

Town of Grand Island – Regular Meeting #2

A regular meeting of the Town Board of Grand Island, New York was held at the Town Hall, 2255 Baseline Rd., Grand Island, NY at 8:00p.m. on the 16th of January 2024.

Present:	Peter J. Marston	Supervisor
	Thomas A. Digati	Councilman
	Christian J. Bahleda	Councilman
	Daniel F. Kilmer	Councilman
	Patricia A. Frentzel	Town Clerk
	Peter C. Godfrey	Town Attorney

Supervisor Peter J. Marston called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.
Pastor Mike Chorey from CrossRiver Ministries gave the Invocation.
Councilman Christian J. Bahleda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

This is an opportunity for residents to comment on any matter regarding the meeting agenda items only.

Speakers: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Special Use Permit Amendment – Matthew & Cherrish Beals, 121 Amberwood Drive – Amend to Operate from a 2 to 3 Bedroom Bed & Breakfast

A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 8:00p.m. for the purpose of hearing anyone who wants to comment on a Special Use Permit Amendment – Matthew & Cherrish Beals, 121 Amberwood Drive – Amend to Operate from a 2 to 3 Bedroom Bed & Breakfast.

Speakers: Linda Harbison, Clive Roughsedge, Cherrish Beals

Supervisor Marston declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to table the Special Use Permit Amendment – Matthew & Cherrish Beals, 121 Amberwood Drive – Amend to Operate from a 2 to 3 Bedroom Bed & Breakfast.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
Noes 0

Request to Review Concept Plan and Local Law Intro #9 of 2023 – Rezoning SBL #24.15-3-8.1 – B-3 to R-1D and R3 and B1 for Proposed Housing Project - CANCELLED

A. Correspondence – Planning Board

B. Correspondence – Frank Burkhart

The Public Hearing was cancelled at the request of the developer. No further action was taken by the Town Board.

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MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting #1, January 2, 2024, and Minutes of Regular Meeting #1, January 2, 2024.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
 Noes 0

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Meeting Minutes- Zoning Board of Appeals – December 7, 2023
2. Building Permits Issued – December 2023
3. 2024 Schedule of Planning Board Meetings
4. Meeting Minutes – Planning Board – December 11, 2023

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve the consent agenda as distributed.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
 Noes 0

COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:

SUPERVISOR – PETER J. MARSTON:

Grand Island Police Department Call for Service – December 2023/2023 Yearly Statistics

No action by the Town Board.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:

TOWN CLERK – PATRICIA ANDERSON FRENTZEL:

Deputy Town Clerks

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to table the matter.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
 Noes 0

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – RICHARD W. CRAWFORD:

Re-appointment – Deputy Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Richard Crawford informed the Town Board that he has appointed Norman “Skip” Mrkall as Deputy Highway Superintendent effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

No action by the Town Board.

NYS Highway Law – Section 284 Agreement – 2024

Highway Superintendent Richard Crawford informed the Town Board that the 284 Agreement reflects the money budgeted for general repairs and improvements for the year 2024.

No action by the Town Board.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & WATER RESOURCES – ROBERT H. WESTFALL:

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Promotion – Wastewater Department, Maintenance Group

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Marston to approve the promotion of Omar Sortino to the position of Maintenance Worker in the Wastewater Department, Year 1 hourly rate according to the AFSME Contract, effective January 20, 2024.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
 Noes 0

Promotion – Water Department

A motion was made by Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the promotion of Stephen J. Hinkle to the position of Water Treatment Plant Operator, Year 3 - \$36.13/hr. as per the AFSME Contract, effective January 20, 2024.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 1 Kilmer

Request for Out of District Sewer Service – State Parks – Buckhorn Park Residence, 5805 East-West Park Road

Town Engineer Robert Westfall reported that New York State Parks is requesting authorization to connect the Park’s residential structure located at 5805 East-West Park Road to the Town’s municipal sewer as an out of district user. The facility currently utilizes a septic system which has failed. The parcel is not in the Town’s Sewer District, but is “first adjacent”, therefore eligible for this request. We have reviewed the proposal to connect and have no concerns regarding this request. All costs associated with the improvements to undertake this shall be the State Parks responsibility.

Out of district users are subject to a contract establishing costs associated with service, different from in-district users. Should the Town accept this request, we recommend referring this to the Town Attorney to finalize the contract for this out of district user.

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Supervisor Marston to approve the request, subject to negotiation of an agreement acceptable to Town Engineer and Town Attorney.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
 Noes 0

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:

Electrical Board – Election Results

Code Enforcement Officer Ron Milks reported that the bi-annual election of the members of the Electrical Board was held, and they have elected George Newman and Albert LeClerc for a two-year term.

No action by the Town Board.

Plumbing Board – Election Results

Code Enforcement Officer Ron Milks reported that the bi-annual election of the members of the Plumbing Board was held, and they have elected Eric Ackerman, Frank Grandinetti, and Dan Drexelius for a two-year term.

No action by the Town Board.

PLANNING BOARD:

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Non-Residential Design & Performance Standards

No action by the Town Board.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to pay

Vouchers #144051 - #144206

General \$276,759.84

Highway \$ 12,059.43

Sewer \$ 87,728.55

Water \$159,736.16

Capital \$261,185.39

Total \$797,469.37

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston

 Noes 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Local Law Intro #6 of 2023 – Amend Chapter 407, the Zoning Code of the Town of Grand Island, Regarding Allowable Uses in the M-1 District

A. SEQRA Resolution and Negative Declaration with EAF Parts 2 and 3

B. Resolution Adopting Local Law Intro #6 of 2023

Remains Tabled.

Special Use Permit Application – Jody Rider, 1559 East River Road – Bed & Breakfast

A. Correspondence – Planning Board

A motion was made by Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to renew the Special Use Permit for Jody Rider, 1559 East River Road – Bed & Breakfast.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston

 Noes 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

This is an opportunity for residents to comment on any matter regarding Town government on any subject.

Speakers:

None

FROM THE BOARD:

- **Go Bills!**
- **Great Job to the Highway Department with snow events!**

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to adjourn the meeting at 8:41p.m.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston

 Noes 0

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the following:

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Joanne Lazik
James O'Connor
Sofia Wuslich
Peter Connelly

Nancy Sayre
Arnold Beck
Philip Buchanan

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Anderson Frentzel
Town Clerk

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