

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
APRIL 11, 2007**

The Gorham Town Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, Gorham, NY. Present were Supervisor Calabrese, Councilmembers Lightfoote, Glitch, Busch and Adam-Anderson, Code Enforcement Officer Freida, Assessor Davey, Acting Chief Water/Waste Water Erb and Town Clerk Hollenbeck.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:
2. Privilege of the floor: George Barden, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Inspector, presented the Annual Report on Violations of the Watershed Rules and Regulations dated January 10, 2007. Number of inspections during the year 2006 was 448; eleven violations were found, and notices served; eight were corrected, the others are in the process. The waters of Canandaigua Lake are of high quality. However, several environmental concerns pose long term threats to the lake if left unchecked. Recent well/ground water tests have indicated contamination of not only bacteria, but nutrients and toxins. Continuance of this inspection program will help to decrease the levels of pollutants from entering the lake so as to maintain its current high quality. The full narrative report is on file.

The Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission has updated their rules and regulations and it is anticipated that they will become effective and implemented within the next few months. The Commission is presently discussing a public relations plan to present the update to the various lake organizations and municipalities. Mr. Barden will continue to work with the Commission on this plan to ensure a smooth transition in the implementation of these regulations.

3. Approval of minutes of the 3/14/07 and 3/28/07. On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the minutes were approved. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0) **043-2007**

4. Reports of Town Officials

- a. Water/Waste Water Plants - Written report is on file. Mr. Erb stated that he would like to replace Pete's pick-up truck which is a 2003 Chevy with 62,284 miles and has had repairs recently. There is one on State Bid for \$11,991. He would like to add power windows at \$700. They often need to open the windows to talk to residents, etc. There is also a \$160 mandatory delivery charge. This is for a 2007 Ford F150.

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, authorization is granted to order the 2007 Ford F150 as per the specs outlined by Mr. Erb at a cost of \$12,898.30. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **044-2007**

Mr. Erb also stated that we received four bids on the 1993 Dump Truck, they were opened April 10th. The bids were as follows: \$2,000; \$3787; \$3850 and the high bid of \$4502. When we purchased this vehicle in 1993 we paid \$12,000.

On the motion by Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, the bid by David Hartwig of \$4502 for the 1993 Dump Truck is accepted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **045-2007**

The UV system should be completed by Friday, we had a couple of problems with valves, but they have been readjusted and we anticipate everything to be operational soon.

b. Highway Superintendent - Written report is on file. Mr. Ayers presented purchase proposal for a 2007 Ford 4x4 Regular Cab F-250 to replace his 2003 Ford F-250 which has 89,125 miles. Total State Bid price is \$25,643.25. We paid \$24,000 for the last truck in 2003. We are on schedule with vehicle replacement and this is included in the budget.

Councilmember Glitch moved to authorize Mr. Ayers to order the new 2007 Ford F-250 per specs at a cost of \$25,642.25. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **046-2007**

Mr. Ayers informed the Board that he is still working on investigating fire security systems and will bring information to the Board in the near future.

Mr. Ayers also stated that he is trying to clean out the salt shed so it can be cleaned and recoated this summer. He is keeping the salt balance as low as possible.

c. Zoning – Written report is on file. Mr. Freida also has a quote for a new truck to replace his 2000 Ford Ranger that has 54,330 miles and has been in for repairs recently. His quote is for a 2007 Ford Ranger XL, Super Cab, 4x4 with an optional bed liner at a cost of \$14,626. Councilmember Lightfoote asked if he shouldn't have four wheel drive. Mr. Freida stated that this vehicle does have four wheel drive and should be much better than the present truck.

Councilmember Lightfoote moved to authorize purchase of a 2007 Ford Ranger for the Building Department per specs indicated this evening. Councilmember Adam-Anderson seconded the motion that carried unanimously. (5-0). **047-2007**

Mr. Freida stated that another government agency may be interested in purchasing the 2000 Ford Ranger. All agreed that that would be an appropriate sale.

d. Assessor – Written report is on file. Mr. Davey stated that things are going well in the Assessor's office. He briefly talked about the proposed new Star Rebate. This will be more complex and income related. NYS Department of Taxation and Finance will be handling this, but we are bound to get numerous questions. It is anticipated to begin this summer with notices being sent to property owners which will include instructions on how to apply. On line application will be highly encouraged. This will be a problem for those who do not use computers. We have had thoughts about the possibility of directing people to the libraries where computers are available for public use.

- 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) **048-2007**

5. Communications: correspondence is on file. Debbie North has sent information regarding wind mills/wind farms and alternative energy sources. All information is in a file. This information is available by request.

6. Audit of Bills:

Abstract #4 A	114-144	\$18,906.71
B	114-143	5,730.10
SL	115	486.13
DB	59-81	27,081.37
SW1	48-72	11,188.49
SS	15-20	1,491.48
HM	27/30	3,429.00
HN	32	5,175.03
HD	31	3,175.00
HV	28-36	18,741.75

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the bills were audited and approved for payment. Motion carried. Councilmember Adam-Anderson abstained from voting on General voucher #28 for brick work performed by her husband. (5-0). **049-2007**

7. Business:

a. Town Hall

1. Office for Town Historian – When the new addition was built, we had talked about the possibility of providing space for the Town Historian. It appears that we do have a small office that is vacant and could be used for this purpose until such time that the space is needed for other Town functions. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the space be offered for use by the Town Historian as an office with limited storage space until such time that the Town may need that space.

2. Use of Basement – Supervisor Calabrese has been working on an agreement to be used for outside groups to use the basement of the old portion of the building. This could only be used by small groups and must be reserved by a Town of Gorham resident. This space is not handicapped accessible. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to approve the Town of Gorham Meeting Room use policy. A few tasks need to be completed before the

space can be available. The door into the Court area needs to have a lock installed so entrance cannot be gained from the basement, and we need to be sure that the utility room is secured. The Town Clerk will be responsible for requests to use the area.

On the motion by Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson approval was granted to utilize the basement area for outside groups for one year. At that time we will revisit the situation to see how it is working. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **050-2007**

b. Conservation Board Local Law – Supervisor Calabrese included in the packets information regarding recommendations for the duties and scope of the Conservation Board. This will need to be reviewed by the Planning Board and then forwarded to the Attorney so that it can be put into local law form.

c. Designate Soil & Water to be Lead Agency for Canandaigua Lake Watershed Rules and Regs.

On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation is designated to be Lead Agency for the “Rules and Regulations” for the Canandaigua Lake Watershed that were started ten years ago. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **051-2007**

d. Wind Energy update – Supervisor Calabrese prepared a list of the items that were brought up at a previous meeting regarding wind farms and wind generators in agricultural districts. These items were briefly reviewed and discussed. A copy of the Local Law from the Town of Canadice was also provided for review. This information will be forwarded to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation.

e. Pick up trucks – Building Department, Highway Department and Water Department – addressed under Reports of Town Officials

f. Approve Mowing Contract - We have contracted for some years with Three Seasons for mowing of the abandoned cemeteries (6 of them) and Heritage Park. The business has changed to Bay Landscape, run by Matthew Bay. The 2007 contract for property maintenance is \$350 per visit to the cemeteries and \$98 per visit to the Park. This is the same price as the last two year.

On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Glitch the Mowing contract with Bay Landscape for 2007 is approved. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **052-2007**

8. Other:

a. Resolution to establish Capital Project for Crystal Beach Drainage and Road Improvement Project. On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, a Capital Project for the Crystal Beach Drainage and Road Improvement Project is approved. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **053-2007**

b. Dump Truck – award sale to highest bidder. Addressed under Reports of Town Officials.

c. Landscape work at Town Hall – An estimate from Kyle Green to provide landscape plantings in three areas around the Town Hall was reviewed. Total cost if \$1,120.

On the motion by Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson the estimate by Kyle Green to provide landscape plantings around the Town Hall was approved. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0).

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9. Set next meeting date: May 9th, 2007 at 7:30 PM

10. Privilege of the Floor: Debbie North thanked the Board for listening to her opinions and thoughts regarding wind turbines and their possible impact. She also told the Board about a recent meeting she attended in Cohocton regarding windmills. There was a police presence in attendance, discussions were extremely heated, this is a topic that is pulling a small community apart. The division in the community, between families and friends and neighbors is heartbreaking.

11. Adjournment: On the motion of Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hollenbeck
Town Clerk