

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
October 8, 2008**

The Gorham Town Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, Gorham, NY. Present were Supervisor Calabrese, Councilmembers Lightfoote, Busch, Glitch and Adam-Anderson, , Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Departments Erb, Highway Superintendent Ayers, Assessor Davey, Code Enforcement Officer Freida, Ken and Sheila Lord, Barb and Don Christmas, Neil Pitts, Berry Hayes, Eric Leonard, Michele Cutri-Bynoe and Town Clerk Hollenbeck.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:
2. Public Hearing – 2009 Budget. The legal notice as it appeared in the official newspaper of the Town was read. The public hearing opened. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed.
3. Privilege of the floor:
 - a. Sheila and Ken Lord were present and informed the Board of their displeasure with the clean up of the property across the street from their house on County Road #17 as well as other properties on the road. This has been an on going issue for years. Pictures of the property were provided to Board members for their review.

Supervisor Calabrese stated that the fence that has been started needs to be completed. We will see what we can do to get that accomplished. These issues take time, but we will continue to work on them.

Mr. Freida stated that he has spoken to Mr. Rohring and he has cleaned up a lot of the junk and is working on installing a fence so that it will look better. Letters have gone out to other property owners on the road with a time frame to clean up. We will continue to work on these.
 - b. Barb and Don Christmas, owners of property Twitchell Road, asked if municipal water would be brought to their home . Supervisor Calabrese stated that water will not be brought to the Twitchell Road area. Due to elevations, it is cost prohibitive to put municipal water in that area.
4. Approval of minutes of the September 3rd and 10th, 2008 meetings. On the motion by Councilmember Glitch seconded by Councilmember Busch, the minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0) **089-2008**
5. Reports of Town Officials
 - a. Water/WasteWater Plants - Written report is on file. Mr. Erb stated that work has begun on the new telemetry system.

b. Highway Superintendent - Written report is on file. Mr. Ayers stated that they have started work on the Crystal Beach Project. They are working on Bachelor Row, drainage, gutters, road base, etc. Also working on Clark Road.

c. Zoning – Written report is on file.

d. Assessor – Written report is on file. Mr. Davey stated that the small claims for assessments have been completed. There were eight claims, one was changed by stipulation, and one changed by small claim decision. The other six, the assessment as stated by the Assessor was upheld. This will be discussed further at a future meeting. Mr. Davey informed the Board that the Town has received an Excellence in Equity Award for the recent assessment update. Not all municipalities received this award.

e. Town Clerk – written report on file. I'm back!! Mrs. Hollenbeck highly commended Mrs. Trautman and Mrs. Tomion for all of their hard work covering for her while she was out recuperating. They both did an outstanding job. Thank you both so much for all your help! Thank you also to Gordy, Sue, Dirk and Dick for all of their assistance.

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) **090-2008**

6. Communications – on file

7. Audit of Bills:

Abstract #10 A	336-370	\$15,831.37
B	336-359	2,213.77
SL	360	748.34
DB	182-197	86,814.42
SW1	199-221	18,869.15
SS	58-66	1,775.90
HD	22,24,25	5,619.70
HM	20,23	16,254.89

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch seconded by Councilmember Busch, the bills were audited and approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **091-2008**

8. Business:

a. Budget 2009 – Adopt. Supervisor Calabrese stated that a recent letter to the editor criticized the proposed 4% pay increase for town employees as well as discussion regarding a proposed longevity increase. The pay increase is very comparable with surrounding municipalities. The Town's staff are a very

loyal, dedicated work force. The Highway Department reduced its workforce by one full time position some time ago and are continuing to provide excellent service to the Town. All Town staff have stepped up as well and perform additional tasks as needed, do a great job and are well deserving .

here were no further comments or discussion regarding the proposed 2009 budget. On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, the 2009 Town of Gorham Budget was adopted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **092-2008**

b. Hopewell Water Contract. The contract is being rewritten, it will be a two year contract with a ten cent per 1,000 gallons per year increase. Board members agreed to continue with the process. When the contract is prepared, it will be brought before the Gorham Town Board and the Hopewell Town Board for approval.

c. Painting Bridges – Moody Hiking Trail: Estimates were received to prime and paint the three bridges: R. Kindelberger - \$2500 - \$2800 plus materials and J. Russell - \$1800 including materials, two coats on all.

On the motion by Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, Jeff Russell will be retained to prime and paint the bridges on the Moody Trail per his estimate of \$1800. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0).

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d. East Lake View Estates (progress report) Supervisor Calabrese recently met with Mr. Freida, Mr. Laviano, Tom Corrigan and Bob Raeman regarding issues of a swale at East Lake View Estates. This issue is a work in progress. We are waiting for a report from the engineer and will continue to move ahead with this problem.

Neil Pitts of Angela Way thanked the Town for their involvement in this issue.

9. Other:

a. Resolution to pay \$100,000 to Ontario County to pay down Gorham residents share of Ontario County Tax.

On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the Board approved payment to Ontario County of \$100,000 to be applied to the Town of Gorham resident's share of the Ontario County Tax. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **094-2008**

b. Conservation Board appointments. Appointments for members John Frank and John Foust are due to expire December 31, 2008. Supervisor Calabrese has spoken to both Mr. Frank and Mr. Foust and they have indicated that they would like to be reappointed to another term. If everyone agrees, these appointments will be made at the Organizational Meeting in January.

c. Slate Hill Contractors (Moody Hiking Trail) final payment on contract. On the motion by Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, authorization is granted to pay Slate Hill Contractors \$6140.97 which is the 5% retainer of the original contract and \$1740.00 which represents the change order that includes the work on the banks that was necessary. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **095-2008**

10. Privilege of the Floor:

11. Adjournment: On the motion of Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hollenbeck
Town Clerk