

Town of Grand Island – Regular Meeting #20

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 4th of December 2023.

Present:	Peter J. Marston	Deputy Supervisor
	Michael H. Madigan	Councilman
	Thomas A. Digati	Councilman
	Christian J. Bahleda	Councilman
	Betty Y. Lantz	Deputy Town Clerk
	Peter C. Godfrey	Town Attorney

Deputy Supervisor Peter J. Marston called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.

Pastor Matt Pfeil from Cornerstone Church 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 HEARING:

Sewer Rents – 2024

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 8:00p.m. for the purpose of hearing anyone who wants to comment on the proposed 2024 Sewer Rents of \$5.80 per 1,000 gallons of water usage.

Speakers: None

Deputy Supervisor Marston declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Digati to set Sewer Rents for the Town of Grand Island at \$5.80 per 1,000 gallons of water usage.

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting #29, November 20, 2023, and Minutes of Regular Meeting #19, November 20, 2023.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Meeting Minutes – Board of Architectural Review – October 17, 2023

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

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

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COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR – PETER J. MARSTON:

Welcome to Grand Island Sign

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for a Welcome Sign on the Beaver Island overpass.

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

Resignation

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to accept the resignation of Peter J. Marston as Town Councilman effective December 31, 2023, at midnight.

APPROVED	Ayes	3	Madigan, Digati, Bahleda
	Abstain	1	Marston

COUNCILMAN – THOMAS A. DIGATI:

Amendment of Salary – Deputy Supervisor

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to amend the pay of Deputy Supervisor Peter Marston to the Town's Supervisor salary, pursuant to the applicable 2023 Town's Salary Schedule effective December 4, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

APPROVED	Ayes	3	Madigan, Digati, Bahleda
	Abstain	1	Marston

COUNCILMAN CHRISTIAN BAHLEDA:

Appointments – Economic Development Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to appoint Sara Vescio to the Economic Development Advisory Board to the vacant term expiring December 31, 2025, and appoint Ryan Clark to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2026.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:

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

Authorize Deputy Supervisor to Sign Agreement – Grand Island Senior Center

Improvement Project – HUD Community Project Funding Grant – Award # B-23-CP-NY-1109

Town Engineer Robert Westfall reported that the HUD Community Project Funding Grant for the Grand Island Senior Center Improvement Project includes asbestos abatement, rebuild and reconstruction and installation of new HVAC/air handling equipment in the portion that was constructed in 1954.

A motion was made by Councilman Madigan, seconded by Councilman Digati to authorize the Deputy Supervisor to sign the agreement with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Grand Island Senior Center Improvement Project – HUD Community Project Funding Grant – Award # B-23-CP-NY-1109.

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

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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:

Special Use Permit Renewal – Robin Shipman, 2020 Fix Road – Bed & Breakfast

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to renew the Special Use Permit for Robin Shipman, 2020 Fix Road – Bed & Breakfast. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

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

Special Use Permit Renewal – e2i Ventures, LLC, 1725 Grand Island Boulevard – Own/Operate an Apartment Building with a density of no less than 9 nor more than 12 units per acre, as per section 407-61A6c of the Town Code

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Madigan to renew the Special Use Permit for e2i Ventures, LLC, 1725 Grand Island Boulevard – Own/Operate an Apartment Building with a density of no less than 9 nor more than 12 units per acre, as per section 407-61A6c of the Town Code. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

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

Special Use Permit Renewal – 1441 Ransom Road LLC, 1441 Ransom Road – Operate an Existing Mini-Mart with Gas Pumps

A motion was made by Councilman Madigan, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to renew the Special Use Permit for 1441 Ransom Road LLC, 1441 Ransom Road – Operate an Existing Mini-Mart with Gas Pumps. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

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

Special Use Permit Renewal – Redbush Meadow LLC, 2120 Alvin Road – Dog Kennel

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to renew the Special Use Permit for Redbush Meadow LLC, 2120 Alvin Road – Dog Kennel. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

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

Amendment to Special Use Permit – Matthew & Cherrish Beals, 121 Amberwood Drive – Operate a 2 Bedroom Bed & Breakfast – Refer to Planning Board

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Marston to refer the request for an amendment of the Special Use Permit – Matthew & Cherrish Beals, 121 Amberwood Drive to change from operating a 2 Bedroom Bed & Breakfast to a 3 Bedroom Bed & Breakfast to the Planning Board and set a Public Hearing for Monday, December 18, 2023, at 8:00p.m. to hear anyone who wants to comment on the matter.

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

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Special Use Permit Renewal – Matthew & Cherrish Beals, 121 Amberwood Drive –

Operate a 2 Bedroom Bed & Breakfast

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Digati to renew the Special Use Permit for Matthew & Cherrish Beals, 121 Amberwood Drive – to operate a 2 Bedroom Bed & Breakfast subject to all the appropriate inspections have been performed and the appropriate fees have been paid, and with conditions approved in prior Special Use Permit approvals.

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

TOWN ACCOUNTANT – KORIN FRANTZ:

Budget Amendment – Grand Island Police Department

Erie County provided a grant to the Grand Island Police Department. These funds will be used to cover the Grand Island Police Department Manual of Conduct.

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the following budget amendment for 2023:

Increase Revenue a/c	001.0001.3006	Erie County Grants	\$ 20,000
Increase Appropriation	001.3120.0412	Police – Training	\$ 20,000

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

Budget Amendment – Parkland Funds

There have been Town Board authorizations throughout 2023 to cover expenses for improvements to the town commons. The use of Parkland Funds was planned. The total of \$29,287 needs Town Board approval to transfer the funds from the Parkland monies.

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the following budget amendment for 2023:

Increase	001.0001.2770	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$29,287
Increase	001.7110.0400	Parks & Playgrounds – Contractual Exp	\$29,287

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

Budget Amendment – General Fund – ARPA Funds

In August of 2022, the Town of Grand Island was in receipt of the remaining ARPA funds in the amount of \$1,098,458 (\$2,196,916.48 grand total). To date, we spent \$1,551,313.32. The remaining funds are sitting in a liability account in the General Fund until decisions are made.

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Previously, the Board had agreed to the following projects:

Water Maintenance Garage	\$ 33,351.00
Town Hall Roof/Patio	\$127,234.34
Paving Wastewater Plant	\$ 27,400.00
Sealing Town Hall/Other Town Lots	\$ 30,262.64
Hydro Seeder	\$ 41,205.00
Wastewater Wall/Repairs	\$ 48,190.18
Gator	<u>\$ 10,265.77</u>
Total	\$319,793.93

The grand total expenditures from ARPA funds this year is \$319,793.93. All these projects are acceptable under the guidelines. A series of approvals are required to transfer/appropriate/amend funds and budgets.

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve the following:

#1 Transfer \$165,493.82 from the General Fund to other Funds (journal entries)				
G/L Account	Fund	Description	Debit	Credit
001.0001.0688	General Fund	Other Liabilities	\$319,793.93	
001.0001.4089	General Fund	Federal Aid-Other		\$319,793.93
MOVE FUNDS FROM LIABILITY TO REVENUE				
001.0001.0205	General Fund	Cash		\$165,493.82
001.9901.0903	General Fund	Transfer to Other Funds	\$ 41,205	
TRANSFER CASH TO HIGHWAY FUND				
001.9901.0903	General Fund	Transfer to Other Funds	\$ 91,757.82	
TRANSFER CASH TO SEWER FUND				
001.9901.0903	General Fund	Transfer to Other Funds	\$ 33,531.00	
TRANSFER CASH TO WATER FUND				
002.0002.0205	Highway Fund	Cash	\$41,205.00	
002.0002.5031	Highway Fund	Transfer from Other Funds		\$41,205.00
ACCEPT CASH FROM GENERAL FUND				
003.0003.0205	Sewer Fund	Cash	\$91,757.82	
003.0003.5031	Sewer Fund	Transfer from Other Funds		\$91,757.82
ACCEPT CASH FROM GENERAL FUND				
004.0004.0205	Water Fund	Cash	\$33,531.00	
004.0004.5031	Water Fund	Transfer from Other Funds		\$33,531.00
ACCEPT CASH FROM GENERAL FUND				
#2 Amend General Fund Budget				
001.0001.4089	General Fund Revenue	Increase - Federal Aid-Other		\$319,793.93
001.9901.0903	General Fund Expense	Increase - Transfer to Other Funds		\$165,493.82
001.7710.0200	General Fund Expense	Increase – Equip. Parks/Playgrounds		\$ 10,265.77
001.7710.0422	General Fund Expense	Increase – Rep/Main Bldgs. Parks		\$ 16,800.00
001.1620.0422	General Fund Expense	Increase – Rep/Main Bldgs. Shared Svcs		\$127,234.34

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#3 Amend Highway Fund Budget

002.0002.5031	Highway Fund Revenue Increase -Transfer from Other Funds	\$41,205.00
002.5130.0200	Highway Fund Expense Increase – Highway Equipment.	\$41,205.00

#4 Amend Sewer Fund Budget

003.0003.5031	Sewer Fund Revenue Increase -Transfer from Other Funds	\$90,757.82
003.8130.0422	Sewer Fund Expense Increase – Sewer O&M Rep/Main Bldgs.	\$90,757.82

#5 Amend Sewer Fund Budget

004.0004.5031	Water Fund Revenue Increase -Transfer from Other Funds	\$33,531.00
004.8340.0422	Water Fund Expense Increase – Water O&M Rep/Main Bldgs.	\$33,531.00

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

2023 Budget Transfers/Amendments

A motion was made by Councilman Madigan, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the following budget transfers needed to balance each fund in preparation for the year ended 12-31-23.

<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>WATER</u>
\$70,550	\$ 57,385	\$ 125	\$ 125

General Fund:

DEPT	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TRF NEEDED	FROM A/C	\$	FROM DIFFERENT DEPT	EXPLANATION
ASSESSMENT	PROFESSIONAL SVCS	001.1355.0409	30,000.00	001.1355.0100	30,000.00	ASSESSMENT PERS	SHARED ASSESMENT
CROSSING GUARDS	PERS SVCS	001.3122.100	1,500.00		1,500.00		EXCEEDED BUDGET
DOG CONTROL	PROFESSIONAL SVCS	001.3510.0409	900.00	001.3510.0100	900.00	DOG CONTROL - REG PAY	EXCEEDED BUDGET
RECREATION	YOUTH PROGRAM PERS SVCS	001.7310.0100	24,000.00	001.7020.0100	20,000.00	RECREATION - REG PAY	EXCEEDED BUDGET
				001.7310.0410	4,000.00	YOUTH PROGRAM - RENTALS	EXCEEDED BUDGET
RECREATION	YOUTH PROG.PERS SVCS OT	001.7620.0102	3,000.00	001.7310.0422	3,000.00	YOUTH PROGRAM - REP/MAINT	EXCEEDED BUDGET
RECREATION	ADULT PROGRAM PERS SVCS	001.7620.0100	9,500.00	001.7020.0412	5,000.00	RECREATION - TRAINING	EXCEEDED BUDGET
				001.7020.0404	2,450.00	RECREATION - TRAVEL	EXCEEDED BUDGET
				001.7550.0460	2,050.00	CELEBRATIONS- PARADE	EXCEEDED BUDGET
DISABILITY INSURANCE	DISABILITY INSURANCE	001.9050.0800	150.00	001.9060.0800	150.00	MEDICAL INSURANCE	EXCEEDED BUDGET
DISABILITY INSURANCE	DISABILITY INSURANCE	001.9055.0800	1,500.00	001.9060.0800	1,500.00	MEDICAL INSURANCE	EXCEEDED BUDGET
			\$ 70,550.00		\$ 70,550.00		

Highway Fund:

DEPT	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TRF NEEDED	FROM A/C	\$	FROM DIFFERENT DEPT	EXPLANATION
GENERAL REPAIRS	ROAD WORK GEN REP	002.5110.0412	1,000.00	002.5142.0442	1,000.00	SNOW REMOVAL	EXCEEDED BUDGET
MACHINERY	REP/MAIN EQUIP	002.5130.0421	1,000.00	002.5142.0442	1,000.00	SNOW REMOVAL	EXCEEDED BUDGET
MISC.	PERS SVCS	002.5140.0100	55,000.00	002.5142.102	55,000.00	SNOW REMOVAL	EXCEEDED BUDGET
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	DISABILITY INSURANCE	002.9055.0800	385.00	002.9010.0800	385.00	NYS RETIREMENT	EXCEEDED BUDGET
		TOTALS	\$ 57,385.00		\$ 57,385.00		

Sewer Fund:

DEPT	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TRF NEEDED	FROM A/C	\$	FROM DIFFERENT DEPT	EXPLANATION
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	DISABILITY INSURANCE	003.9055.0800	125.00	003.9060.0800	125.00	MEDICAL INSURANCE	EXCEEDED BUDGET
		TOTALS	125.00		125.00		

Water Fund:

DEPT	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TRF NEEDED	FROM A/C	\$	FROM DIFFERENT DEPT	EXPLANATION
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	DISABILITY INSURANCE	004.9055.0800	125.00	004.9060.0800	125.00	MEDICAL INSURANCE	EXCEEDED BUDGET
		TOTALS	\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00		

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

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

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

Vouchers #143697 - #143796

General \$108,250.44

Highway \$ 13,499.34

Sewer \$ 53,801.63

Water \$ 10,316.99

Capital \$743,404.24

Garbage \$144,020.19

Fire \$381,670.25

Total \$1,454,963.08

APPROVED Ayes 4 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda

Noes 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

John Valenti, Alvin Road Incubator Building – Site Plan Approval – 14,000 S.F. One Story Multi-Unit Building

Remains Tabled.

Reapprove Preliminary Plat (Modified Plan) – Ashbrooke Court Estates (Subdivision #49.06) – 48 Lots

Remains Tabled.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Speakers:

Highway Superintendent Richard Crawford,
Catherine Rayhill, Sherrie Kern

FROM THE BOARD:

- **Happy Holidays!**
- **Go Bills!**
- **Great Light up the Boulevard event.**

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to adjourn the meeting at 8:46p.m.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda

Noes 0

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

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Beverly Thomas

Greta Anderson

Monica Villani

Donald Bloom

Penelope O'Connor

Kurt Villani

Respectfully submitted in the absence of the Town Clerk,

Betty Y. Lantz

Deputy Town Clerk

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