

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING**  
**THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD**  
**May 21, 2025 7:00pm**

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday May 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall in Gorham, NY.

Present; Supervisor Dale C. Stell. Councilmembers, Jake Chard, Phil Curtis, Brian Lazarus and Chrissy Watkins.

Town Officials in attendance; Chief Operator Water & Wastewater Districts Nate Bay, Deputy Highway Superintendent Brandon Ayers, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morse, Assessor Enza Mineo, and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.  
Residents and guests in person and via zoom.

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*The minutes are written as a summary of the main points that were made and are the official and permanent record of the actions taken by the Gorham Town Board. Remarks delivered during privilege of the floor and discussions are summarized and are not intended to be verbatim transcriptions.*

***The full zoom recording of the meeting is posted on the town website for viewing.***

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1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag
2. Privilege of the Floor – none requested
3. Approval of Minutes – 04/16/25 Regular Meeting Minutes

On the motion by Councilmember Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the minutes were approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

**036-2025**

4. Reports of Town Officials -
  - A. Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants – written report on file.
  - B. Highway Superintendent – written report on file. Discussion was held regarding a new roll-off truck for highway.
  - C. Zoning/Building Officer – written report on file.
  - D. Assessor –written report on file. Discussion was held regarding the 2026 reassessment.
  - E. Tax Collector - written report on file.
  - F. Town Clerk – written report on file.
  - G. Town Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Chard, the Reports of Town Officials were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes - Stell, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

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5. Audit of Bills -

Approval of Vouchers

Abstract #5

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, The abstract of bills totaling \$262,272.18, was approved for payment with the exception of the payment to Lyons National Bank for the Highway Superintendents credit card bill. That payment will be made once receipts are submitted from the Highway Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes - Stell, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

**038-2025**

6. Business –

a. Adopt Free Stone Day Resolution -

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

5 - Ayes - Stell, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

**039-2025**

**TOWN OF GORHAM  
RESOLUTION # 8-2025  
APPROVE FREE STONE**

Resolution to provide a small amount of stone to any Gorham resident to fill driveway holes close to the intersection of their driveways and the road surface,

**Whereas,** The Town of Gorham has approximately 100 tons of number 2 crusher run left over from projects, and;

**Whereas,** The Town of Gorham has supplied such stone to residents to maintain their driveways close to the road surface for many years, and;

**Whereas,** The Gorham Town Board understands that by maintaining driveway surface against the road surface, residents help to preserve the edge of the pavement at residents' curb cuts, which ultimately helps the Town and saves the Town money, then;

**Therefore,** The Gorham Town Board declares Saturday June 14, 2025 to be designated as a "Free Stone Day", Gorham residents are allowed to take up to one-half of one cubic yard of number 2 crusher run from the Gorham Highway stockpile to be shoveled by Gorham residents into their own containers, for the purpose of maintaining their own driveways near the road edge, and also;

**Therefore,** Stone will be available to be picked up on **June 14, 2025** between the hours of **9:00 am and 3:00 pm** when a representative of the Town of Gorham will monitor the stone pile and have the final say regarding when the one-half cubic yard limit is reached by any and all residents.

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 May 21, 2025 by the following vote:

	<u><b>Aye</b></u>	<u><b>Nay</b></u>
Dale C. Stell	X_____	_____
Jake Chard	X_____	_____
Phil Curtis	X_____	_____
Brian Lazarus	X_____	_____
Chrissy Watkins	X_____	_____

b. Adopt Resolution of Support for 2026 Revaluation

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

**040-2025**

**TOWN OF GORHAM  
RESOLUTION #9-2025  
Approving Revaluation 2026**

**WHEREAS,** New York State provides financial support to perform Reassessments, and

**WHEREAS,** the Gorham Town Assessor would like to perform such a Reassessment for the 2026 Assessment Roll, and

**WHEREAS,** the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services requires a Resolution of Support from the Town Board in order to provide financial support, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board approves and supports doing the Reassessment, and

**RESOLVED,** that a copy of this Resolution be attached to our Plan for a Reassessment that is to be provided to the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Service, and

**RESOLVED,** that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Town Assessor and the Ontario County Real Property Tax Office.

I, Darby 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 May 21,2025 by the following vote:

	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b><u>Nay</u></b>
Dale C. Stell	X_____	_____
Jake Chard	X_____	_____
Phil Curtis	X_____	_____
Brian Lazarus	X_____	_____
Chrissy Watkins	X_____	_____

c. Approve MRB Proposal to Complete a Preliminary Engineering Report for Gorham /Hopewell Sewer District

Discussion was held regarding the new proposed sewer district.

This will be coordinated with Ontario County it will either be two town districts or it will be an extension of the County Sewer District because a town's special district can't cross the town line. The study cost will be shared by Lincoln Hill Farms, the Developer and the Town of Gorham.

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, to approve Preliminary Engineering Report for a Gorham/Hopewell Sewer District. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes - Stell, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

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d. Discussion was held about the purchase of a 2019 Roll-Off truck at the Transfer Station for \$129,000.00. Discussion was held about a tag axle on the truck. Councilmember Lazarus will discuss with Highway Superintendent Eddinger about the need for the tag axle.

On the motion by Councilmember Lazarus, seconded by Councilmember Curtis to purchase the truck for \$129,000.00. The motion carried unanimously 5-0

5 - Ayes - Stell, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

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e. Discussion was held regarding the "Welcome to Gorham" signs.

Three prices were obtained by chair of the Town Beautification Committee, Deb North. Prices ranged from \$1,500 to \$6,000 per sign. There are 6-7 signs.

Councilmember Curtis agreed to check each sign to see what state of repair they are in. The board will then proceed to replace or refurbish the signs.

On the motion by Councilmember Chard to purchase up to 4 signs at \$1,500.00 each with installation. Seconded by Councilmember Watkins the motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes - Stell, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

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f. The Board discussed a Parks Department/DPW person. The immediate concern of cleaning in between reservations at Easton Park has been taken care of by the Town Clerk Deputy, the Water Department is willing to unlock the building when needed and they have mowed around the building last season and this season so far. Supervisor Stell is hopeful that

the Highway Department will be willing to mow a couple times in the brushy area at Easton and also take a sweep through Heritage Park once a week or so for tree branch clean-up and any other items that need attention.

The Board will continue to work on a permanent DPW/Parks person position.

Code Enforcement Officer Morse agrees there needs to be a person to take care of things. His department helps as much as they can; changing lightbulbs, cleaning out the garage, cleaning the basement, shoveling snow. Although he is always willing to help, it takes a lot of time away from his department.

Councilmember Watkins recommended holding a staff meeting to discuss what each department is willing to contribute while the Board works on a permanent position for a DPW/Parks person position.

Councilmembers Chard and Watkins will work to move this forward.

Supervisor Stell reminded all that the Memorial Day Parade is in Gorham this year with a ceremony to follow to honor our Veteran's and Dedicated Citizen.

#### 7. Set Next Meeting Date –

\*Special Meeting June 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm  
Ontario County Housing Assessment Presentation  
Village of Rushville has been invited to attend

\*Regular Meeting June 18, 2025 at 7:00pm  
Both meetings will be held at the Gorham Town Hall

#### 8. Privilege of the Floor –

Code Enforcement Officer Morse reminded the Board about the quotes for the Highway Roof and the Generators for Easton Park, Town Hall and the Highway Building.

Discussion was held regarding the roof repair on the highway building. There may be need for an emergency declaration for those repairs.

Amanda Gibeau, Stanley Hall Gorham Ambulance, updated the Board on the current happenings with the Ambulance/EMS Services.

Privilege of the Floor concerns were addressed about credit card misuse, sewer district studies, the upcoming housing assessment presentation and school property tax exemptions.

#### 9. Executive Session –

On the motion by Supervisor Stell, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the Board entered into executive session at 8:35 pm to discuss acquisition, lease or sale of real property or securities when publicity would substantially affect the value.

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus the Board returned to regular session at 9:28 pm. No action was taken in executive session. Both motions carried unanimously.

5 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

10. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 pm. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte  
Town Clerk