

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
June 12, 2019 7:00pm**

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting on June 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall. Present were; Deputy Town Supervisor William Glitch, Councilmembers; Brian S. Case, Richard Malcolm and Jake Chard. Water/Wastewater Chief Operator Greg Coston, Highway Superintendent Zach Eddinger, Zoning/Building Officer Jim Morse, Assessor Enza Mineo, Billing Clerk Brenda Jones and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte. Supervisor Lightfoote was necessarily absent.

Other guests in attendance; Lynn Klotz, Brett Johnson, Mike Kestler, Kevin Moore and Jason Clark.

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

Brett Johnson, Gorham Conservation Board Chairman, addressed the Board with a request to rent an aeration machine.

Mr. Johnson said the Gorham Conservation Board has spent several meetings discussing compacted soil and deemed that the lakefront soil is highly compacted. The Conservation Board would like to rent an aeration machine to run several three foot wide test strips on two or three selected lakefront lawns. The Conservation Board is hopeful that if lawns are aerated the soil would better absorb rain water and storm water on the surface and then wouldn't enter the lake as fast carrying debris.

Conservation Board Councilmember Lynn Klotz said "In the end, just by looking at the quality of the grass without doing anything different, such as fertilizing, if the grass is healthier where it's been aerated we know it's absorbing moisture and people don't need to use as many chemicals."

Chairman Johnson said most people are trying to answer with fertilizers what aeration is supposed to be doing.

The Conservation Board is asking for appropriations for a two time rental of an aerator, fuel for the machine and signs to put up so residents know what the Conservation Board is doing.

On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Chard, to approve up to \$800.00 for the rental of an aerator, fuel and signage, for the Gorham Conservation Board to conduct test strip aeration of soil along the Lakefront in the Town of Gorham. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

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3. Approval of Minutes - 5/8/19 Regular Meeting Minutes

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, the meeting minutes from 5/8/19 were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

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4. Audit of Bills -

Abstract #6

A	329-412	\$37,533.75
B	329-412	2,114.60
SL	406,407	657.12
DB	361-404	61,424.71
SS	329-401	3,270.92
SW1	329-414	13,531.41
T/A	36,37	250.00

On the motion by Councilmember Case, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, the bills were approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

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5. Reports of Town Officials -

- A. Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants – written report on file.
- B. Highway Superintendent – written report on file.
- C. Zoning/Building Officer – written report on file.
- D. Assessor – written report on file.
- E. Town Clerk – written report on file. Town Clerk Perrotte is working on getting disabled/handicap push buttons for the entrance doors at the Town Hall. Councilmember Malcolm asked if we could look into getting a grant for that. Ms. Perrotte said she would.
- F. Town Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Case, the reports of Town Officials were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

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6. Business:

- a. Resolution # 8-2019 Consolidated Funding Application

Councilmember Chard offered the following resolution and called for its adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm the resolution was adopted unanimously. (4-0)

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TOWN OF GORHAM
Consolidated Funding Application

Resolution of Support & Authorization for the Town of Gorham
2019 New York State Consolidated Funding Application,
Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant Application

WHEREAS, Town of Gorham, Ontario County, supports the submission of a 2019 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Town, for the Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) program to conduct an overall study of its Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in conjunction with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), provides a competitive statewide reimbursement grant program to assist in the initial planning of eligible Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) water quality projects; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Gorham meets EPG eligibility and is considered a funding priority, as upcoming modifications to the Town's State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit will require the disinfection of wastewater effluent from its WWTP, and meets municipal median household income thresholds; and

WHEREAS, if funding is received it will allow the Town of Gorham to prepare an engineering planning report that explores cost effective solutions to implement disinfection, aging infrastructure and equipment, enabling the Town to seek further financing for construction through the CWSRF program to advance the required water quality improvements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board, on behalf of the Town, identifies Supervisor Fred Lightfoote as the authorized representative for the project, able to execute necessary documents relative to and as required for the CFA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby accept that they shall provide at least 20% match of the total of any grant funding awarded as a local match in the form of in-kind services or cash contribution hereby appropriated and obligated from Sewer Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Gorham, recognizes and fully supports the submission of the 2019 CFA for an EPG for overall improvements to its wastewater treatment plant.

Motion by: Councilmember Chard

Seconded by: Councilmember Malcolm

Passed by the following vote of all Town Board Members voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative Town Board Members: Glitch, Case, Malcolm and Chard

Affirmative: 4

Negative: 0

b. Appoint Mike Kestler to the Town of Gorham Planning Board.

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, to appoint Mike Kestler to the Town Planning Board as an Alternate Member. Term runs 6/12/19 through 9/30/2026. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

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c. Hire a new employee for the Highway Department/Transfer Station.

Highway Superintendent Eddinger introduced Mr. Kevin Moore as the new candidate for employment at the Highway Department. The Board conducted an interview with Mr. Moore. With careful consideration, and on the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Eddinger, The Board agreed to hire Kevin Moore for the position of Transfer Station Attendant.

On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Glitch, to hire Kevin Moore to fill the open position of Transfer Station Attendant.

On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Chard, to hire Kevin Moore at a pay rate of eighty-five percent pay. Both motions carried unanimously. (4-0)

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7. Executive Session -

On the motion by Deputy Supervisor Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Case, the Board entered into executive session at 8:11pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal.

On the motion by Deputy Supervisor Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Case, the Board returned to regular session at 8:30pm. No action was taken in executive session. Both motions carried unanimously. (4-0)

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8. Set Next Meeting Date – July 10, 2019 Regular Meeting, 7pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

9. Privilege of the Floor – none requested

10. Adjournment - with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Glitch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk