

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
June 18, 2025 7:00pm**

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday June 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall in Gorham, NY.

Present;
Councilmembers, Jake Chard, Phil Curtis, Brian Lazarus and Chrissy Watkins.

Town Officials in attendance; Chief Operator Water & Wastewater Districts Nate Bay, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morse and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.
Supervisor Dale Stell and Highway Superintendent Zach Eddinger were necessarily absent.
Residents and guests in person and via zoom.

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.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Wanda Gallagher, Supervisor Dale Stell's sister and for Keith Blaker, Primary Candidate for Town of Gorham Highway Superintendent.

2. Privilege of the Floor –

Barbara VanHanegan, South Street resident, stated there is lack of communication in the town. Mrs. Vanhanagan would like to see a signboard at the town transfer station. Because so many residents utilize the transfer station, she feels it would help spread the word about important events going on in the town. Transfer Station Attendant, Mike Ayers, agreed to manage the signboard. The Town Board agrees it is a great idea and will work to get the sign at the transfer station.

Janine and Tom DeBlaere, Route 247 residents, voiced concerns about noise when Lincoln Hill Farms has a concert or wedding at their music venue on Route 247. The DeBlaere's stated the noise is excessive and disruptive to their family. They came to the Town Board seeking advice on what to do.

Code Enforcement Officer Morse stated the Planning Board issued the Special Use Permit to Lincoln Hill Farms. He encouraged the DeBlaere's to attend the Planning Board meeting on June 23rd to voice their concerns to that Board.

3. Approval of Minutes – 5/21/25 Regular Meeting Minutes
6/04/25 Special Meeting Minutes

On the motion by Councilmember Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, the minutes were approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously. 4-0

4 - Ayes – Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

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4. 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.
- F. Town Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Lazarus, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the Reports of Town Officials were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 4-0

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

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5. Audit of Bills -

Approval of Vouchers
Abstract #6

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, The abstract of bills totaling \$430,296.71 was approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. 4-0

4 - Ayes - Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

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6. Business –

- a. Budget Transfer –

On the motion by Councilmember Lazarus, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, to approve moving \$13,900 from SD1-East Lake View Drainage to H7-Cottage City Drainage, to restore the amount paid to BrownRock Property Maintenance in error. This transfer is subject to permissive referendum. Motion carried unanimously. 4-0

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

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7. Set Next Meeting Date –

*Special Meeting July 2, 2025 at 9:00 am

*Regular Meeting July 16, 2025 at 7:00pm

Both meetings will be held at the Gorham Town Hall

8. Privilege of the Floor –

Zach Gibeau, Gorham/Stanley Ambulance updated the Board on the happenings of the Ambulance.

Lynn Klotz, Lake Drive resident, asked for an update on the Cottage City Drainage Project and when road/street repair and paving in Crystal Beach will be addressed. She stated it has been 2 years since the flooding took place in the area and wondered when remediation will start.

9. Executive Session –

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, the Board entered into executive session at 7:35 pm for discussion related to proposed, pending or current litigation in a matter that will imperil public safety if it is disclosed.

On the motion by Councilmember Lazarus, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the Board returned to regular session at 8:55 pm. No action was taken in executive session. Both motions carried unanimously.

4 - Ayes – Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

1. On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, to retain Adams & LeClair for legal representation.

10. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Lazarus, seconded by Councilmember Chard, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm. The motion carried unanimously. 4-0

4 - Ayes – Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk