

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
May 13, 2009**

The Gorham Town Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, Gorham, NY. Present were Supervisor Calabrese, Councilmembers Lightfoote and Glitch; Councilmembers Busch and Adam-Anderson were necessarily absent; Assessor Davey, Code Enforcement Officer Freida, Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants Erb, Highway Superintendent Ayers, Don and Barb Christmas, Steve Mumby, Michele Cutri-Bynoe, and Town Clerk Hollenbeck.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:

2. Privilege of the floor:

a. Steve Mumby, as a representative of the Town of Gorham Historical Society he expressed the society's gratitude to the Town Board for the funds that were earmarked several years ago to restoration of the small cemeteries in the Town of Gorham, everything except the main Gorham and Reeds Corners cemeteries. We are finishing up this year, work on the Washburn Cemetery on County Road 1 and Conklin Road. Hopefully that will be done in a couple of weeks. We do appreciate your financial support there. We are also pleased with the yearly contribution that the Town Board has given to our operating fund which we share with our new Town Historian, George Henry. Both George and the Historical Society have really strived to keep each other in the loop as to what we are doing. Speaking for my wife and I, we are very pleased with the continued operation of the transfer station, both the service that Roger does, but also the cost, the yearly fee as opposed to messing around with purchasing coupons or paying by the weight. We are very appreciative of that. Even if Kelly was not here tonight I would have talked about how pleased we have been with the Highway Department crews, primarily with snow removal, but we are also pleased with the tree planting initiative. We are grateful for the Crimson King that graces our side yard and yes, I am watering it religiously.

On August 23rd we will have a dedication of the Plane Spotter Building, aerial observation post behind the library. Sheriff Povero and Dick will be speaking. It is going to be in honor of both military and people on the home front's sacrifice during WWII. We are striving to make the interior of the aerial observation post as close to what it was in 1944 as possible. It is a labor of love for me. I think that my father, Bob Mumby, is the last surviving person to work in the plane spotter building now that Bill Bigham passed away last October. We are hoping that this will be something worth people's time and interest.

b. Barb Christmas asked if the Town Board was aware of the intentions of Pelican Point. Supervisor Calabrese stated that it is for sale, they are taking bids on it. No plans have been brought to the Town's attention. We have

regulations and they will need to comply. Part of the property is Agriculture Residential, the rest is Commercial. Agendas and minutes for the Planning Board can be found on line at the Town Website.

Mrs. Christmas and her husband thanked the Town for the tree planting.

3. Approval of minutes of the April 8, 2009 meeting. On the motion by Councilmember Glitch seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0) **032-2009**

4. Reports of Town Officials

a. Water/WasteWater Plants - Written report is on file. Mr. Erb added that he would like permission to update the electric at the water plant. It is not anticipated that this will be done before this fall, but we would like to be ready. We have an estimate for the project from B&E Electric to upgrade the motor control center which includes new motor starters with aux contacts, hard wiring installation and soft starts to upgrade existing system and replace transformer, in the amount of \$8,600. Funds have been set aside for this project. Rick explained the electrical situation at the plant.

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, approval is granted for Capital Project Electric Work at Water Plant in the amount of \$8,600. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Glitch. Carried unanimously (3-0). **033-2009**

b. Highway Superintendent - Written report is on file. Mr. Ayers stated that we had a bid opening on Monday for the Leaf Vac. There were two bids: Snowfighting Equipment Co. in the amount of \$19,999.43 (bid did not meet specifications); and ODB Municipal Products, \$21,163 (bid met specs). Mr. Ayers recommended accepting the bid from ODB.

On the motion by Supervisor Calabrese, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the bid from ODB for the leaf vac is accepted in the amount of \$21,163. Motion carried unanimously (3-0). **034-2009**

Bid opening for the mowing tractor was also on Monday. Two bids were received; Lakeland in the amount of \$56,445 with the trade in of our old mowing tractor; Monroe Tractor bid \$57,857 with a trade. Lakeland was low bidder.

Councilmember Glitch moved to accept the bid of Lakeland for the mowing tractor in the amount of \$56,445. Councilmember Lightfoote seconded the motion that carried unanimously. (3-0). **035-2009**

Mr. Ayers informed the Board that we had two trucks at the auction on May 9th; the F550 brought \$10,500 and the Volvo 1997 10-wheel brought \$18,000.

c. Zoning – Written report is on file.

d. Assessor – Written report is on file. Mr. Davey had little to add to his written report. He has been holding open book hours and has had appointments with residents with regard to assessments. There has not been much activity.

The new car is very nice and he thanked the Board for letting him assist in the purchase. He thought we got a very good deal.

e. Town Clerk – written report on file. Supervisor Calabrese stated that Transfer Station permit fees have not been raised in five years. A \$10 increase to \$70 per year is justified to make sure 50% of the Transfer Station cost is collected in fees. At \$60 per year we are low. Also talked about the possibility of increasing the fee for truck loads of construction debris. Right now, the fee is \$15 and \$25 depending on the size of the load. Supervisor Calabrese suggested that Mr. Ayers, Mr. Carroll and Mrs. Hollenbeck research the tonnage costs and get back to the Board with a recommendation.

f. Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the reports of Town Officials were approved. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0) **036-2009**

5. Communications – on file

6. Audit of Bills:

Abstract #4 A	118-160	\$29,660.58
B	120-149	2,310.39
SL	153/154	592.91
DB	76-99	47,987.09
SW1	69-89	9,676.77
SS	29-39	5,217.21
HN	26	5,971.95
HO	23,29	3,471.00
HF	25,28	29,537.50

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the bills were approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0). **037-2009**

7. Business:

a. Contract - Crystal Beach Project/Clark Patterson Lee; Proposal for engineering services for the reconstruction of Lake Drive as well as preparation of contract documents.

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Glitch the proposal for engineering services by Clark Patterson Lee, for the reconstruction of Lake Drive was approved in the amount of \$79,869. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0) **038-2009**

b. Contract – Traffic study/Clark Patterson Lee: This is a proposal for engineering services for the completion of a Highway Safety Survey for Town roads in Gorham, approximately 70 miles of road to be surveyed.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the proposal for Engineering Services for Highway Safety Survey from Clark Patterson Lee not to exceed \$13,310 is approved. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0). **039-2009**

c. Snow plow purchase – stimulus aid resolution. The EPA is sponsoring through its Recovery Act funding, a National Clean Diesel program to provide up to 25% funding if diesel trucks are replaced and the old engines retired(made unusable). We are due to replace a 1999 Mack, we have plowed with it for ten years. The condition of the stimulus aid is that up to 25% of the cost of a new truck with new diesel technology will be provided as long as the truck that is being replaced is made unusable. If we get approved for this we have to order the new truck this year, but won't get it until 2010 and will get reimbursement after that. Boardmembers discussed this. Financially, it is good opportunity. They were not so sure about destroying the old truck.

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Lightfoote moved to approve the following resolution. Supervisor Calabrese seconded the motion that carried unanimously. (3-0). **040-2009**

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PROGRAM TO REDUCE DIESEL FUEL EMISSIONS BY REPLACING TRUCK FLEET WITH NEW DIESEL TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has an ongoing program to reduce diesel emissions by supporting efforts to upgrade engines, improve exhausts, introduce idling reduction techniques and replace vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the EPA is sponsoring through its Recovery Act Funding, a National Clean Diesel program to provide up to 25% funding if diesel trucks are replaced and the old engines retired; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THE Town of Gorham authorizes the Highway Superintendent to make application for this program by proposing to move up the replacement of

a 1999 10-wheel diesel dump truck scheduled for 2010 into the 2009 calendar year so to make application in this National clean Diesel program; and further

RESOLVED, if application is approved for funding, the Highway Superintendent will bring back to the Town Board such grant information for final approval before proceeding with the actual bidding of the new truck; and further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Gorham Supervisor be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

d. Comprehensive Plan/Park Update: on May 27th we will have a workshop meeting with Tom Harvey, Mr. Corby and any members of Comprehensive Plan update Committee who are available. The meeting will be at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Calabrese informed the Board that plans for the proposed park are coming along. It is hoped drawings will be available in the very near future.

e. Bank Collateral Audit – We have completed the collateral audit and some changes have been made in collateral allowed such as eliminating Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae and “the pool”. This was enlightening. Thank you to Barb and the auditor for working to ensure the security of our funds.

f. Resolution re: Townline Road – Gorham/Middlesex. Townline Road is split in the middle between Gorham and Middlesex. The Highway Superintendents recommend Gorham be in charge of maintenance from Rushville to Route 364 and Middlesex from Route 364 to County Road 11.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote approval is granted to change the maintenance area on Townline Road as recommended by the Town of Gorham Highway Superintendent and Middlesex Highway Superintendent.. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0). **041-2009**

g. Sewer and Water 2/3 loan pay off: As stated in the Supervisor’s report our loan payment is due June 30th. We believe we will have sufficient cash flow to pay the loan off this year, two years early and save \$1,900. For the June meeting we will have a preliminary Sewer Budget to verify the cash flow. Water District Extensions 2 and 3 will also be paid off, but they will still be taxed and the payments and interest will be paid to the Water District.

h. Budget 2010 and 2011 - We have started working on the 2010 and 2011 budgets. At the June meeting Supervisor Calabrese will have a recommendation for wages. We are looking at a flat budget which is NO increase from the total 2009 budget. Our revenues look like they may be flat or a little less. The sales tax revenue is down 4 ½% from a year ago; Mortgage tax was up

44% over a year ago. Either things are selling well or a lot of people are refinancing. Most likely the latter. Most towns saw a decrease in mortgage tax. Overall, Ontario County is doing well.

i. Real Property Sales Report – will be discussed at the next meeting.

j. Ford Garage Parking Lot – Supervisor Calabrese is working diligently with DEC to get the Ford Garage Parking Lot contamination project completed. We would like to get that paved soon. They want to do more testing. They have been working on this for about eight years.

8. Other

a. Assessor car – addressed under Assessor Report.

b. Transfer Station permit fee – discussed under Town Clerk report. No action taken.

c. Tree Planting – we have had numerous compliments with the tree planting project. The staff did a great job.

d. Paving at Highway Garage – Mr. Ayers explained the estimates for the paving projects at the Highway Garage and the Transfer Station area. We budgeted \$50,000 for this project three years ago.

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, a Capital Project to Black Top Highway Garage and Transfer Station not to exceed \$50,000 is approved to be established. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0).

042-2009

9. Privilege of the Floor: None requested

10. Set next meeting date: May 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM (workshop meeting to discuss Comprehensive Plan update)

11. Adjournment: On the motion by Supervisor Calabrese, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hollenbeck
Town Clerk