

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
JUNE 11, 2008**

The Gorham Town Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, Gorham, NY. Present were Supervisor Calabrese, Councilmembers Lightfoote, Busch and Adam-Anderson, Assessor Davey, Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Departments Erb, Highway Superintendent Ayers, 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 May 14, 2008 meeting. On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

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4. Reports of Town Officials

a. Water/WasteWater Plants - Written report is on file. Mr. Erb informed the Board that they will be needing a computer and internet access from the Water Plant in the near future. This has been mentioned in the past. Some of the reporting requirements will be required to be done on line. It would be much more efficient if they were done from the Water Plant rather than having to go to the Town Hall and having Barb do it on her computer.

b. Highway Superintendent - Written report is on file. Mr. Ayers informed the Board that there was a bid opening today for a dump truck, plow and sander. Two bids were received: Farnsworth - \$55,398 and Conway GMC - \$72,466. Mr. Ayers explained the equipment and bids and recommended that the bid be awarded to Farnsworth Chevrolet in the amount of \$55,398.

Councilmember Lightfoote made a resolution to accept the low bid from Farnsworth Chevrolet in the amount of \$55,398 for dump truck, plow and sander. Resolution was seconded by Councilmember Busch, carried unanimously. (4-0).

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Councilmember Adam-Anderson offered a resolution to authorize transfer of \$100,000 from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to Highway Fund for purchase of two dump trucks with snow plows, total purchase of \$220,475.07 for the Town of Gorham Highway Department; subject to a permissive referendum. Resolution was seconded by Councilmember Busch, unanimously approved. (4-0)

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c. Zoning – Written report is on file. Mr. Freida was excused this evening.

d. Assessor – Written report is on file. Mr. Davey had nothing to add to his written report. The BAR is meeting downstairs finishing their deliberations from Grievance Day. We did maintain a 100% equalization rate for last year. It appears that we will be holding at that rate.

e. Town Clerk – written report on file.

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 Adam-Anderson, the reports of Town Officials were approved. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0) **055-2008**

5. Communications – on file

6. Audit of Bills:

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| Abstract #6 A | 184-212 | \$23,609.26 |
| B | 184-210 | 1,288.80 |
| SL | 196 | 724.24 |
| DB | 110-133 | 77,935.46 |
| SW1 | 109-129 | 24,227.37 |
| SW2 | 117 | 2,931.36 |
| SW3 | 117 | 638.28 |
| SW6 | 111 | 1,530.00 |
| SS | 27-34 | 22,782.75 |
| HN | 12 | 3,354.31 |

On the motion by Councilmember Busch seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, the bills were audited and approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). **056-2008**

7. Business:

a. Design and Construction Standards for Land Development - this document has been updated by Sniedze Associates and has been reviewed and approved by Tom Harvey, Gordon Freida, Rick Erb, and Kelly Ayers. This Board needs to adopt this document. After a brief discussion, all agreed to hold this over until the next meeting to give everyone a chance to review the document and the changes that were made.

b. Budget 2009 – Supervisor Calabrese stated that in the past we have used the average of the consumer price index from July to June to determine wage increases for the budget. It appears that the average is 3.5%, however due to the increases in gas and food, he is suggesting an increase of an additional 1/2% to a

4% wage increase for 2009. The rest of the budget should be limited to a 3% increase except for Highway which will need a larger increase due to fuel costs. Budget process was briefly discussed.

c. Budget Transfers: On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, the following budget transfers were approved: \$3,187.99 from A599 to A1620.4 Buildings (State grant for court furniture); \$92.00 from A1990.4 to A3510.4 Dog Control. (to meet annual charge) and \$50,000 from DB599 to DB5142.4 Snow Removal (to cover high fuel, salt and sand costs). Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). **057-2008**

8. Other:

a. A resident on Tileyard Road has called to complain about the speed limit, sight distance, blind drives, safety of children, etc. Kelly, Dick and Gordy have all talked to her. She requested that "children at play" signs be posted. Mr. Ayers stated that if that type of sign is installed, the Town automatically becomes liable for children playing in the road. Children should not be playing in or near any roads or road right of ways. NYSDOT governs speed limits on all roads. We can ask them to do a study to see if a reduced speed limit is warranted. In Gorham, the speed limit is 55 mph unless otherwise posted on all roads. Over the next few years we will be going over our signs and updating where necessary with newer signs with proper reflective materials.

It was suggested that it might be a good idea to have a safety study done throughout the Town on all roads to be sure signage, guard rails and speed limits, etc. are appropriate.

b. Monday, June 16th, will be the kick off of the Comprehensive Plan Update with a meeting with the Planning Board.

c. Disposal of compact fluorescent light bulbs was briefly discussed. At this time we do not have any special receptacles for the bulbs and are not aware if there are any special procedures at the land fill.

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 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hollenbeck
Town Clerk