

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
September 14, 2022 7:00pm

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular and Public Hearing Meeting on September 14, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall NY.

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

Town Officials in attendance; Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morse, Assessor Enza Mineo and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Chief Operator Water and Wastewater Departments Greg Coston and Highway Superintendent Zach Eddinger were necessarily absent.

Other guests in attendance; Aaron Airth, Ben Page, Conservation Board Chairman Brett Johnson, Conservation Board Councilmembers Lynn Klotz and Meg Brewin.

Town Clerk Perrotte confirmed with the Board, via email affidavit, the meeting and public hearings were properly advertised.

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 –

Lynn Klotz, Lake Drive resident, said the Consumer Price Index was just announced. It is up to 8.3%. That is the highest it has been in 40 years. Gas has gone down a little bit but everything else has gone up. She wanted the Board to be aware of that before making any decisions on budgets.

3. Public Hearing on Local Law #5- 2022 Tax Cap Override. Supervisor Lightfoote opened the public hearing.

Lynn Klotz, asked if the preliminary budget was ready.

Supervisor Lightfoote said, not yet. He said they are working on the budget now. It must be filed with the Town Clerk by September 30.

Mrs. Klotz asked how they decide on the Tax Cap Override if they don't have a preview of the preliminary budget.

Supervisor Lightfoote said It is precautionary right now. The Board could take these same steps next month but he wanted to make sure it was done in a timely fashion. Covid seems to be ramping up again. That kind of concern is why he wanted to bring this up tonight.

Brett Johnson, County Road 18 resident, said "We do this year after year, throw caution to the wind, how many times has the Town utilized the override?"

Supervisor Lightfoote said Twice. We haven't used it very much if you consider the years we have done it, it is precautionary."

With no further comment from the public the public hearing was closed.

4. Approval of Minutes – 8/10/2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
8/24/2022 Special Meeting Minutes

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Case, the 8/10/22 and 8/24/22 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

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

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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. Councilmember Curtis said the Town needs to address the Transfer Station and the money it is costing the Town for contractors to dump and the need to check permits. The Board and residents in attendance held a discussion. Residents recommend enforcing the rules and having consequences if permits or construction loads are not paid for. Theft of Services or another type of consequence needs to be enforced.

Supervisor Lightfoote excused himself for a few minutes.

Councilmember Case said we all know we have a problem. We've been talking about it for years.

Supervisor Lightfoote returned and said this will be taken care of and this is the last we are hearing of it tonight.

C. Zoning/Building Officer – written report on file.

D. Assessor – written report on file.

E. Town Clerk – written report on file.

F. Town Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Case, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the Reports of Town Officials were approved and accepted as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

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

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6. Audit of Bills – Abstract # 9

Abstract prepared by the Billing Clerk and the Town Clerk.

Approval of Vouchers

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Case, Abstract #9 totaling \$309,162.44 was approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

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

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7. Business:

a. Local Law #5 -2022 –

1. Adopt Resolution to Override the Tax Cap

Councilmember Chard said he hasn't been in support of the override in the past, he's still not in favor of it now given that the preliminary budget is not ready. He asked Supervisor Lightfoote what the percentage over 2 percent would be.

Supervisor Lightfoote did not have that figure.

Councilmember Chard said he understands why we have done it in the past, it makes the process a little easier but, he is not in favor of it until they know the numbers and residents have the chance to see it first.

Supervisor Lightfoote said Councilmember Chard can ask for it to be tabled until the next meeting.

Councilmember Chard said it is on tonight's business, I'm personally going to vote against it.

Supervisor Lightfoote said "In regards to the Town Budget, the resolution would be to adopt the override, a yes would be for adopting, no would be against adopting. All in favor, which would require the yes vote please indicate by saying Aye."

Councilmembers Case and Lazarus along with Supervisor Lightfoote voted Aye.

Councilmember Chard and Curtis voted Nay. Motion carried 3-2.

3- Ayes Lightfoote, Case, Lazarus

2- Nays Chard, Curtis

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**TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION #39-2022
AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GORHAM OF
LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2022**

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Gorham for a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on August 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Gorham Town Hall, 4736 South Street, Gorham, New York, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of Gorham, on September 3rd, 2022 and all other notices required by law to be given were properly served, posted or given; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on September 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gorham Town Hall, 4736 South Street, Gorham, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town of Gorham to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Gorham hereby adopts said Local Law No. 5 of 2022, entitled, "A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Gorham, and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York.

I, Darby L. Perrotte, 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 14, 2022 by the following vote:

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

2. Special Districts - Adopt Resolutions for Special Districts Tax Cap Override

**RESOLUTION
SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham is the governing body of the special districts and/or fire protection districts set forth in the Schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this resolution to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Gorham, on behalf of the aforesaid special districts and/or fire protection districts, pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Gorham, on behalf of the aforesaid special districts and/or fire protection districts, to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2023 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Gorham, County of Ontario, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2023 on behalf of the special districts and/or fire protection districts set forth in the Schedule attached hereto and

made a part hereof that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

I, Darby L. Perrotte, 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 14, 2022 by the following vote:

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

b. Local Law #6-2022 Short Term Rental Law – Resolution Calling a Public Hearing

Councilmember Lazarus offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Case, the resolution was adopted unanimously 5-0
5 - Ayes - Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus

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**TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION #40-2022
AUTHORIZING SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING
FOR A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a public hearing to solicit public comment upon a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law Amending the Town of Gorham Municipal Code to Add a Short-Term Rental Law", attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham has reviewed the draft of the aforementioned proposed Local Law and deems it in the best interests of the Town of Gorham to proceed in accordance with the Code of the Town of Gorham and the Laws of the State of New York in adopting said Local Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to schedule a public hearing to be held on October 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gorham Town Hall, 4736 South Street, Gorham, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, be and hereby is, authorized to forward to the official newspapers of the Town a Notice of Public Hearing in the form substantially the same as that attached hereto as Exhibit "2"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to post a copy of the proposed Local Law on the Town of Gorham sign board and take any and all other necessary actions to properly bring the aforementioned Local Law before the Town Board of the Town of Gorham for its consideration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to provide all other notices as required by law for the adoption of this local law.

I, Darby I. Perrotte, 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 14, 2022 by the following vote:

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

c. Resolution calling for a Special Election on the Highway Garage Bond Resolution

Councilmember Curtis offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Chard, the resolution was adopted unanimously 5-0
 5 - Ayes - Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus

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**TOWN OF GORHAM
 RESOLUTION #41-2022
 SCHEDULING A SPECIAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2022, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham duly adopted a Bond Resolution that, among other things, authorized the Town to issue 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 to finance 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, the "Bond Resolution").

WHEREAS, the Bond Resolution was subject to a permissive referendum; and

WHEREAS, within 10 days after the adoption of the Bond Resolution, I did, in the same manner as provided for a notice of special election, post and publish a notice setting forth the date of the adoption of the Bond Resolution, together with an abstract thereof, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, and that the Bond Resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2022, a petition was duly presented by the requisite number of electors of the Town requiring a referendum on the question of whether the Bond Resolution should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That a Special Election of the qualified electors of the Town of Gorham is hereby authorized and directed to be held on the 25th day of October, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting by ballot on the proposition hereinafter set forth.

2. The Notice of such Special Election shall be substantially by the following form.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION ON PROPOSITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special Election of the qualified electors of the Town of Gorham, Ontario County, State of New York, will be held on the 25th day of October 2022 at the Gorham Fire Company, 4676 Kearney Road, Gorham, NY and the Crystal Beach Fire Department 4468 State Route 364, Canandaigua NY. Said polling place will be kept open between the hours of 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting by ballot upon the following proposition:

PROPOSITION No. 1

"Shall the action of the Town Board of the Town of Gorham in approving a Bond Resolution dated June 22, 2022 be approved, where such Bond Resolution authorized the Town to borrow up to \$5,430,000 to finance the construction of a new approximately 20,250 square foot Municipal Highway Garage and other improvements in connection therewith and to acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus in connection therewith and to issue 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?"

3. All qualified electors of the Town shall be qualified to vote at such special election.

4. The Town Clerk is hereby ordered to give notice of such election by publication of such notice in the official newspaper(s) of the Town of Gorham, such publication to be at least 10 days prior to the date of such Special Election, by posting on the sign board of the Town of Gorham a copy of such notice at least ten (10) days before such election and by mailing the

personal notice in the form of a letter from the Town Supervisor, attached hereto, to the qualified electors eligible to vote in this special election, at their last known mailing address, at least ten (10) days before such election.

5. The following individuals, who have been previously designated as election inspectors and ballot clerks for general election purposes, are hereby designed to act as election inspectors and ballot clerks for this special election, as indicated below:

Sharon Gage, Bonita Hampton, Don Sloth, Karen Kuhl

6. The Town Clerk is hereby ordered and directed to prepare printed ballots in sufficient quantity for use at said Special Election, and also to prepare for the use of the election officials the necessary oaths and certificates of election, and also to procure and deliver to such election office any and all necessary paraphernalia for the proper conduct of such election.

7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Darby L. Perrotte, 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 14th, 2022 by the following vote:

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

d. Resolution Recommending Gabrielle Harris to the Ontario County Planning Board.

Supervisor Lightfoote offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Case, the resolution was adopted unanimously. 5-0

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

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**TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION #42-2022**

**Resolution to appoint Gabrielle Harris
To Ontario County Planning Board**

Whereas, Mrs. Gabrielle Harris is a member of the Town of Gorham Planning Board; and,

Whereas, Gabrielle has shown interest in serving on the Ontario County Planning Board; and,

Whereas, The Town of Gorham position on the Ontario County Planning Board has been vacant since the retirement of Mr. Jack Daily, then,

Therefore, The Gorham Town Board hereby recommends the appointment of Mrs. Gabrielle Harris to the Ontario County Planning Board to represent the Town of Gorham on the County Planning Board.

I, Darby L. Perrotte, 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 14, 2022 by the following vote:

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

e. Healthcare Policy Update -

Supervisor Lightfoote said he just received information that changes everything because the change in the rates aren't as high as what they were initially recommending. Supervisor Lightfoote said he assumes the State didn't allow for more than 12.8% increase. He said Plans have changed too, so the Plan they currently have changes and increases the deductible.

Councilmember Lazarus said he is in favor of leaving the healthcare Plan alone, and consider it part of bringing the pay up. He understands employees cost of living increase has been a little low the past few years.

Action was tabled until the next meeting.

f. – Resolution Establishing the Middle Road Construction Project –

Action was tabled until October meeting.

g. Resolution Appointing a Solar Local Law Committee –

Supervisor Lightfoote offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Lazarus the resolution was adopted unanimously. 5-0

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**TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION #44-2022**

**Resolution to establish a committee to prepare and recommend
To the Gorham Town Board regulations regarding a Town
Solar Local Law**

Whereas, The State of New York has launched an initiative to minimize the use of fossil fuels, and;

Whereas, This initiative will require an enormous increase in the supply of solar derived electricity, and;

Whereas, The Town of Gorham does not have enough knowledge of large Solar Farms or regulations regarding them to provide Gorham residents with a needed level of Protections regarding construction; operation; and de-commission of Solar Farms, And then;

Therefore, The Gorham Town Board appoints the following residents to a committee to research the subject and advise the Town Board of potential problems, precautions, and protections to be aware of.

1. Chairman - Councilman Jake Chard
2. Councilman Phil Curtis
3. Code Officer Jim Morse
4. Planning Board Chair Tom Harvey
5. Conservation Board Chair Brett Johnson
6. Agriculture Committee Chair Chris Boyce
7. Land-Owner Joel Bay
8. Solar industry rep. To be decided
9. Gorham resident To be decided

I, Darby L. Perrotte, 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 14, 2022 by the following vote:

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

h. Resolution Appointing Charles Goodwin to a permanent member of the Zoning Board of Appeals-

Councilmember Chard offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Case, the resolutions were adopted motion carried unanimously. 5-0

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

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**TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION #46-2022**

**Resolution to appoint Charles Goodwin as a Regular member
Of the Town of Gorham Zoning Board of Appeals**

Whereas, The Town of Gorham Zoning Board of Appeals has a vacant regular Member seat that is vacant because of the resignation of Mrs. Mary Ellen Oliver and;

Whereas, Mr. Charles Goodwin is currently an alternate member then;

Therefore, The Gorham Town Board hereby moves Mr. Charles Goodwin from the position of alternate member to the position of regular member and appoints him to serve the remainder of Mrs. Oliver’s Term.

I, Darby L. Perrotte, 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 14, 2022 by the following vote:

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

i. Resolution calling a Public Hearing for Chateau Olivia –

Councilmember Chard offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Case, the resolution was adopted unanimously. 5-0

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

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**TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION #45-2022**

Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing for Chateau Olivia

Whereas, Ms. Olivia Guy, and her father, Mr. Greg Guy, have voiced to the Town of Gorham Town Board their desire to transform their property located at 4272 County Road 18 in the Town of Gorham into a large event venue including weddings, to be called Chateau Olivia;

Whereas, 4272 County Road 18 is located within the Town of Gorham’s Planned Development District, and;

Whereas, The property location and proposed use require approval by the Gorham Town Board, and;

Whereas, A public hearing is required as part of said approval process, then;

Therefore, The Gorham Town Board here-by sets the date and time of said public hearing as October 12th, 2022 at 7:00 pm, to be held at the Gorham Town Hall, 4736 South Street, Gorham, New York 14461, and;

Therefore, The Gorham Town Board directs the Gorham Town Clerk to provide a copy of this signed resolution to Mr. Greg and Ms. Olivia Guy, 4272 County Road 18, Canandaigua, New York 14424.

I, Darby L. Perrotte, 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 14, 2022 by the following vote:

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

j. Employee Handbook Update - Tabled until October meeting

k. Resolution Appointing Richard Perry as a permanent member of the Town Planning Board filling out Jack Dailey’s term.

Councilmember Case offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Chard, the resolution was adopted unanimously. 5-0

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

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**TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION #43-2022**

**Resolution to appoint Richard Perry as a Regular Member to the
Town of Gorham Planning Board**

Whereas, Mr. Jack Dailey has resigned from the Town of Gorham Planning Board, and;

Whereas, Mr. Rick Perry has been serving as an alternate member, and;

Whereas, Mr. Perry has expressed his desire to serve as a regular member, then;

Therefore, The Gorham Town Board hereby appoints Mr. Rick Perry to a position of regular member of the Gorham Planning Board to fill the remainder of Mr. Dailey's term.

I, Darby L. Perrotte, 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 14, 2022 by the following vote:

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

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

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8. Privilege of the Floor –

Lynn Klotz asked what the Middle Road Project is.

Supervisor Lightfoote said there is a lot of drainage work that needs to be done on Middle Road. It also needs to be totally reconstructed because of the shape the road surface is in. The culverts need to be addressed. It is, by far, the most heavily Town road we have. The Town has a \$100,000.00 grant. A lot of that has been taken up by engineering, so far. He said the Town is pursuing other avenues to get money for the project. Supervisor Lightfoote anticipates it will take at least 2 years before the Town can do the entire length. According to the Highway Superintendent it is the longest road in Town.

Ben Page, County Road 17 resident, asked if the Highway Department has any documentation of how many hours the Town's 10 wheelers work out of town helping other municipalities.

Supervisor Lightfoote said there is documentation that they are out of town but not how many hours. Supervisor Lightfoote has forms to give the Highway Superintendent to fill out to give to the Board with the documentation of the time spent helping other towns.

The Middle Road project will be a big project where the Town of Gorham will be able to utilize help from other Towns.

Councilmember Chard said "Given what we just paid MRB, and pay them regularly, we've reached out to them as far as what grants would be available for projects, right? Have we heard anything on that? Like getting a spreadsheet?"

Supervisor Lightfoote said they've changed things around with grant applications. Such as the Water Treatment Plant, we will apply once again for grants. The Town will have to enact a Capital Project for water line replacement.

Councilmember Chard said it would be nice for the representative from MRB Group, who works on grants, to come to a meeting to inform the Board what grants have been applied for and awarded and what is out there that the town is eligible for and could potentially utilize.

Lynn Klotz said, "I asked a couple months ago about a table of the Capital Projects that are on the table. The Highway project is something the public has a vote on. It would be very important to see what the project is, what the estimated cost is and what the grant value is. There are a lot of big projects planned. It's kind of scary to think in addition to all the other costs that are going up, where this is going to end up."

She said she thinks MRB should be able to provide most of that for the Town.

Supervisor Lightfoote said they will as soon as he gets them the information and he will get that to her as soon as he can.

Aaron Airth asked Supervisor Lightfoote for a copy of the estimate/quote that was drawn up of the cost to potentially bring the existing highway building up to code or what it needs to be.

Supervisor Lightfoote will get that to Mr. Airth.

Conservation Board Chairman Johnson said New York State Association of Conservation Commissions (NYSACC) has their Annual Conference on the Environment coming up on October 6, 2022. It is 100 percent based on the passage of the Bond Act which will probably be passed but, they will be running through how a municipality can utilize the grants that will be available. There is an hour workshop at the beginning of the meeting of how to go through a State Portal. There will be guest speakers trying to educate rural municipals on how to obtain grants. They will close the meeting on how to gather these grants. He said he is a firm believer that we should embrace the help. This Conference is on Zoom.

9. Set the Next Meeting Date – The next Town Board Meeting will be held on September 28th, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall. This will be a Special Budget Workshop Meeting.

The next Regular Meeting with Public Hearings regarding the Short Term Rental Law and Chateau Olivia will be held on October 12, 2022. Location to be determined.

10. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 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