

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD  
August 20, 2025 7:00pm**

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday August 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall in Gorham, NY.

Present; Supervisor, Dale C. Stell  
Councilmembers, Jake Chard, Phil Curtis, Chrissy Watkins.  
Councilmember Brian Lazarus was necessarily absent.

Town Officials in attendance; Chief Operator Water & Wastewater Districts Nate Bay, Deputy Highway Superintendent, Brandon Ayers, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morse and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Highway Superintendent Zach Eddinger was absent.

Assessor Enza Mineo was necessarily absent.

Residents & 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 –

Ed Merritt, Deer Run resident, asked if Ontario County plans to file a class action lawsuit, similar to other counties, against NYSEG because they plan to upgrade the grid infrastructure, but the costs for these upgrades would be passed on to customers through rate hikes on the delivery portion of their bills.

Supervisor Stell stated he had not heard about it but would ask around.

Councilmember Chard confirmed NYSEG's proposed plan was approved by the State Public Service Commission.

3. Approval of Minutes – 07/16/25 Regular Meeting Minutes  
08/13/25 Special Meeting Minutes

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

4 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Curtis, Watkins

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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.

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. Supervisor Stell stated he has added to his report it includes interest income earned each month and the Maple Ave Project is 97% complete.

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

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

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6. Audit of Bills -

Approval of Vouchers

Abstract #8

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the abstract of bills totaling \$462,172.39 was approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. 4-0

4 - Ayes - Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

**072-2025**

7. Business –

a. Adopt Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Rushville –

Discussion was held regarding intermunicipal cooperation with the Village of Rushville's need for occasional water supply during emergency situations.

On the motion by Councilmember Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Chard, authorizing Supervisor Stell to sign an intermunicipal agreement for emergency water supply to the Village of Rushville. Motion carried unanimously. 4-0

4 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Curtis, Watkins

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b. Adopt NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Resolution -

Supervisor Stell asked the Board to consider moving some funds into a savings account with NYCLASS. New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS) is a short-term, highly liquid investment fund, designed specifically for the public sector. NYCLASS provides the opportunity to invest funds on a cooperative basis in short-term investments that strive to prioritize safety liquidity and yield.

Discussion was held.

Supervisor Stell said right now rates are very close to what the town’s bank is offering but as rates continue to decline, if there is a larger gap it will be worth considering to take advantage of the best interest rates we can get. He added that approximately 1700 municipalities in NY State use their services.

Councilmember Chard offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Watkins the resolution was adopted unanimously. 4-0  
4 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Curtis, Watkins

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**TOWN OF GORHAM**  
**RESOLUTION #15-2025**  
**NYCLASS MUNICIPAL COOPERATION**  
**New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System**

**WHEREAS,** New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations (defined in Article 5-G, section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts) to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other)of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

**WHEREAS,** the Gorham Town Board wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023;

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Gorham wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds;

**NOW THEREFORE** it is hereby resolved as follows;  
That Dale C. Stell, Supervisor of the Town of Gorham, is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023.

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 August 20, 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	absent_____	_____
Chrissy Watkins	X_____	_____

c. Appoint Deputy Town Clerk –

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, to appoint Tessah Ciardi as Deputy Town Clerk. Effective Sept 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously. 4-0

4 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Curtis, Watkins

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8. Set Next Meeting Date – The next regular Town Board meeting will be held Wednesday September 17, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall

9. Privilege of the Floor –

Amanda Gibeau, Director of Operations Stanley Hall Gorham Ambulance, updated the Board on operations of the Ambulance. The formal Open House for their new facility is coming up. She will have official numbers for Budget consideration for the Town of Gorham. There were questions and answers regarding AED's.

Lynn Klotz, Lake Drive resident, asked if the Town will be charging Rushville the same price Canandaigua charges us for water during emergencies.

Supervisor Stell stated Rushville will be charged the current wholesale rate.

Mrs. Klotz thanked the Board and Greg Hotaling, from MRB Group, for the informative meeting regarding the Cottage City Drainage Project.

Greg Hotaling added; some residents were interested in asking if Cottage City can be turned into a one-way road. He stated it was a design consideration at the beginning that was kicked around but thought it would have a negative impact on residents. He was encouraged to hear feedback and it opened their eyes to that consideration again.

10. Executive Session –

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the Board entered into executive session at 7:45 pm for discussion related to proposed, pending or current litigation Town of Gorham v 4611 Dewey Ave LLC.

On the motion by Councilmember Lazarus, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the Board returned to regular session at 8:22 pm. No action was taken in executive session. Both motions carried unanimously. 4-0

4 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Curtis, Watkins

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11. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Chard, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm. The motion carried unanimously. 4-0

4 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Curtis, Watkins

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte  
Town Clerk