

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
MAY 14, 2008**

The Gorham Town Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, Gorham, NY. Present were Supervisor Calabrese, Councilmembers Lightfoote, Busch, Glitch and Adam-Anderson, Code Enforcement Officer Freida, Assessor Davey, Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Departments Erb, Michele Cutri-Bynoe and Town Clerk Hollenbeck.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:
2. Privilege of the floor:
3. Approval of minutes of the April 9, 2008 meeting. On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson seconded by Councilmember Busch, the minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0) **048-2008**

4. Reports of Town Officials

a. Water/WasteWater Plants - Written report is on file. The Water Department staff are to be commended for the recent inspection by NYSDOH. Great job! The new pick up truck should be here any time.

Mr. Erb informed the Board that one employee is planning to retire either in September or January and he would like to begin the process of looking for a new employee. We must notify Civil Service that we expect a vacancy and obtain any applications that are on file and review them. This process takes time. After a brief discussion, all agreed to start the process as appropriate. The Town Board will be kept informed regarding any confirmed retirement date and progress regarding the replacement process.

b. Highway Superintendent - Written report is on file. Supervisor Calabrese informed the Board that next month we will need to do a Budget Amendment and appropriate transfers to cover salt and sand usage. Due to rising costs, heavy ice this winter, etc. we have realized an \$11,000 shortfall.

c. Zoning – Written report is on file.

d. Assessor – Written report is on file.

e. Town Clerk – written report on file. Mrs. Hollenbeck informed the Board that NYS Ag and Mkts now allows multi year dog licensing (1-3 years). This is something that can be offered to dog owners. Some will prefer annual licensing, others will be glad to renew a license for two or three years. There are no refunds if the dog should die or run away, etc. To offer this option to our residents, a resolution from the Town Board authorizing multi year licensing is required to be approved and forwarded to NYS Ag and Mkts. The Town Clerk software package is already capable of handling this change. Two other Towns in Ontario County (Farmington and Naples) offer this. Mrs. Hollenbeck recommended that the Town authorize this option to our residents.

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, the following resolution authorizing issuance of multi-year dog licenses was adopted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **049-2008**

WHEREAS, the State of New York has amended Section 110 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, effective January 15, 2006, to allow the issuance of multiple year dog licenses for up to three (3) years with the required rabies vaccination certification; and

WHEREAS, the authority to issue multiple year licenses is at the option of the issuing municipality; and

WHEREAS, it will be in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Gorham to be able to purchase dog licenses for multiple years, up to three (3) years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Gorham is hereby authorized to issue multiple year licenses for up to three (3) years on such terms and conditions as are set forth in Section 110 of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York, effective August 1, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

f. Supervisor – written report on file. Report was briefly discussed as was the proposed increase of 1/8 % sales tax to cover the FLCC expansion.

On the motion by Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the reports of Town Officials were approved. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0) **050-2008**

5. Communications – on file

6. Audit of Bills:

Abstract #5 A	146-182	\$16,221.04
B	147-183	2,565.16
SL	164	734.85
DB	88-109	96,417.11
SW1	88-108	14,849.41
SS	19-26	1,766.10
HC	9	600.00
HN	10	250.00
HI	11	1,668.20

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the bills were audited and approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.(5-0). **051-2008**

7. Business:

a. Comprehensive Plan Update – Consultant Selection – Councilmember Adam-Anderson informed the Board that the Committee viewed presentations by both Clark Patterson Associates and Stuart Brown Associates and reviewed their proposals and time and cost estimates. Both proposals were very good and prices were similar. Clark Patterson was contacted a second time to clarify certain tasks. The Committee felt comfortable recommending Clark Patterson for this project. We felt that they would be better facilitators.

On the motion by Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the Board approved hiring Clark Patterson Lee as the consulting firm to work on the Comprehensive Plan Update. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0).

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b. Court Security Report – Supervisor Calabrese stated that the report in your packets is for your information. There are items in this report that are not relevant to our court room situation and there are items that can be easily complied with at little or no cost. Supervisor Calabrese will be meeting with the Court staff regarding this report and will report back to the Board.

c. Pelican Point – Litigation update. The Appellate Court made a decision in our favor. We need to wait 30 days from the date of filing to see if they appeal. It is highly unlikely they will appeal since the decision was unanimous.

8. Other:

a. Resolution to acquire Gorham Oil Property – We are waiting for the report from NYSDEC. The remediation has been completed and we have a verbal confirmation. Once we receive the written report we can get started on the legal work done to obtain the deed for this property. What we need tonight is just a simple resolution to go ahead with the paperwork necessary to acquire the property. After we receive the deed and are the owners of the property we will talk about what to do with the area.

On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, a resolution was adopted to move forward with the required legal requirements to obtain the Gorham Oil Property. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0).

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b. Cemetery – vault repair. The vault under the Pioneer Cemetery that is used for the Gorham Cemetery is in need of repair. There is serious crumbling inside. We have obtained two quotes, but need to refine the specifications and scope of work. Iversen's and Fladd Stone both provided estimates. We are probably looking at between \$10,000 and \$12,000 for this repair project. This will be brought back to the Board for review and approval at a later date. Supervisor

Calabrese did a little research and learned that a law was passed two years ago that a cemetery must provide burial year round if the family wishes it.

c. Councilmember Lightfoote stated that the Conservation Board has sent out a newsletter. If anyone receives calls regarding the newsletter, conservation options, easements, etc., probably the best thing to do would be to refer the caller to the Chairman, Gene Hermet or other members of the Conservation Board for further information.

9. Privilege of the Floor: None requested.

10. Adjournment: On the motion of Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hollenbeck
Town Clerk