

Town of Grand Island – Regular Meeting #3

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 3rd of March 2025.

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

Excused:	Daniel F. Kilmer	Councilman
	Jose A. Garcia	Councilman

Supervisor Peter J. Marston called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.
Reverend Kevin Backus from Bible Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation.
Councilman Thomas A. Digati 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 Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve Minutes of Regular Meeting #2, February 3, 2025, Minutes of Workshop Meeting #4, February 3, 2025, and Minutes of Workshop Meeting #5, February 14, 2025.

APPROVED	Ayes	3	Digati, Bahleda, Marston
	Noes	0	

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Meeting Minutes- Zoning Board of Appeals – January 2, 2025
2. Meeting Minutes – Planning Board – January 13, 2025
3. Building Permits Issued – January 2025
4. Meeting Minutes – Board of Architectural Review – January 28, 2025
5. Grand Island Police Department Calls for Service – January 2025
6. New York State Department of Transportation – Intersection of NY 957B (South Parkway) and Broadway

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

APPROVED	Ayes	3	Digati, Bahleda, Marston
	Noes	0	

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COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:

SUPERVISOR – PETER J. MARSTON:

Monthly Supervisor's Report – December 2024

The Supervisor reported Cash Balance-Operating A/C of \$2,302,512 on December 1, 2024

Total Receipts of \$3,314,782

Total Disbursements of \$2,487,106

Operating A/C Interest \$6,249

Operating A/C Balance \$3,136,436

Investment Interest \$31,007

Investment Balance \$9,815,600

Total Cash Balance as of December 31, 2024, \$12,952,036

No action by the Town Board.

Municipal Cooperation Agreement between the Town of Tonawanda and the Town of Grand Island for Assessor Services

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Municipal Cooperation Agreement between the Town of Tonawanda and the Town of Grand Island for Assessor Services, subject to the approval of the Town Attorney.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

Special Event Permit Application– Farmer's Market

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the Special Event Permit Application for a Farmer's Market to be held in Town Commons every Saturday from May thru October 2025 from 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. An updated Certificate of Insurance will be supplied prior to the event.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

COUNCILMAN – THOMAS A. DIGATI:

Appointments– Planning Board

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Supervisor Marston to appoint Scott Hammond and Craig Eddy as Alternates to the Planning Board with terms expiring December 31, 2025.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

Appointments – Economic Development Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Supervisor Marston to appoint Justin Karcher to the Economic Development Advisory Board with a term expiring December 31, 2026, and Vienna Laurendi as an Alternate with a term expiring December 31, 2025.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

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COUNCILMAN JOSE A. GARCIA:

Soccer Club Storage Shed

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the donation of a 10'x12' storage shed from the volunteers of the Soccer Club, subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and future resolutions outlining the terms of the agreement. Town will do site work, concrete pad will be done by Town and reimbursed by the Soccer Club. A premanufactured shed will be delivered after concrete work is completed. The Town will seek consistency of future structures in Veterans Park: design, color, aesthetics, etc.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – RICHARD W. CRAWFORD:

New Hire Appointment

Highway Superintendent Richard Crawford informed the Town Board that he hired Lawrence Smith as a Laborer, per the AFSCME Contract - \$21.98/hr., effective February 11, 2025.

For information only. No Town Board action was taken.

NYS Highway Law – Section 284 Agreement – 2025

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to authorize the Supervisor and Town Board to sign the NYS Highway Law – Section 284 Agreement that reflects the money budgeted for general repairs and improvements for the year 2025.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

TOWN ATTORNEY – PETER GODFREY:

Grand Island Fire Company Contract – 1 Year Extension – Addendum No. 2

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to authorize the Supervisor to sign Addendum No. 2 for the final 1-year extension with the Grand Island Fire Company for 2025 in the amount of \$1,667,174.00.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

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

WWTP Reactor Cleaning – Change Order #1 – Job #: M-238-R

Town Engineer Robert Westfall reported that Change Order No. 1 to JA Brundage's contract for the above-mentioned project is for additional cleaning in the reactor and for necessary cleaning of the wet well.

Change Order No. 1 is for an additional 4,430 tons at \$7.90/ton (contract price) for an increase of \$35,000 to the contract. Work includes all labor, equipment & materials for the additional cleaning and disposal of waste material in the reactor and wet well

There are funds in the existing bond authorization available for this work.

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A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to accept the recommendation of the Town Engineer and approve Change Order No. 1 – Job #M-238-R in the amount of \$35,000 to JA Brundage’s awarded contract amount for the WWTP Reactor Cleaning.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

Authorize Supervisor to Sign Professional Services Agreement – Engineer’s Report, Water Meter Grant Application – Job #: M-244

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Wendel for the Water Meter Grant Application – Job #: M-244 in the amount of \$9,700. The proposal provides for the preparation of the Engineer’s Report required for the submission of the Town’s grant application for the replacement of water meters Townwide.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

Authorize Supervisor to Sign Professional Services Agreement – Construction Observation and SWPPP Coordination – Gun Creek Subdivision, Phase 5 (PIP)

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Professional Services Agreement from Advanced Design Group Professional Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., for the Construction Observation and SWPPP Coordination – Gun Creek Subdivision, Phase 5 (PIP). The proposal provides Construction Observation and SWPPP Coordination to the Town for the previously approved PIP to construct Phase 5 of the Gun Creek Subdivision. The Developer of the project has provided funds under the Town’s PIP program and Stormwater Program to offset the costs of this service.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:

Special Use Permit Renewal – Speedway #9882, 2024 Grand Island Boulevard – Convenience Store (Modified Space)

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to renew the Special Use Permit for Speedway #9882, 2024 Grand Island Boulevard – Convenience Store (Modified Space). The site has been inspected, and it is unchanged.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

Tower Permit Renewal – Crown Castle – 318 Baseline Road

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to renew the Tower Permit for Crown Castle – 318 Baseline Road. The site has been inspected, and it is unchanged.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

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Tower Permit Renewal – Crown Castle – 3078 Staley Road

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to renew the Tower Permit for Crown Castle – 3078 Staley Road. The site has been inspected, and it is unchanged.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

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

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, 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 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

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

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda 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 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

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

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda 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 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

Special Use Permit Application – Lindsey Cruz, 1750 East River Road – Keeping of 1 Agricultural Animal on 5.5 Acres – Refer to Planning Board and Set Public Hearing

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to refer the Special Use Permit Application – Lindsey Cruz, 1750 East River Road – Keeping of 1 Agricultural Animal on 5.5 Acres matter to the Town Board.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

TOWN ASSESSOR – JILL M. MURPHY:

Consultant for Professional Services

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to table the matter of Consultant for Professional Services from the Assessor.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

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TOWN ACCOUNTANT – KORIN FRANTZ:

Budget Transfers/Amendments – 2024

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the following budget transfers for the year 2024:

General:

DEPT	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TRF NEEDED	FROM A/C	\$	FROM DIFFERENT DEPT	EXPLANATION
TOWN JUSTICE	EQUIPMENT	001.1110.0200	4,100.00	001.1110.0404	3,500.00	COURT - TRAVEL	PERMISSION TO USE TRAVEL/MILEAGE UNUSED BUDGET TO PURCHASE COPIER
				001.1110.0405	600.00	COURT - MILEAGE	
TOWN BOARD	PROFESSIONAL SVCS	001.1010.0409	33,000.00	001.1990.0475	33,000.00	CONTINGENCY	EXCEEDED BUDGET
TOWN JUSTICE	PERSONAL - COMP	001.1110.0131	850.00	001.1110.0443	850.00	COURT - DEPT SUPP	EXCEEDED BUDGET
ASSESSOR	PROFESSIONAL SVCS	001.1355.0409	2,800.00	001.1355.0100	2,800.00	ASSESSOR - PERSONAL	EXCEEDED BUDGET
UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	FIRE & LIAB.	001.1910.0446	16,400.00	001.9060.0800	16,400.00	MEDICAL	EXCEEDED BUDGET
UNCLASSIFIED	DEBT MGT FEES	001.1989.0419	10,300.00	001.1990.0475	10,300.00	CONTINGENCY	EXCEEDED BUDGET
CROSSING GUARDS	PERSONAL	001.3122.0100	4,400.00	001.1990.0475	4,400.00	CONTINGENCY	EXCEEDED BUDGET
DOG CONTROL	PROFESSIONAL SVCS	001.3510.0409	700.00	001.3510.0100	700.00	DOG - PERSONAL	EXCEEDED BUDGET
STREET LIGHTING	REP/MAINT EQUIP	001.5182.0421	600.00	001.1990.0475	600.00	CONTINGENCY	EXCEEDED BUDGET
RECREATION	PERSONAL	001.7020.0100	6,000.00	001.7310.0443	6,000.00	DEPT SUPPLIES - YOUTH	EXCEEDED BUDGET
RECREATION	PERSONAL - OT	001.7020.0102	4,000.00	001.7310.0443	1,000.00	DEPT SUPPLIES - YOUTH	EXCEEDED BUDGET
				001.7020.0200	3,000.00	RECREATION - EQUIP	EXCEEDED BUDGET
RECREATION	PERSONAL - COMP	001.7020.0131	6,000.00	001.1990.0475	6,000.00	CONTINGENCY	EXCEEDED BUDGET
RECREATION	REP/MAIN BLDGS	001.7020.0422	200.00	001.7020.0200	200.00	RECREATION - EQUIP	EXCEEDED BUDGET
RECREATION - YOUTH	PERSONAL	001.7310.0100	7,000.00	001.7310.0410	7,000.00	YOUTH - RENTALS	EXCEEDED BUDGET
RECREATION - ADULT	PERSONAL	001.7620.0100	2,600.00	001.7620.0443	1,000.00	ADULT REC - DEPT SUPPLIES	EXCEEDED BUDGET
				001.1990.0475	1,600.00	CONTINGENCY	EXCEEDED BUDGET
HISTORICAL BOARD	PROFESSIONAL SVCS	001.7521.0409	250.00	001.1990.0475	250.00	CONTINGENCY	EXCEEDED BUDGET
BENEFITS	STATE RETIREMENT	001.9010.0800	56,000.00	001.9040.0800	56,000.00	WORKERS COMP	EXCEEDED BUDGET
BENEFITS	DISABILITY	001.9055.0800	4,400.00	001.9060.0800	4,400.00	MEDICAL	EXCEEDED BUDGET
			\$159,600.00		\$159,600.00		
			CONTINGENCY		120,000.00		
					55,550.00		
					64,450.00		

Highway:

DEPT	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TRF NEEDED	FROM A/C	\$	FROM DIFFERENT DEPT	EXPLANATION
HWY - GEN REP	PERSONAL SVCS	002.5110.0100	156,000.00	002.5140.0100	154,000.00	HWY - MISC PERS	EXCEEDED BUDGET
				002.5140.0102	2,000.00	HWY - MISC PERS OT	
HWY - GEN REP	PERSONAL SVCS	002.5110.0102	3,600.00	002.5140.0102	3,600.00	HWY - MISC PERS OT	EXCEEDED BUDGET
HWY - MACHINERY	PERSONAL SVCS	002.5130.0100	3,400.00	002.5140.0112	3,400.00	HWY - MISC PERS	EXCEEDED BUDGET
HWY - MACHINERY	PERS. SVCS - OT	002.5130.0102	450.00	002.5140.0102	450.00	HWY - MISC PERS OT	EXCEEDED BUDGET
HWY - MACHINERY	REP/MAINT EQUIP	002.5130.0421	900.00	002.5140.0431	900.00	HWY - MISC GAS/OIL	EXCEEDED BUDGET
HWY - MACHINERY	EQUIPMENT	002.5130.0200	33,884.00	002.5142.0442	33,884.00	HWY - SNOW MAINT	ITEM PURCHASED IN WRONG YR
HWY - BENEFITS	NYS RETIREMENT	002.9010.0800	100.00	002.9060.0800	100.00	MEDICAL INS.	EXCEEDED BUDGET
HWY - BENEFITS	DISABILITY INS.	002.9055.0800	750.00	002.9060.0800	750.00	MEDICAL INS.	EXCEEDED BUDGET
		TOTALS	\$199,084.00		\$199,084.00		

Sewer:

DEPT	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TRF NEEDED	FROM A/C	\$	FROM DIFFERENT DEPT	EXPLANATION
O&M	PERSONAL	003.8130.0105	7,000.00	003.8130.0407	7,000.00	O&M- UTILITIES	EXCEEDED BUDGET
SEWER-BENEFITS	DISABILITY INS.	003.9055.0800	450.00	003.9060.0800	450.00	MEDICAL	EXCEEDED BUDGET
		TOTALS	7,450.00		7,450.00		

Water:

DEPT	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TRF NEEDED	FROM A/C	\$	FROM DIFFERENT DEPT	EXPLANATION
T&D	METERS	004.8340.0440	10,000.00	004.8340.0200	10,000.00	T&D - EQUIPMENT	EXCEEDED BUDGET
T&D	REP/MAIN GROUNDS	001.8340.0422	10,000.00	004.8340.0102	10,000.00	T&D PERSONAL OT	EXCEEDED BUDGET
T&D	FIRE & LIAB. INSURANCE	004.8340.0446	25,000.00	004.8340.0199	25,000.00	T&D - BUYBACKS	EXCEEDED BUDGET
WATER - BENEFITS	NYS RETIREMENT	004.9010.0800	2,600.00	004.9060.0800	2,600.00	MEDICAL INS.	EXCEEDED BUDGET
WATER - BENEFITS	DISABILITY INS.	004.9055.0800	400.00	004.9060.0800	400.00	MEDICAL INS.	EXCEEDED BUDGET
		TOTALS	\$ 48,000.00		\$ 48,000.00		

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the following budget amendment needed to balance the General Fund for the year 2024:

Increase	001.0001.2770		Apropriated Fund Balance (Parkland Funds)	21,603.00
Increase	001.7110.0400		Parks - Misc. Contractual Expense	21,603.00

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston

Noes 0

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SENIOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR – G. CODY CLARKE:

Request Authorization to Advertise for Bids – 2025 Concrete Replacement & Repair Work – 2025 Bids

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to authorize the Sr. Water Treatment Plant Operator, G. Cody Clarke to advertise for bids for 2025 Concrete Replacement & Repair Work on Friday, March 7, 2025, and to receive bids on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 10:00a.m. local time.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

SENIOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR – TIMOTHY BURNS:

Appointment – Laborer – Wastewater Department

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to accept the recommendation of the Sr. Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Timothy Burns and hire Ryan Ayers to the vacant position of Laborer in the Wastewater Department, effective March 24, 2025, as per the AFSCME contract - \$21.98/hr., subject to the completion of the necessary pre-employment paperwork.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

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

Vouchers #148069 - #148244

General \$175,549.99

Highway \$ 31,616.30

Sewer \$ 38,666.06

Water \$ 18,093.77

Capital \$ 6,281.15

Garbage \$160,700.78

Total \$430,908.05

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, 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. Resolution Issuing Negative Declaration with EAF Parts 2 and 3

B. Resolution Adopting Local Law Intro #6 of 2023

Remains Tabled.

Special Use Permit Renewal – Kelly Swagel, 2488A Grand Island Boulevard –Training and Boarding Center, 30 Overnight Kennels

Remains Tabled.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Speakers:

Eli Hazzan, Sherri Kern, Jim Daigler

ADJOURNMENT:

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

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Marston
 Noes 0

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

Mary Miller	Austin Giambra
Barbara Marino	Patricia Cope
Vincent Carbonetti	Timothy Weselek
JoAnn Krehl	Barbara Ott
Ann Dlugokinski	Matthew Dlugosz
Judith Henderson	

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Anderson Frentzel
Town Clerk

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