

Town of Grand Island – Regular Meeting #4

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 2nd 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.
Pastor Michael Cancilla from CrossRiver Ministries gave the Invocation.
Councilman Jose A. Garcia 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: Cherrish Beals

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting #3, February 2, 2026, Minutes of Regular Meeting #3, February 2, 2026, and Minutes of Workshop Meeting #4, February 13, 2026.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Meeting Minutes – Zoning Board of Appeals – January 8, 2026
2. Building Permits Issued – January 2026
3. Meeting Minutes – Board of Architectural Review – January 20, 2026
4. Meeting Minutes – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – January 26, 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:

SUPERVISOR – PETER J. MARSTON:

Resignation – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Garcia to accept the resignation of David Pratt from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with regret. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Mr. Pratt.

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

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Power Upgrade – Town Commons

Town Supervisor Marston informed the Town Board that the Town received a bid from our electrical contractor for approximately \$29,000.00 to install a dedicated electrical service to The Commons area. There was discussion with National Grid regarding bringing the mainline across Grand Island Blvd. The cost of that was unclear as they were unsure whether a new service would be considered or an upgrade. National Grid has stipulated that the higher cost would not exceed \$10,000.00. Lead times for projects like this are often 1 year plus.

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Digati to authorize an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 to upgrade the electrical service to the Town Common's area. Park's Trust and Agencies funds will be used to fund this project unless other outside funding becomes available.

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

DASNY/SAM Grant – Sandywoods Trail Project – Project #2965

Town Supervisor Marston informed the Town Board that he has received the DASNY/SAM grant Due Diligence paperwork for the Sandywoods Trail Project Grant. This specific portion of the project involves pathway improvements to upgrade to the existing woodchip trail currently on site to a crushed granite trail and completing concrete work constructing a connection from the curb cut at the roadway to the property line to provide ADA-accessible access to the trail as well as ensuring proper grading for drainage and safe pedestrian use.

The estimated project cost for this portion is \$ 118,750. DASNY has awarded \$80,000 through a SAM grant. The balance of the project cost will be paid for by the Town of Grand Island.

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to authorize the Supervisor to execute the Due Diligence paperwork as necessary.

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

Professional Grant Writing Services

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with C & S Engineers, Inc. for the grant-writing services for the Town of Grand Island.

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

COUNCILMAN – JOSE A. GARCIA:

Resignations – Conservation Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to accept the resignation of Diane Evans and Suzanne Tomkins from the Conservation Advisory Board with regret. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Ms. Evans and Ms. Tomkins.

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

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Appointments – Conservation Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to appoint James Daigler to the Conservation Advisory Board with a term expiring December 31, 2030, Susannah M. Zhrebilov with a term expiring December 31, 2029, and Zak Piper as an Alternate with a term expiring December 31, 2026.

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

Resignation – Traffic Safety Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to accept the resignation of Daniel Buccini from the Traffic Safety Advisory Board with regret. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Mr. Buccini.

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

Appointments – Traffic Safety Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to appoint Kurt Herman to the Traffic Safety Advisory Board with a term expiring December 31, 2028, and Kurt Fiedler with a term expiring December 31, 2026.

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

Historic Preservation Advisory Board – Increase Stipend of Town Historian

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

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

COUNCILWOMAN – RHONDA G. DIEHL:

Resignation – Agricultural Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilwoman Diehl, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to accept the resignation of Philip Miano from the Agricultural Advisory Board with regret. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Mr. Miano.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:

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

Authorize Supervisor to Execute Amended Grant Agreement – EV Charging Stations – ZEV Infrastructure Grant-Amended Agreement Execution – Job #: M-69-2021

Town Engineer Robert Westfall reported that he has received an amended agreement for the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Infrastructure Grant, #DEC01-ZEVIN-2022-00134, to be executed in the New York Statewide Financial System (SFS) portal.

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The amended agreement allows for an additional year to complete the installation of two dual port EV charging stations at Town Hall for public use. The new contract end date 9/30/2026 and Mr. Westfall recommends the Town Board approve the amendment.

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Digati to authorize the Supervisor to execute the amended grant agreement for the EV Charging Stations – ZEV Infrastructure Grant-Amended Agreement Execution – Job #: M-69-2021 in the NY SFS portal.

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

Hire Principal Engineer Assistant

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Garcia to appoint Kevin Koch, Jr. as a Principal Engineer Assistant, (provisionally), CSEA Grade 8, \$34.95/hr., effective March 2026, with a start date subject to the completion of the necessary preemployment paperwork.

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

Amend Fee Schedule – Water Meter Fees

Town Engineer reported that due to the recent adoption of the Townwide Meter Replacement Project, and the new meter selected for the project, the Town’s Fee Schedule needs to be amended for the prices for Water Meters.

A motion was made by Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve the following changes to the Town’s Fee Schedule:

WATER METERS (COMPLETE):

iPERL – ¾”	\$	355.00
iPERL – 1”	\$	445.00
CORDONEL – 1 ½”	\$	2,045.00
CORDONEL – 2”	\$	2,195.00

METER PART REPLACEMENT COSTS:

iPERL– ¾” Bare Meter Less Register	\$	175.00
iPERL– 1” Bare Meter Less Register	\$	265.00
CORDONEL – 1 ½” Bare Meter Less Register	\$	1,865.00
CORDONEL – 2” Bare Meter Less Register	\$	2,015.00
510M Endpoint	\$	180.00

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:

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

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Digati to renew the Special Use Permit for Jody Rider, 1559 East River Road – Bed & Breakfast. The site has been inspected, and it is unchanged.

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

Special Use Permit Renewal – NYSolar06, LLC, 2595 Whitehaven Road – Solar Energy Farm

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Digati to renew the Special Use Permit for NYSolar06, LLC, 2595 Whitehaven Road – Solar Energy Farm. The site has been inspected, and it is unchanged.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to renew the Special Use Permit for Matthew & Cherrish Beals, 121 Amberwood Drive – Bed & Breakfast. The site has been inspected, and it is unchanged.

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

Special Use Permit Renewal – Regie Prisca Nofiele-Kawo Young, 2332 Stony Point Road – Keeping of up to 1 Agricultural Animal and 8 Chickens

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to renew the Special Use Permit for Regie Prisca Nofiele-Kawo Young, 2332 Stony Point Road – Keeping of up to 1 Agricultural Animal and 8 Chickens. The site has been inspected, and it is unchanged.

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

Request Authorization to Advertise for Bids – 2026 Property Maintenance Bid Contract

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to advertise for bids for 2026 Property Maintenance issues in the Town on Friday, March 6, 2026, and receive bids on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 10:00a.m.

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

TOWN ACCOUNTANT – KORIN FRANTZ:

2025 Budget Amendment/Transfers

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to approve the following Budget transfer and amendments for December 31, 2025, as follows:

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to pay Vouchers #151817 - #151962

General	\$190386.71
Highway	\$104237.12
Sewer	\$ 27114.02
Water	\$ 20417.34
Capital	\$25249.78
Garbage	<u>\$184620.17</u>
Total	\$552025.14

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Speakers: Bill Daniels, Christopher Buszka

FROM THE BOARD:

- Spring is here
- NYSAOT Meeting
- Winter Olympics
- Veterans Exemptions for Taxes

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to adjourn the meeting at 8:33p.m.

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

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

Anthony Aquilino, Jr.	Richard Sander
Charles Mahoney	Judith Pedlow
Lori LoVallo	John Domagala
Mark Zimmerman	

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Anderson Frentzel
Town Clerk

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