

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
December 13, 2023 7:00pm

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday December 13, 2023 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.
Town Officials in attendance; Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Greg Coston, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morse, Assessor Enza Mineo and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.
Town Supervisor Elect, Dale C. Stell.
Councilmember Elect, Chrissy Watkins.
Highway Superintendent Zach Eddinger was necessarily absent.

There were residents/guests in attendance in person and via zoom.

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

Kevin Olvany, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Manager, was present to thank and congratulate Supervisor Lightfoote on his upcoming retirement.

Mr. Olvany gave a very nice speech stating how grateful he is for the the years of public service Supervisor Lightfoote has given to the Town and to the Watershed Council.

Amanda Gibeau updated the Board about the events the Stanley/Hall/Gorham Ambulance has held in December.

3. Approval of Minutes - 11/8/23 Regular & Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
11/15/23 Special Meeting & PH Minutes
11/20/23 Special Meeting & PH Minutes

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, the meeting minutes were approved as submitted. 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.
 - B. Highway – 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.
- 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. 5-0
5 – Ayes - Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus

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5. Audit of Bills -

Abstract #12

Abstract prepared by the Bookkeeper, Town Clerk and Highway Clerk
Approval of Vouchers

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Case, The abstract for December totaling \$215,774.65 was approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

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

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6. Business –

a. Adopt Resolution for Holiday Extra Day Off -

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 # 34-2023
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF GORHAM
WITH AN EXTRA "FLOATING" DAY OFF**

Whereas: The Gorham Town Board has provided Town employees an extra day off during the holiday season for many years, and;

Whereas: The Board wishes to continue this Tradition,

Therefore: The Gorham Town Board directs that employees of the Town be allowed an extra day off to be used during the holiday season, and also;

Therefore: Employees shall work with their immediate Supervisor to schedule this day off on a day that will be advantageous to both the employee and the Town.

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 December 13, 2023 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. Adopt Resolution MEO & Transfer Station Employee Pay -

Councilmember Lazarus 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 # 35-2023
TO INCREASE THE BASE PAY FOR HIGHWAY AND TRANSFER STATION
MEO'S**

Whereas: The Gorham Town Board voted to increase Highway and Transfer Station MEO base pay rates to \$30.00 per hour at the Boards November 15th, 2023 meeting, and;

Whereas: The Board also voted at the November 15th, 2023 meeting to start the increase now, and;

Whereas: Due to an oversight the increase was not initiated,

Therefore: The Town Board of the Town of Gorham directs that the increase to \$30.00 per hour be initiated starting on the Pay Period starting on December 11th, 2023, and;

Therefore: The Board also directs that since the new rate was directed to take place on the 15th of November, the shortage of pay of the affected employees shall be computed and paid to said employees 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 December 13, 2023 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. Certificate for Sue Yarger’s Retirement –

Supervisor Lightfoote presented a Certificate to Sue Yarger thanking her for her years of service to the Town as Clerk to the Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer.

d. Certificate for Brian Case’s Retirement –

Supervisor Lightfoote presented a Certificate to Brian Case thanking him for his years of service to the Town as a Councilmember.

7. Privilege of the Floor –

Councilmember Curtis thanked Supervisor Lightfoote and Councilmember Case for their years of service to the Town and congratulated them on their retirement.

Councilmembers thanked Supervisor Lightfoote’s wife for sharing him through the years and also thanked Town Clerk Perrotte for her help at meetings.

8. Set the Next Meeting Date - The next meeting will be the Organizational and Regular meetings on **January 17, 2024** at the Gorham Town Hall at 7:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: STARTING JANUARY 2024, TOWN BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

9. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Case, seconded by Supervisor Lightfoote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 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