

**THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 22, 2022 7:00pm**

The Gorham Town Board held a Special Meeting on Wednesday June 22nd, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall in Gorham, NY.

Present were Supervisor Fred Lightfoote. Councilmembers; Brian S. Case, Jake Chard, Phil Curtis and Brian Lazarus and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Highway Superintendent Zach Eddinger joined via Zoom.

Other guests in attendance; Aaron Airth, Woody Daugherty, Ben Smith, Ed and Debbie Merritt, Jeff and Debbie North, Josh Watkins, Lee Fake, Lynn Klotz and Sally Napolitano.

Guests joining via Zoom; Elke Schmitt, Danielle Ayers, Abby Allen, Christine Ayers, Sierra Albert, Ann Marie St. George, Lynn Klotz, Wade Ayers, Brooke Quayle, several unidentified zoom participants.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag – Supervisor Lightfoote opened the meeting and led the Pledge to the Flag.
  
2. Privilege of the Floor –

Ed Merritt, Deer Run resident, said "My name is Ed Merritt, I live on Deer Run, we've lived there for approximately 9 years. I'd like to address the recent DWI arrest of a town employee for DWI.

I'd like to address it from 2 angles. One, at one point and time I was Director of Engineering for a \$100 Million Dollar a year company in Rochester, NY and I've let people go for drinking on the job. Different angle, 7 years ago I was run over by an impaired driver and to say that it really affected my life would be an understatement. I had a fractured neck, broken back, broken pelvis and a very traumatic brain injury. It ended my career as an Engineer. These are huge risks if we allow this to continue. These are huge risks that you're going to be putting us in, in that position, if you don't make some strong changes."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "I'll respond to that, this is in regards to the Highway Superintendent who is an Elected Official. The Town Board doesn't have any control over an Elected Official outside of the Town Board. We have looked into several things to make sure we have done everything we can to make sure that the event that happened and what goes on now is, that we have done what we can to make sure that we're handling whatever accordingly And as we've found out we really don't have anything that we can do. One thing we've done is seen to it Mr. Eddinger is not using the Town pickup. He has someone to drive him but that person is not using the town pickup to drive him around. He has lost his license. He anticipates getting a provisional license. We'll just have to wait and see, depends on what the court says. That in itself, we didn't really have to do that. What we do have to do is provide him with the tools he needs to do his job, that, we do know."

Mr. Merritt asked if the job requires a CDL.

Supervisor Lightfoote said "No, not the Superintendent's job. At the same time, it's in the courts now, he doesn't have it scheduled yet but he will be having another appearance shortly. Yes, he has lost his license, yes he is still performing his duties at the Town. He has a private individual who is driving him around in his own private vehicle and there's nothing more that we

can do at this point and time. That's not saying that any member of this Board feels comfortable, or not, it doesn't matter because, by law that's where we are. Thank you for your comments though."

Debbie North, County Road 18, Mrs. North read the following;

I am speaking as a taxpayer and 40 year resident of the town of Gorham.

I have many concerns regarding the highway department building proposition. While I understand the need for upgraded facilities and more room for the equipment, I would like to see an alternative plan for storage of equipment that isn't needed for snow removal and could be unheated and/or open.

What concerns me more is that we have a highway superintendent who has shown poor judgment and gotten arrested for DWI. If Mr. Eddinger is the person determining need of the renovations and new buildings, I am not sure that I trust his judgement on that.

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, I received a reply from you, Fred, regarding my email that questioned the liability and insurance costs because of Zach's arrest. Your answer: there will be no increase in premium, or reduction in coverage as a result of this situation. I/we have no reason to doubt the insurance company.

Since your reply on June 10<sup>th</sup>, has Zach allowed a family member to drive his town truck – someone who is not an Town of Gorham employee? If so, has the insurance company been notified?

I also asked if Zach was on the clock or PTO at the time of arrest in Canandaigua on May 31 at 3:54pm. The crew works until 4:30pm. Your response: In the Town of Gorham, the office of Highway Superintendent is an elected position, therefore, the idea that Zach was "on the clock" cannot be based on any time schedule. Instead, and this is based on my research of the position, the Highway Superintendent is "on the clock", so to speak, only when he is actually involved in the performance of his official duties.

If the crew is on the clock until 4:30pm, Zach should be available up to that time. In my professional careers, I have been on salary and I answered calls at 3am from the Canandaigua Police Department for unlocked doors, at 9:30pm when a cash drawer didn't balance, on my days off when a shoplifter was apprehended. Elected officials are always on the clock, whether you agree or not.

At the town board meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>, a couple of citizens voiced concerns and we were told it was a personnel matter. If Zach is an elected official, does the board have the capacity to reprimand or discipline as he is not a town employee on the payroll? If not, who holds Zach accountable? If there is no accountability then I propose that we the taxpayers are the ones to hold him accountable.

I am giving notice that there are a group of us who are pursuing removal of Zach Eddinger from office through the process with a New York State appellate court.

Supervisor Lightfoote said "As I recall, yes, everything I told you, yes that is true, it doesn't matter the elected official part, and the fact he is Highway Superintendent in particular, he doesn't have to be on duty when his crew is. That's by State law. It doesn't matter what we as

individuals think, that's the way it is. Therefore, no, he had his private truck, even though he had his private vehicle he wasn't performing any work associated with his position therefore no, he wasn't working for the Town at the time. As far as having a private individual driving his truck, by law yes it was fine that the family member, there's nothing in the law against having someone driving him in that vehicle. However, that said, I spoke with him about it this morning and he is no longer is using that vehicle. Until such a time, whether it's he or someone else, is in that position if he comes back, gets his license, if he's back working, driving while he's working, then he'll be able to utilize the truck again."

Mrs. North asked "If there had been a situation that required supervisory assistance or a decision who would have made that decision at 3:54 pm on May 31<sup>st</sup>?"

Supervisor Lightfoote said "The State of New York."

Councilmember Lazarus clarified to Supervisor Lightfoote he thinks Mrs. North is referring to a problem or question with the highway crew.

Supervisor Lightfoote said the Deputy Highway Superintendent would make decisions.

Mrs. North asked who the deputy is.

Supervisor Lightfoote said Doug Gruschow.

Councilmember Lazarus said "I would like to answer your question about Zach being in charge of the decisions going on with this highway barn project. We've all been very involved with the Highway Project. It's not just Zach's decisions or Zach's ideas. We've sat, just today we had a public works meeting, we were down there for 2 hours discussing options and finalizing plans. We really need to separate the Highway Project from Zach. Regardless of what Zach will or will not be convicted of, remember he still has to be convicted. I don't like it, most of you people know me, what I did for a living, I put drunks in jail. So I don't need to sit here and tell you how I feel about it. However, Zach's issue and the highway building are separate. He is a part of the process but he is not the process."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "He actually has no authority as far as decision making on it or a vote. He recommends to the Board, then it's up to the Board to decide what, if anything, we do or what plan we do for instance. A year and a half ago we did go back looking at other alternatives as far as the building goes and when we added everything together the Board decided that it didn't make sense to go with a less costly alternative because the long term benefit to the Town is by far the better option. We looked at 6 or 8 different plans with different variations to each plan, we've been years working at this just trying to come up with making sure we're doing everything necessary and appropriate. Brian's right, as far as Zach goes, yes, he's had input, we've asked him, as one of the experts. We've also asked all the other members of the highway crew what their thoughts were. We've gone around to other Towns looking at some of the options that were available there. We most certainly have put countless hours into this and as I said, Zach, in the end the decision has nothing to do with Zach, there's 5 people who'll make the call on this and that's this Board."

Mrs. North said "OK and that's why I posed the question, when I asked who holds him accountable, you answered that. Thank you."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "In the end, in the case of an Elected Highway Superintendent it's the voters who hold him accountable. That is exactly what our Attorney said, how he put it."

Sally Napolitano, Lake Drive resident, said "Fred, I had a question on trying to understand the process here. Tonight you're meeting about passing a bond resolution, has the Board actually voted on approving going ahead with the construction of the highway building itself?"

Supervisor Lightfoote said "Not at this point. We're going about it as prescribed and with a project such as this there is a certain amount of putting the cart before the horse. We have to make sure of what our options are going to be as far as the bond goes we put forth a resolution and then the bond council can go ahead and look at our financials, what kind of risk are we as far as borrowing money goes."

Sally Napolitano said "That was another question, a bond council will be involved and certainly are aware of the other 7 million dollars' worth of projects that you have. I'll take the Waste Treatment Facility, that is a mandated improvement. Why is that not being handled first?"

Supervisor Lightfoote said "It's being handled at the same time. You have to understand we've been through the process. We've passed a bond resolution for that. That is separate because that is a Special District, partial Town project. The Wastewater Treatment Plant here in the hamlet only serves this hamlet and nothing beyond."

Mrs. Napolitano said "With the Water Treatment Plant, there hasn't been a bond referendum on that yet has there?"

Supervisor Lightfoote said "Yes."

Mrs. Napolitano said "I, as a taxpayer, would just like to see, a spreadsheet if you will, of these. Are they expenses that we have anticipated? This is where we've applied for grant money, I know you've been successful in getting some grant money. If you know whether grant money opportunities have been exhausted. And then what you anticipate this will cost us in tax increases. Because I don't think any of us have seen any projection on what is happening there. Just as an individual, you wouldn't go buy something without knowing what it's going to cost and how you are going to pay for it and that's what I'm asking. What's it going to cost and how are we going to pay for it, how is it impacting the taxpayers?"

Supervisor Lightfoote said "We can guess, but at this point and time because prices have been volatile plus, I've still found other pots of money basically that we can put towards some of these projects. Right now, the Wastewater Project and the Water Project are separate so the bond would only cover the district. Yes that would impact people that are within the district. Right now we don't have a good handle on either one of those mainly because there's a very good chance we've got more grant coming and a substantial amount of money coming for the Water Project which is where the vast amount of money for those two projects comes in to play. Currently we have a 3.7 million dollar grant that we've obtained. They changed the infrastructure type of grant for Water and Wastewater. Right up until 3 months ago you could apply for grant funding once every 5 years. They just changed that to, you can apply every year now. That doesn't mean we'd be successful in a subsequent year, it doesn't mean we are eligible for next year. Talking with our grant people their thought is with our type of project, even though it has been funded to a certain degree, we would be ranking very high when it comes to being funded additional money for the following year. We don't have a real good idea with the Highway. Some of what has been looked at has been somewhere in the .50 to .60 cent range per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Now, as I warned you too, I have no idea where things will end up with that and as we've budgeted things, not budgeted but put together our best estimates with the people who are actually doing that work. They've tried to be very conservative. Hopefully that will pan out to be the case and we won't need the money that we are looking for right now. There is some indication for the Water Plant we've already been notified we will save money on some of the equipment that we need because they've dropped the price on it. Chances are relatively good that maybe we've seen the highs and prices are

starting to come down a little bit. The thought is that they are not going to come down a great amount, we'll just have to wait and see."

Mrs. Napolitano said "Is it correct, it is my understanding when you take a certain amount of debt or grant money, you're required to have a certified audit? So are we making any kind of progress in getting an accounting firm that will certify for 2022?"

Supervisor Lightfoote "Yes, they are not going to come in right away but probably for 2022 books, yes. It would be an accounting firm out of Rochester that many municipalities, including Ontario County, use is who we are looking to do it." (Ray Wagar, CPA)

3. Business –

a. Bond Resolution for the Highway Garage Project

Supervisor Lightfoote said "This allows for the Town to move forward, to work with the Bond Council, to put our numbers out there to see what kind of interest rate they can get and they would be bringing that back to us. To the Board, does anyone have any further questions in regard to this?"

With no further questions, Councilmember Chard offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Lazarus the motion carried. 4-1.

4- Ayes – Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Lazarus. 1 – Nay Curtis.

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**TOWN OF GORHAM  
RESOLUTION #30-2022  
BOND RESOLUTION FOR THE HIGHWAY GARAGE PROJECT**

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 22, 2022 OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION SERIAL BONDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTING OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MUNICIPAL HIGHWAY GARAGE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Town, acting as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA"), has completed its environmental review and, on May 25, 2022 has duly issued a negative declaration and has determined that the implementation of the type I action as proposed will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; now therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW YORK (hereinafter referred to as the "Town"), by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of such Board, as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Gorham shall undertake certain capital improvements consisting of the construction of a new approximately 20,250 square foot Municipal Highway Garage, various site and other incidental improvements in connection therewith and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus that may be required in connection therewith for such construction and Town use (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"), and general obligation serial bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,430,000 and bond anticipation notes in anticipation thereof (and renewals thereof) of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued to finance said purpose, and such amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 2. The estimated maximum aggregate cost of said purpose, which may include preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and costs of the financing thereof, is estimated to be \$6,000,000. The plan for financing of said purpose is to provide (i) \$500,000 from current fund balance to be made available by the Town Board, and (ii) \$70,000 from reserves, and (iii) up to \$5,430,000 of such maximum cost by issuance of obligations as herein authorized, to be offset and reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of any grants received.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) such building shall be a class "A" buildings as defined in Subdivision 11 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and said purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 11 of Paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is thirty (30) years, (b) the proposed maximum maturity of said bonds authorized by this resolution will be in excess of five years, (c) current funds required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes herein authorized, pursuant to Section 107.00 of the Local Finance Law, to the extent applicable, if any, will be provided, (d) the notes herein authorized are not issued in anticipation of bonds for an assessable improvement, and (e) there are presently no outstanding bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds.

Section 4. The bonds and notes authorized by this resolution shall contain the recital of validity prescribed in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and such bonds and notes shall be general obligations of the Town and all the taxable real property in the Town is subject to the levy of *ad valorem* taxes to pay the principal thereof, and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount, subject to applicable statutory limitations, if any, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and notes.

Section 5. It is hereby determined and declared that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund, or such other fund as may be utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of the issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

Section 6. The power to further authorize the sale, issuance and delivery of said bonds and notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said bonds and notes, including, without limitation, the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, all contracts for, and determinations with respect to, credit or liquidity enhancements, if any, and to sell and deliver said bonds and notes, subject to the provisions of this resolution and the provisions of the Local Finance Law, including without limitation, the authority to determine whether to accept bids electronically to the extent allowed by the Local Finance Law, is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Town’s chief fiscal officer. The Town Supervisor and the Town Clerk or Deputy Clerk are hereby authorized to sign by manual or facsimile signature and attest any bonds and notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and are hereby authorized to affix to such bonds and notes the corporate seal of the Town of Gorham.

Section 7. The faith and credit of the Town of Gorham, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year.

Section 8. After compliance with Section 9 hereof, this resolution shall be published in full by the Town Clerk of the Town of Gorham together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the Town, in the manner prescribed by law. The validity of said bonds and bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds, may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with, at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. This resolution is subject to a permissive referendum of the qualified electors of the Town of Gorham, pursuant to Section 35.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The motion having been duly seconded, it was adopted and the following votes were cast:

	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b><u>Nay</u></b>
Frederick Lightfoote	X_____	_____
Brian S. Case	X_____	_____
Jake Chard	X_____	_____
Phil Curtis	_____	X_____
Brian Lazarus	X_____	_____

Councilmember Curtis said "I just want to state, the way things are, the people I've talked to, interest rates are going crazy, gas is \$5.00 a gallon, is this the right time? This is a project I believe in but is this the right time to do it? I know if you wait it costs more but we have to think about these people here who are minding \$5.00 a gallon, can they afford another 50 cents a thousand? I'm against it right now, that's the way I feel, in good conscience I can't do it."

Councilmember Case said "Phil I understand your feelings toward this. Three and a half years ago, when we looked into this, things would have been a lot cheaper for everybody. The longer we wait, the more it's going to cost."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "These are discussions we've had before you guys were on. Three to four months ago we had a meeting and that's when the Board, we all voted to follow through. This is for the bond resolution so in no way does it do anything but allow the bond council to go out, and yeah it will cost a little money for them to do that but as far as the actual cost associated with the project, no, it's not like we're going ahead with that."

b Appoint Deputy Town Clerk -

Town Clerk Darby Perrotte said she has an open Deputy Town Clerk position she would like to fill. She would like to appoint Sheril Cota to that Deputy Town Clerk position.

On the motion by Councilmember Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Case, to appoint Sheril Cota to the Deputy Town Clerk position at an hourly rate of \$15.90. Effective immediately. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

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

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Privilege of the Floor –

Lynn Klotz, Lake Drive resident, said "I have a question, on the bond resolution it says that the SEQR was completed on May 25<sup>th</sup> I wondered why the Environmental Conservation Board of Gorham didn't take a look at this."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "That's not on the list of things to put before the Conservation Board. Basically we can discuss that, whether you want to do that and for what type of project because there's a lot of these that are done over the course of a year through the Town."

Mrs. Klotz said "The way I should have worded that is did you ask Brett, the Chairperson of that committee, if you wanted him to review it. I think this type of exercise would be good for training the Board for looking at these kind of issues. I thought I saw that there was potential wetlands in that particular area."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "There's wetlands north of that area, not associated with the site."

Mrs. Klotz said "ok, I didn't get to the Open House so I didn't see the actual drawings. Thank you."

Mr. Merritt asked if there was a possibility to do the project for the Highway Department in multiple phases instead of all at once.

Supervisor Lightfoote said "There is, but we would have to study and figure out what makes sense to put off. We've discussed that."

Councilmember Lazarus said "There's some things we can add and take away but basically looking at one structure to break that up into separate parts, I'm not a building engineer but, I think with a building you just need to get it finished. I don't think you want to leave a shell sitting out. It's just one building, it's not a complex or anything like that."

Mr. Merritt said "And the plan is to park all the snow removal equipment inside the building?"

Councilmember Lazarus said "Correct."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "The heavy highway equipment will be parked in there in addition to another piece of equipment or two, for instance, a pay loader. There's a work area for servicing equipment. There'd be room for two trucks. One for long term projects. Big enough for a truck, whatever the long term project might be, whether it's a roadside mower or whatever. We discussed utilizing the old building for actual mechanical work and just having this for a heated structure to keep the snow removal equipment in. Obviously, snow removal isn't the entire reason to have the building. We also looked at splitting things up and having long term projects in the old building but then having just service work within the new building. However, there'd be a need for duplication of some degree of the tools and equipment necessary to do both, work that you could keep right there in one spot. In addition, one of the reasons we wound up going with this plan, that we have right now is, the fact that there is a lot of work that needs to be done to the old building. Under the current plan, the way it is right now once this building would be up, the old building will be converted to cold storage. It won't be heated. There will be lights and a few outlets and that will be it."

Councilmember Curtis asked if MRB group gave an estimate to bring the old building up to code.

Supervisor Lightfoote said "He hasn't gotten that to me yet. We asked for it but then we kind of muddied the waters and he put it off because we started talking about the possibility of utilizing part of the old building for Transfer Station. As it is right now the plan is simply cold storage for that building."

Mr. Merritt asked how many plow trucks the Town has.

Supervisor Lightfoote said there are six heavy trucks and 3 pickups with plows. The pickups clean up the intersections.

Mrs. Napolitano said "One of the Board meetings you had given out the MRB proposal, engineering report and costs and what is included. Could I get a copy of that?"

Supervisor Lightfoote said yes, he can make that available. He will go through and make sure it's the current one that she received and he will send her one and send one to Mr. Merritt as well.

Ann Marie St. George, County Road 11 resident, asked about charging stations in the Town of Gorham.

Supervisor Lightfoote said there is nothing more to report on it tonight but he has been in conversation with NYSEERDA. He will get more information to pass along. He said MRB is meeting with NYSEERDA. The proposal for the Highway Facility would be to have a charging station in addition to what is planned for the area of Crystal Beach. Each individual station has two units with it. What the Town is looking at is one or two in the Hamlet of Gorham.

Supervisor Lightfoote will pass the information along as he receives it.

Aaron Airth, East Swamp Road resident, asked how many estimates the Town received for updating the current highway facility versus building a whole new facility.

Supervisor Lightfoote said they have one company reaching out to get estimates for the Town. Supervisor Lightfoote said "They are not providing estimates for them to do the work, they're reaching out for estimates to get information on an estimate."

That is in regards to repairs to the existing building.

Supervisor Lightfoote said "It's going to cost a lot of money (for repairs). We had to balance that with ok, that would be a lot less money but that would be relatively short term benefit as compared to long term benefit with a new building. At the same time, there isn't enough room anyway, which is the initial reason to talk about an additional building."

Mr. Airth said "So there have been estimates?"

Supervisor Lightfoote said "There has been ballpark estimates without a lot of work going into it. They are supposed to be getting us something that's closer. Hopefully they are going to put more effort into getting some figures that have the potential to be closer to what they would actually be."

Mr. Merritt said "If you have 6 trucks coming in, after plowing, the storm is over they run what 40 to 50 thousand pounds of steel at zero degrees, do you understand how many BTU's it's going to take to warm them up? It could take days. You're pitching this as an energy savings but I think you're going to be really surprised at the energy it's going to cost you. Are we heating the bays just so that they're warmed up ready to go?"

Supervisor Lightfoote said "No, they will be housed there year round. Those trucks, you've seen them go by, especially when there is a storm. You can't really tell what color they are, they've got a lot of ice buildup underneath them. They need to get in, hopefully between runs, a lot of that will melt off. If there is going to be a plow run there's one door that opens to let them go out. Then when they're done, there's one door to open for them to come in. When they go to leave, there's four big doors that are open, right now, five really."

Highway Superintendent Eddinger said the positive pressure on the new system will make it better, when you walk into Wegmans, you have positive pressure so that we don't lose air."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "The main savings would be the fact that there wouldn't be, basically, the whole side of one building open up and everyone leave and by the time they get out and get the doors closed it dropped 30-40 degrees inside."

Supervisor Lightfoote said Canandaigua's figures on energy savings going from their old facility to the new facility, even though the new one was three or four times the size, they cut their energy bill by three quarters.

Aaron Airth asked what the plan is for the new boiler that cost \$50,000.00 that was put into the highway Building a year ago.

Supervisor Lightfoote said "\$50,000.00 was twice what it would cost six months earlier because it was the only one that we could find. The plan had been to move that to the new building and we're not sure but, that's still on the table. It was put in kind of in a modular design so that it would be easy to remove it. If that boiler is installed in the new building it wouldn't be the sole means of heat."

Josh Watkins, Lake to Lake Road resident, said "I have a question, you mentioned the old highway barns and it quietly got mentioned at the end of the statement "could be used for the transfer station". It was brought to my attention that the transfer station would be a hub for other municipalities waste to be stored, as an option, possibly at our facility."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "I hadn't heard that. Where did you hear that from, Josh?"

Mr. Watkins said "Zach Eddinger."

Highway Superintendent Eddinger said "I remember, we might turn the old shop into a transfer station."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "Maybe what you heard, and currently, the County still is trying to figure out what would be perhaps a better plan for the County as a whole. They were talking about having four different transfer sites, which our might have been one of them. Since then most of the townships have decided that they don't want to go in that direction. Maybe at the landfill site there would be a transfer station. We're not sure yet so if the landfill closes and it has to go somewhere else it's going to have to go on trailers. As far as I know none of the Towns have a semi they're only using a straight truck, much decreased capacity, maybe that is what you've been hearing. Everything was being kicked out there just to be talked about, there really is no plan as of yet."

Mr. Watkins said "My biggest concern, my property adjoins and surrounds the highway barns and the wetland is mine. I don't want to live next to Seneca Meadows. I don't want to smell sitting garbage and my land value. It's bad enough now. You as a farmer, also know I have more garbage in my fields and my lot and my wetland. Which my grandfather when he was alive he asked Dick Calabrese, asked the Town to put up proper fencing to control that situation. We have not seen that. That's been twenty years, at least. If we go bigger and better, we're already changing contours at the highway barns. I've got more water flow. Jeff Dann has had to ask to correct the water flow to push it towards the park instead of towards the wetland in the back of my field."

Highway Superintendent Eddinger said it has been fixed.

Mr. Watkins said "We had to ask to have it done. We've asked to have a fence. It's not handling the problem."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "There is a fence there. That's part of the problem. It could be fifty feet tall and not handle the problem with the way the wind is up there. That's part of why we're having to address the transfer station itself because we're supposed to have those roll offs covered."

Mr. Watkins asked about the fencing similar to what the landfill has such as telescoping nettings on dump day to catch the blowing debris.

Supervisor Lightfoote said "We're working through the problem with doing it with the County. If we strike out on our own and do something and ten months later we wind up having to change everything all over again, to work together with someone else, or to fit into whatever the County winds up doing, it doesn't make a lot of sense. So yes, when we used to work your farm I've wandered around in that field and picked up all kinds of trash. They did put fence up since then and a higher one up too. Not around all of it but around some of it. We've talked about the need for additional fencing there too. That would potentially be part of this project anyway."

Mr. Watkins said "I wondered if there are phases of the transfer station that people are aware of that may be included with this project."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "We haven't really brought that up because it's not apparent yet. We've still got lots of different things we've talked about. One of the options, to be perfectly honest, and it's not one that I support, I haven't talked to the Board about it, would be just close it. Tell everyone get a private hauler. I don't think that's the thing to do. I know Zach doesn't want it because then we'd wind up with all kinds of things in the ditches."

Mr. Watkins said "You already do. I live on Lake to Lake Road and County Road 18, it surrounds my property."

Supervisor Lightfoote said The unfortunate part with that one, Josh, is you don't necessarily have any more, which you should given where you're sited, than someone on some other road. There's pigs out there every night going down the road throwing McDonald's wrappers, beer cans and you name it. Every spring, anywhere we had any frontage on the roads for my farm, I'd drive around picking up trash from the ditches and alongside the fields. I'd have a pick up full of it every year."

Mr. Watkins said "That was the nice part when Kelly was running the system, was after dump day those roads were spotless. Those roads were picked up on the main travels."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "No they weren't. That was a long time ago and it just happened that Kelly was there then. For the last ten, twelve fifteen years that hasn't been done."

With no further comments for Privilege of the Floor, Supervisor Lightfoote thanked everyone for attending tonight and asked for adjournment.

10. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Lazarus, seconded by Councilmember Case, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte  
Town Clerk

