## MINUTES REGULAR MEETING THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD January 11, 2023 7:00pm

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday January 11, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall in Gorham, NY.

Present were Supervisor Fred Lightfoote. Councilmembers; Brian S. Case, Jake Chard and Phil Curtis.

Councilmember Brian Lazarus joined via Zoom.

Town Officials in attendance; Chief Operator Water & Wastewater Districts Greg Coston, Highway Superintendent Zach Eddinger, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morse and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Assessor Enza Mineo and Tax Collector Adrienne Smith joined via Zoom.

Other guests in attendance and via Zoom; Aaron Airth, Barb Frank, Rachel Eddinger, Sally Napolitano, Jeff & Debbie North, Brett Johnson, Lynn Klotz, Ben Smith, Jon Willis, Elke Schmitt, Margaret White, Christine Ayers, Abbey Allen, Danielle Ayers and Christine Watkins.

- 1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag
- 2. Privilege of the Floor –

Lynn Klotz, Lake Drive resident, asked Supervisor Lightfoote if the 2022 Town Budget is listed on the website. The 2023 Budget is on but not the 2022 Budget. Supervisor Lightfoote said he will look into it.

3. Approval of Minutes – 12/14/2022 Regular Meeting 12/28/2022 Special Meeting

On the motion by Councilmember Case, seconded by Councilmember Chard, both the meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 Ayes — Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus.

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- 4. Reports of Town Officials -
  - A. Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants written report on file.

Chief Operator Coston submitted a quote from Estabrook to rebuild a pump at the Turner Road Booster Station.

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, to approve the quote from Estabrook for \$6,780.00 to rebuild the pump at the Turner Road Booster Station. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 Ayes – Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus.

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- B. Highway Superintendent written report on file.
- C. Zoning/Building Officer written report on file.
- D. Assessor –written report on file. Assessor Mineo updated the Board on new legislation. Her office is required to send notification to low income Senior Citizens that may be eligible for additional savings on their property taxes. The exemptions are in addition to the Enhanced STAR Program.
  - E. Town Clerk written report on file.
- F. Town Supervisor Supervisor Lightfoote said he has been involved in various happenings, meetings regarding Town matters. He has posted questions and answers regarding the 2023 Budget on the website.

Supervisor Lightfoote said the Board will discuss and consider implementing seasonal transfer station permits. Supervisor Lightfoote has met with Kevin Olvany, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Manager, to discuss a drainage project in the area of Lake to Lake Road. This would be funded by a reimbursable grant.

Supervisor Lightfoote has been working on the procedural water audit, results will be available at the next meeting.

Supervisor Lightfoote and Councilmember Case have completed the update to the Employee Handbook.

No financial report on file while the bookkeeping company closes out 2022.

Sally Napolitano asked about the plan to dredge at Deep Run Park. Supervisor Lightfoote said as far as he knows the County plans to dredge before March 2023.

On the motion by Councilmember Case, seconded by Councilmember Chard, the reports of Town Officials were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0 5-Ayes Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus.

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## 5. Audit of Bills -

Abstract #1

Abstract prepared by the Billing Clerk and the Town Clerk.

Approval of Vouchers

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus.

Councilmember Chard had a question regarding an invoice to Milton Cat for a roller for \$31,317.00 that was paid twice. Supervisor Lightfoote said he is aware of it, the Billing Clerk made a mistake, the second check is voided.

With no further discussion the Board voted unanimously to approve abstract #1 totaling \$729,470.50. 5-0

5- Ayes - Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus

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## 6. Business:

## a. New Bookkeeper -

Councilmember Chard said the Town received 16 applications for the Bookkeeper position that was posted. After interviews were conducted by the Board and Chief Operator Coston, the offer has been accepted by the candidate with a start date of the week of January 23rd, 2023.

b. New Copier & Scanner –

Code Enforcement Officer Morse is gathering quotes for a new copier and scanner for the general needs of the Town Hall and a larger scanner to accommodate maps for the Zoning/Planning Department. The Board tabled it until February.

- 7. Set the Next Meeting Date The next meeting will be held on February 8, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall.
- 8. Privilege of the Floor -

Aaron Airth, East Swamp Road resident, stated it is his understanding that a wood chipper has been sold. Mr. Airth asked when and why the Town Board decided to sell the wood chipper.

Highway Superintendent Eddinger said it was no longer a use to the Highway Department and it was non-operational.

Supervisor Lightfoote asked Highway Superintendent Eddinger how the wood chipper was disposed of.

Highway Superintendent Eddinger said he sold it to a resident on Bassage Road.

Mr. Airth stated it is his understanding the Board controls the money and the assets, he didn't remember it being run through a Board meeting to approve the sale.

Supervisor Lightfoote said once things get down to a point they are fully depreciated but to the point where they are scrap metal that is something else entirely.

Sally Napolitano, Lake Drive resident, asked for an update on the Crystal Beach Fire Department Audit and the status of the Water Audit with Ray Wagar's office.

Supervisor Lightfoote said the audit will be sometime soon, he will call soon to check in with Wagar's office. As far as Crystal Beach Fire Department Councilmember Lazarus is involved with that.

Councilmember Lazarus said it is on his to do list, he will meet with the Fire Chief to move forward.

Mrs. Napolitano stated that residents are simply asking for some accountability regarding the budget for the Crystal Beach Fire Department.

Mrs. Napolitano asked about the budgeted money paid to the fire departments and ambulances. She asked if it is a requirement to pay the budgeted amount all at one time considering it is such a large amount of money.

Supervisor Lightfoote said yes, Special District payments are typically sent out in January.

Debbie North, County Road 18 resident, had a question regarding item #16 the Organizational Meeting Agenda, the approval of surety bonds for Town Officials. She asked if that is just for employees that have any kind of signing capacity or financial responsibility. Supervisor Lightfoote said yes, the bonds are for financial capacity as far as finances go.

9. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Case, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

5 Ayes – Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte Town Clerk