

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
NOVEMBER 14, 2007**

The Gorham Town Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, Gorham, NY. Present were Supervisor Calabrese, Councilmembers Glitch, Lightfoote and Adam-Anderson, Code Enforcement Officer Freida, Acting Chief Water/Wastewater Erb, Assessor Davey, Highway Superintendent Ayers, Bookkeeper Trautman, 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 10/10 and 10/24/07 meetings. On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the minutes were approved. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0) **130-2007**

4. Reports of Town Officials
 - a. Water/Waste Water Plants - Written report is on file.
 - b. Highway Superintendent - Written report is on file.
 - c. Zoning – Written report is on file.
 - d. Assessor – Written report is on file.
 - e. Town Clerk – written report on file.
 - f. Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, the reports of Town Officials were approved. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0) **131-2007**

5. Communications: correspondence is on file.

6. Audit of Bills:

Abstract #4 A	397-444	\$154,280.29
B	397-439	7,301.23
SL	420	618.00
DB	207-233	77,160.56
SW1	215-239	35,239.08
SS	65-71	5,038.30
HC	63	6,182.40
HD	64	8,082.80
HN	62	7,350.51

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, the bills were audited and approved for payment. Motion carried. (4-0).
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7. Business:

a. County Snow Removal Contract – On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, authorization is granted for Supervisor Calabrese to sign the two year Ontario County Snow Removal Contract effective 10/10/07 through 9/30/09. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0).
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b. Outdoor furnace Local Law – Draft was reviewed. Page 3, section B. b. add animal waste as strictly prohibited as a fuel. Section D. b. page 3, end of first sentence to read:... within 250 feet of such Outdoor Wood Furnace then the owner of the new construction shall be advised during site plan review. This document will be forwarded to Jeff Graff for his review and hopefully be before this Board in December in Local Law form so that a public hearing can be set in January 2008.

c. Health Insurance update – Barb Trautman and Supervisor Calabrese have spent many hours researching Health Insurance to find the best option for the employees as well as the Town. They have met with representatives and have narrowed the options down to two choices for discussion, BC/BS Healthy Choice and United Health. Each would save the Town approximately \$30,000 annually. They are continuing to scrutinize the benefits of each plan to be sure they both meet the needs of our employees. Barb presented the information to Board members and answered many questions.

Currently the Town offers free single coverage to all employees and the Town pays 80% of family or 2 person coverage. They briefly discussed the possibility of every one having to pay a percentage. Investigation is still being done to be sure that both programs are accepted at hospitals, doctors, dentists within the area where our employees live. The United Health plan has an HSA (Health Savings Account) program. This is in place of a co pay. They have a yearly deductible. This program was explained and briefly discussed.

Everyone present contributed to the discussion regarding health insurance. No decisions or determinations were made. This will be discussed again at the December meeting. Everyone is encouraged to think about these options and do their own investigation and bring the information back to this Board.

d. Planning Board Appointment – Neil Atkins. On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, Neil

Atkins was appointed to a four year term as a member of the Town of Gorham Planning Board effective 1/1/08 through 12/31/11. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). **134-2007**

8. Other

a. Truck Bid – Eight bids were received for the 1996 Ranger XL with 48,676 miles. The bids were: \$766.00, \$1506.00, \$699.50, \$2,555.00, \$1,300.00, \$2,569.00, \$1,700.00 and \$950.00. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson to award the bid to Joseph Krossber in the amount of \$2,569.00. Motion carried. (3-0). Councilmember Glitch abstained from the vote because he bid on the vehicle. **135-2007**

b. Apply for grant – playground equipment- Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program, Marcus Whitman Central School District and Town of Gorham

The following resolution was made by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Glitch. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0).

Whereas the Gorham Town Board supports the application for a Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant being applied for jointly by the Marcus Whitman Central School District and the Town of Gorham for playground equipment, and

Further, that Richard Calabrese, Town Supervisor, is designated as the representative authorized to act on behalf of the Gorham Town Board in all matters related to this grant application. **136-2007**

c. Dog Control Agreement – 2008 – On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, authorization was granted to Supervisor Calabrese to sign the 2008 Dog Control Services Agreement. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). **137-2007**

d. Fee Schedule and Budget Transfers - Supervisor Calabrese stated that these two items will be on the agenda at the December meeting. The fee schedule for zoning needs amending. It is anticipated that we may need to double some of the fees. He will go over this with Gordy and Nancy. The two major fees we are talking about adding are for windmill farms and windmills, maybe \$2500 for the application for the windmill farm and \$250 per turbine. Also on subdivisions, right now the fee is \$50 per lot subdivided for a major subdivision. We should probably raise that to \$2500 for the application plus \$50

per lot. These fees are to cover the tasks accomplished by our staff. There is still a sentence in our fee schedule that the developer shall incur all costs associated with subdivisions such as legal, publication, engineering, etc. This will be discussed further in December.

Budget transfers, at the next meeting we will have many which is normal for December. Supervisor Calabrese may propose a couple of new reserves be established, one for water future capital projects.

9. Set next meeting date: December 12, 2007 at 7:30 PM.

10. Privilege of the Floor

11. Adjournment: On the motion of Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hollenbeck
Town Clerk