

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
April 8, 2009**

The Gorham Town Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 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, Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants Erb, Highway Superintendent Ayers, Don and Barb Christmas, Joan Busch, and Town Clerk Hollenbeck.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:
2. Privilege of the floor:
3. Approval of minutes of the March 11 and 25, 2009 meetings. On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, the minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0) **024-2009**
4. Reports of Town Officials
 - a. Water/WasteWater Plants - Written report is on file. Mr. Erb stated that we have a valve machine that we purchased when the County Road #17 water line was installed. We were highly encouraged to purchase this equipment as part of the grant funding and it was paid for with grant funds. We no longer have a need for this equipment. Naples has offered to purchase this from us for \$2,000. The equipment is about ten years old.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Busch, the Board authorized sale of the valve machine to Naples for \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **025-2009**
 - b. Highway Superintendent - Written report is on file.
 - c. Zoning – Written report is on file. Mr. Freida stated that he has sent out seven letters to property owners concerning unsafe buildings and barns. He has had responses from four of them who were glad to be prompted to clean up the issue and intend to do so as soon as practicable. The letter requested a response by the 15th of April.
 - d. Assessor – Written report is on file. Supervisor Calabrese stated that he and Dirk will be reviewing last years sales to the assessment figures and provide a report next month.
 - e. Town Clerk – written report on file.
 - f. Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the reports of Town Officials were approved. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0) **026-2009**

5. Communications – on file

6. Audit of Bills:

Abstract #4 A	88-117	\$15,993.33
B	90-108	1,215.09
SL	102/112	626.26
DB	48-75	46,470.44
SW1	47-68	11,927.67
SS	21-28	1,441.99
HM	21/22	2,448.24

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, the bills were approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **027-2009**

7. Business:

a. Residential housing cap – The proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan regarding the residential development rate cap was presented for review. The document was briefly discussed. It was suggested that the document and any resolutions be consistent regarding terminology such as dwelling unit. All agreed to forward the document to the Town Attorney for his review. The document will be back before this board again before a public hearing is set on the local law to make this amendment.

b. Flint Creek – Beavers – The Flint Creek project has been completed, but beavers are back at work building dams which could cause problems for landowners. Talked about the possibility of hiring someone to trap them. Supervisor Calabrese will bring this problem to the attention of the Flint Creek Watershed Group.

c. Zoning issues – There are a few things that need to be addressed in the very near future. One is storage trailers. People are beginning to think if a box has wheels, they can place it any where on the property and use it for storage. This is creating a problem especially along the lake. We also need to look into potable water for housing outside the water district, penalties for building without a permit, review storage sheds and review canopy structures that are becoming enclosed as storage sheds.

d. No more free stone at Highway – This has been discussed in the past and all agreed at that time, that it would be acceptable for residents to take small amounts of stone to fill potholes in their driveways or to use as fill around a mailbox, at no charge. It has gotten out of hand and people are coming in and loading up pick up trucks with stone then leaving and spilling a trail of stone down the road. After a brief discussion, all agreed that the stone is no longer available to residents. Mr. Ayers will take care of signage and will work toward keeping an eye on the stone piles to stop anyone from taking any more stone. Office Peck will be contacted if necessary to write tickets for theft of services.

On the motion by Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, authorization was granted to Highway Superintendent Ayers to take the one ton truck and 10-Wheeler to the next auction. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **028-2009**

e. Gorham Oil property – Park Project Resolution – The Park Project Committee met recently and will be drawing up plans to present to the Town Board in the near future. It is hoped that this project can be accomplished by Memorial Day of 2010.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Busch, a Park Project (Gorham Oil Property) is hereby established using the \$18,952 left over from previous recreation funds. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0) **029-2009**

f. Comprehensive Plan and Park Committee Updates – The Committee is a little behind due to illness and a car breakdown by various members of the committee. They will be meeting next week and will hopefully have enough information together to make a presentation to the Town Board in May. There is no date set for the public information meeting at this time.

g. Resolution examine Justices reports and check books. Reports and checkbooks of the Town Justices were examined by Town Board Members.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham met on April 8, 2009

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor made available the Judges balance sheets and checkbooks for the year 2008

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

RESOLVE that a copy of this resolution be sent to the NYS Office of Court Administration, Dennis W. Donnelly, CPA at 25 Beaver Street, New York, NY, 10004. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **030-2009**

8. Other

a. Supervisor Calabrese informed the Board that we have in the budget this year to buy a new car for the Assessor. We could probably buy a new car for \$13,000 to \$14,000. Right now we could buy a 2008 Malibu with about 25,000 miles on it for \$9,999. We need a car that can seat four, to be used for various training/meeting sessions, etc. as well as for the Assessor. He suggested that we get three price quotes by the next meeting.

Barb Christmas stated that she works for AutoSolutions and they have automobiles that may very well fit what the Town is looking for. She provided business cards with contact information.

On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, Supervisor Calabrese is authorized to purchase a 2007 or newer four door sedan with less than 27,000 on the odometer, not to exceed \$10,000. This vehicle is to replace the Assessor vehicle which is a 2002 Chevy Cavalier with 66,000 miles. Supervisor to comply with the Town of Gorham purchasing policy. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **031-2009**

b. Councilmember Glitch questioned the Property Maintenance regulations with regard to Pease Implements on Route 245. Suggested that maybe we should send them a letter encouraging them to clean up the property and maybe put a coat of paint on the building. The letter could be signed by the entire Town Board. A letter will be drafted for Board approval.

9. Privilege of the Floor: None requested

10. Set next meeting date: May 13, 2009 at 7:30 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hollenbeck
Town Clerk