

Town of Grand Island – Regular Meeting #5

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 March 2026.

Present:	Peter J. Marston	Supervisor
	Thomas A. Digati	Councilman
	Daniel F. Kilmer	Councilman
	Jose A. Garcia	Councilman
	Rhonda G. Diehl	Councilwoman
	Patricia A. Frentzel	Town Clerk
	Peter C. Godfrey	Town Attorney

Supervisor Peter J. Marston called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.
Father Nick Evancho from St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church gave the Invocation.
Councilman Rhonda G. Diehl 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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Garcia to approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting #5, February 26, 2026, Minutes of Workshop Meeting #6, March 2, 2026, and Minutes of Regular Meeting #3, March 2, 2026.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Diehl, Marston
Noes 0

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Building Permits Issued – February 2026
2. Meeting Minutes – Zoning Board of Appeals – February 5, 2026

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

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Diehl, Marston
Noes 0

COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:

COUNCILMAN – JOSE A. GARCIA:

Appointments – Traffic Safety Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Supervisor Marston to appoint Richard Crawford as an Alternate to the Traffic Safety Advisory Board with a term expiring December 31, 2026.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Diehl, Marston
Noes 0

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Local Law #1 of 2025 – Add Section 219, Amend Chapter 323-8, Amend Chapter 323-9 and Amend Chapter 309-8(C) of the Town of Grand Island Town Code – Property Maintenance – Amendments

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Supervisor Marston to refer Local Law #1 of 2025 – Add Section 219, Amend Chapter 323-8, Amend Chapter 323-9 and Amend Chapter 309-8(C) of the Town of Grand Island Town Code – Property Maintenance – Amendments to the Planning Board for review and recommendation.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Diehl, Marston
Noes 0

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:

PARKS MAINTENANCE CREW CHIEF – TOM CECERE:

New Hire

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Garcia to hire Luke Gworek, Laborer/Parks Jr. Worker, Part Time, Step 1, \$18.60 hr., with a start date to be determined effective upon completion of necessary pre-employment paperwork.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Diehl, Marston
Noes 0

Status Change

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Garcia to change the status of Luke Gworek, Laborer/Parks Jr. Worker, from Part-time to Seasonal, effective May 1, 2026, no change in pay.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Diehl, Marston
Noes 0

Permission Request – Kids Event Tickets

A motion was made by Councilwoman Diehl, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to authorize Kids Event Tickets to use a pavilion at Veterans Park to conduct raffle drawings from March 27, 2026, to September 23, 2026. The drawing would entail one person bringing a container of tickets, a laptop, and a sign to the Park, pulling a ticket number and entering it onto the computer. All drawings would take approximately 10 minutes. There would be no disruption to the Park.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Diehl, Marston
Noes 0

PLANNING BOARD:

Reaffirm SEQR – North Baseline Properties LLC, 2051 Baseline Road- Site Plan Amendments

A motion was made by Councilwoman Diehl, seconded by Councilman Digati to reaffirm the Negative Declaration for the approved accessory building at North Baseline Properties LLC, 2051 Baseline Road.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Diehl, Marston
Noes 0

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North Baseline Properties LLC, 2051 Baseline Road- Site Plan Amendments

A motion was made by Councilwoman Diehl, seconded by Councilman Digati to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board and approve the Site Plan amendments for the proposed change of use of an already approve accessory building at 2051 Baseline Road from an accessory storage building to professional or general business offices, subject to the following conditions:

- On Baseline Road, landscaping features shall be added
- The building shall have earth-toned colors
- The installation of an RPZ

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Diehl, Marston
Noes 0

TOWN ACCOUNTANT – KORIN FRANTZ:

Create PO-17 – Information Technology Position

A motion was made by Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Garcia to approve the submission of a PO-17 to Erie County Civil Service to create the position of Computer Operator to serve the Town’s IT needs. Further approval is made to canvas the list once the position is created.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Diehl, Marston
Noes 0

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to pay

Vouchers #151980 - #152106	
General	\$ 72,925.93
Highway	\$ 16,983.14
Sewer	\$ 63,143.44
Water	\$ 56,310.74
Capital	\$247,266.83
Fire	<u>\$ 53.09</u>
Total	\$456,683.17

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Diehl, Marston
Noes 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Historic Preservation Advisory Board – Increase Stipend of Town Historian

A motion was made by Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Garcia to refer the matter to the Town Board.

THE MOTION WAS RESCINDED.

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the increase in Stipend for the Town Historian from \$2,500 to \$5,000, effective immediately.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Diehl, Marston
Noes 0

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