

11. Adjournment: On the motion by Councilmember Busch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hollenbeck
Town Clerk