

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
GORHAM TOWN BOARD  
September 10, 2008**

The Gorham Town Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, Gorham, NY. Present were Supervisor Calabrese, Councilmembers Lightfoote, Busch, Glitch and Adam-Anderson, Highway Superintendent Ayers, Assessor Davey, Code Enforcement Officer Freida, Michele Cutri-Bynoe and Deputy Town Clerk Tomion.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:
2. Privilege of the floor: None requested
3. Approval of minutes of the August 13, 2008 meeting. On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

**081-2008**

4. Reports of Town Officials
  - a. Water/WasteWater Plants - Written report is on file. Mr. Erb was excused from this meeting.
  - b. Highway Superintendent - Written report is on file. Mr. Ayers stated that last month we talked about ordering a recycle bin for the Transfer Station. He got a quote for the power coated bin and it was a lot more than he thought it would be, \$2650 in addition to the \$9421 for the bin. Agreed that it would not be worth it. Approval was granted last month to order the tub.

Talked about new stop signs. Some new ones have been installed, they are larger and have more reflectivity, they look good. Would like to have as many as possible replaced. Suggested that Mr. Ayers find out how many signs there are and we will discuss it again. If one accident is prevented by these new more visible signs, it is well worth the cost.
  - c. Zoning – Written report is on file. Mr. Freida stated that letters have gone out to most of the properties on County Road #17 with violations. The property with the main concern, in his opinion, has been cleaned up. That one is in compliance with the law and the Zoning Ordinance. Everyone else has been given letters with a response date, a time to clean the property up by or tickets will be issued. He is working on other properties in the town as well.

Regarding the property at Greenbriar Drive, we have had no response, but the scrap metal is being removed. The neighbors are very happy with what has been done.
  - d. Assessor – Written report is on file. As stated in his report, eight small claims assessment petitions were filed and Mr. Davey has been working to get appraisal comparables and developing presentations to support the 2008

assessments of those properties. Five hearings have been conducted to date, no decisions have been received.

Most arms length property transfers have come in with sale prices still above the present assessments.

e. Town Clerk – written report on file. Mrs. Hollenbeck was in to the office and prepared her report. She is on the mend and can't wait to get back !!!! (It's true, I'm ready to get back on my feet and get back to work. I broke my ankle in three places and dislocated it in August. It was put back together surgically with a plate and screws. Hoping to get the cast off October 2<sup>nd</sup> and be able to learn to walk again. This one footedness is getting very old!!!!)

f. Supervisor – written report on file

On the motion by Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the reports of Town Officials were approved. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0) **082-2008**

5. Communications – on file

6. Audit of Bills:

Abstract #9 A	303-335	\$57,613.27
B	303-334	1,676.10
SL	323	733.73
DB	170-181	21,988.25
SW1	184-198	10,657.14
SS	52-57	505.67
HD	17,19	7,840.00
HN	16,18	12,609.85

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the bills were audited and approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **083-2008**

7. Business:

a. Resolution for re-appointment to BAR: On the resolution by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Busch, Brenda Pease is hereby appointed to a four year term on the Board of Assessment Review. Resolution carried unanimously. (5-0). **084-2008**

b. Resolution to appoint Riley & Graff as legal council: Contract was briefly discussed. Resolution offered by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson to approve the contract to appoint Riley & Graff as legal council to the Town of Gorham. Resolution carried unanimously. (5-0). **085-2008**

c. Review project list –

The Gorham Oil Property was discussed. Mr. Ayers indicated that he would like to widen the driveway into the parking lot a little and get rid of the telephone pole and sign and wall so that we can narrow that up so that there is only one driveway into the parking lot. That will not hinder any of our future plans for that property. We would like to go ahead and get those things done. Snow removal in the business area was discussed. We need a place to put the snow and may need special equipment to do so. We did not acquire the property to put snow on. This will be taken into consideration when we develop a park in that area. All agreed to go ahead and remove the pole and widen the driveway.

Supervisor Calabrese stated that what he is proposing is to appoint a committee of citizens to come up with some ideas of how they want the park to look.

Mr. Ayers briefly commented on the Highway projects. Crystal Beach Project is in progress. Blacktop highway garage area – we should probably wait another year, the price has doubled from last year, hopefully the price will go down. Alarm (fire) for highway building – can't seem to get any response for quotes. Supervisor Calabrese said he would check into this. Goose Street, we cut that in half this year because of the prices, we did from Depew to Tileyard. We did Crowe Road, paved it. We have not started work on Clark or Conklin Roads yet. We will get started on Crystal Beach and get Bachelor Row done, drainage work, etc. We did oil and stoned Kearney Road, did not do Depew or Yautzy because of costs. We also did streets in the Hamlet. We are doing the best we can with the prices the way they are.

The new truck should be here in November.

Councilmember Adam-Anderson gave a report on the status of the Comprehensive Plan update. Five meetings have taken place so far, two advisory, two lakefront and one public outreach and had pretty good attendance. Brainstormed the Town's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities etc. Narrowed down to the top items; agriculture, rural characteristics of the town, good quality of life, knowledgeable committed municipal officials. Weaknesses are lack of retail, restaurants and programs to encourage small businesses, coupled with NYS high taxes which discourage businesses and young people are moving away; Hamlet and Crystal Beach are looking run down; lack of code enforcement, property maintenance issues; lack of public access to gullies and waterfalls. Would like to encourage more tourism in Gorham because we are close to many Finger Lakes region destinations, encourage more outdoor recreation; land preservation, capitalize on agricultural resources and preserve historic resources, manage growth, provide incentives for Empire Zones and provide equal classes K-12 in school. The last of the threats are the uncontrolled key hole development and traffic flows, the rising lakefront property costs, water quality, loss of

farmland. The next step is to form the questions for the survey. The steering committee will work on that. October 21<sup>st</sup> is the next meeting with the consultant.

Signs – New signage has been put on the Town Hall. Looks good!

Rushville hiking trail - still working on – need to put a coat of water sealant on the wood surfaces.

Flint Creek dredging – in the works, unsure when work will begin

Water and Sewer – will add the telemetry project to the list

8. Other:

a. Crystal Beach Project – need to pass the following resolution, the Town Board approving acceptance of the easements. Councilmember Adam-Anderson moved to adopt the following resolution. Councilmember Glitch seconded. Resolution passed unanimously. (5-0). **086-2008**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gorham, by its officers or representatives, has engaged in discussions with Dixie Price and Betty Allen, ("Owners") regarding the Town obtaining drainage easements over portions of their respective properties off of Bachelor Road, as shown on the maps to be filed with the two Easements; and

**WHEREAS**, Town of Gorham officials have recommended to the Town Board that said Owners grant to the Town these drainage easements over said lands of said Owner; and

**WHEREAS**, said easements have been offered by the Owners to the Town of Gorham; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham is desirous of accepting said offered easements on behalf of said Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham has examined said instruments and finds the consideration described in said easements to be fair and reasonable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Gorham does hereby accept the Easements attached hereto as Exhibit 1 from Owners in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in said instruments and directs that the same be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Ontario, the fees for said recording to be borne by the Town, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor shall be and hereby is authorized to take any and all further action necessary to carry forth the intent of this resolution, including but not limited to the execution of all documents necessary to complete the conveyance of the premises referenced herein.

I, Nancy Hollenbeck, Town Clerk of the Town of Gorham do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Gorham on September 10, 2008.

b. Moody Hiking Trail Bridge Rehab – Change Orders. We have discussed this in the past but now have the actual numbers. Councilmember Glitch moved to authorize change orders as follows: \$1740.97 for bank stream stabilization and \$2800 to Clark Patterson for inspections. Councilmember Busch seconded. Resolution carried unanimously. (5-0). **087-2008**

c. Water Department Telemetry - Professional Services Agreement. On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Glitch the following resolution was adopted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **088-2008**

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH COLACINO INDUSTRIES  
September 10, 2008**

**Where as,** a Telemetry Metering System at the Water Treatment Plant is needed including service work and data correction, and

**Where as,** the Water Superintendent contacted several different companies with only one reply for a system that would work for our water distribution system,

**Where as,** the Water Superintendent and Town Board has interviewed Colacino Industries and is confident to proceed with a Service Agreement Contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Board acting on behalf of the Water District hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Colacino Industries (Newark Electric) for the installation of a new SCADA system and maintenance agreement thereof.

I Nancy Hollenbeck, Town Clerk of the Town of Gorham do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Gorham on September 10, 2008.

d. Gorham Oil Property – discussed previously

e. Board Appointments: Conservation Board – According to the rules we agreed on a few months ago regarding board appointments, the Supervisor is to inform the Town Board of any upcoming board appointments. The terms of John Frank and John Foust of the Conservation Board, expire in December. They will be contacted to see if they would like to be reappointed then this Board will discuss the appointments.

9. Set next meeting date. The next meeting will be the regular meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2008 at 7:30 PM. The public hearing on the 2009 Budget will also be held at that time.

10. Privilege of the Floor: None requested.

11. Adjournment: On the motion of Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hollenbeck  
Town Clerk

Deputy Town Clerk Joan Tomion attended this meeting, Town Clerk Hollenbeck transcribed the minutes.