

Town of Grand Island – Regular Meeting #7

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 20th of April, 2020.

Present:	John C. Whitney	Supervisor
	Michael H. Madigan	Councilman
	Jennifer L. Baney	Councilwoman
	Peter Marston Jr.	Councilman
	Thomas A. Digati	Councilman
	Patricia A. Frentzel	Town Clerk
	Peter C. Godfrey	Town Attorney

Supervisor John C. Whitney called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.

Councilwoman Jennifer Baney gave the Invocation.

Councilwoman Jennifer Baney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Because of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency and State and Federal bans on large meetings or gatherings and pursuant to Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 220.1 issued on March 12, 2020 suspending the Open Meetings Law, the Town Board of Grand Island Workshop Meetings scheduled will be held electronically via the Town’s website link/You Tube Channel instead of a public meeting open for the public to attend in person. Members of the public may view the Town Board’s meetings by connecting to the You Tube Channel via the Town’s website: www.grandislandny.us.

*The Meeting was conducted via ZOOM and streamed live on the Town’s website – www.grandislandny.us

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 Madigan to approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting #14, April 1, 2020, Minutes of Workshop Meeting #15, April 6, 2020 and Minutes of Regular Meeting #6, April 6, 2020.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Baney, Marston, Digati, Whitney
Noes 0

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Baney, seconded by Councilman Madigan to approve the Consent Agenda as distributed:

1. Golden Age Center – Facility Usage – March 2020
2. Building Permits Issued – March 2020

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Baney, Marston, Digati, Whitney
Noes 0

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COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:

SUPERVISOR JOHN C. WHITNEY:

Resolution to Provide Direct COVID-19 Related Federal Aid to All Municipalities

A motion was made by Supervisor Whitney, seconded by Councilman Madigan to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the federal government recently enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to address the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 601 of the CARES Act (P.L. 116-136) provides a \$150 billion fund for states, tribal governments, and units of local government with a population in excess of 500,000 people; and

WHEREAS, less than one-half of 1 percent of municipalities in the entire United States meet this population threshold and are thus ineligible to receive direct funding from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, of the 933 towns in New York, 931 are not eligible for direct federal funding under the CARES Act, including the town of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, towns provide essential services to the 9 million New Yorkers town residents, including, but not limited to, ambulance, police and fire protection services, building and code enforcement, and highway maintenance, and have continued to do so throughout the ongoing health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has created significant financial stress for local governments in New York as an estimated \$2 billion in sales tax revenue has been lost, as well as other sources of revenue such as permit fees, justice court fines, and mortgage recording tax; and

WHEREAS, the depletion of different revenue sources for local governments, combined with lack of funding, will result in reducing essential services or shifting the cost onto real property taxpayers, many of whom are experiencing their own financial stress;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the town of Grand Island calls upon United States Congressional Representatives Brian Higgins, Senator Charles Schumer, and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, to support federal funding related to the coronavirus pandemic that is directly delivered to all municipalities, regardless of population size.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Baney, Marston, Digati, Whitney
 Noes 0

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – RICHARD W. CRAWFORD:

Request Permission to Accept Items – Fantasy Island

A motion was made by Councilman Madigan, seconded by Councilwoman Baney to authorize the Highway and Parks Departments to accept excess equipment from Fantasy Island from the closure of the park that will benefit the residents of the Town, and Parks and Highway Departments.

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The items include:

40 picnic tables

40 garbage cans with lids

Miscellaneous signage

Landscape bricks

Floor jack

Turnstile

Miscellaneous tools

Wooden chairs

Miscellaneous memorabilia associated with the name and history of Fantasy Island

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Baney, Marston, Digati, Whitney
Noes 0

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

Award Bids – Topsoil & Concrete

Town Engineer Robert Westfall reported that quotations were recently received for the purchase of Topsoil and Concrete for miscellaneous repairs and work done by the Town.

Topsoil

Leo Brenon Topsoil \$ 22.99 / yard

Concrete

Podlucky Construction \$ 8.00/ sq ft for flat work
\$ 55.00/lf for dish curb
\$ 65.00/lf for upright curb

Bull's Concrete Construction \$ 8.50/ sq ft for flat work
\$ 47.50/lf for dish curb
\$ 85.00/lf for upright curb

Millennium Concrete \$ 8.85/ sq ft for flat work
\$ 80.00/lf for dish curb
\$ 80.00/lf for upright curb

We have reviewed the quotations and recommend the Town purchase topsoil from Leo Brenon Topsoil at \$22.99/ yard and use Podlucky Construction at \$8.00/sq ft. for flat work concrete repairs, \$55.00/lf for dish curbs and \$65.00/lf for upright curb. A motion was made by Councilwoman Baney, seconded by Councilman Digati accept the recommendation of the Town Engineer and approve the quotes received for topsoil, and recommends the Town purchase topsoil from Leo Brenon Topsoil at \$22.99/ yard and use Podlucky Construction at \$8.00/sq ft. for flat work concrete repairs, \$55.00/lf for dish curbs and \$65.00/lf for upright curb.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Baney, Marston, Digati, Whitney
Noes 0

PARKS MAINTENANCE CREW CHIEF – THOMAS DWORAK:

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Seasonal Hires

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilwoman Baney to approve the hiring of the following hires, effective April 21, 2020, subject to the completion of the pre employment paperwork, providing drug screening is waived for these hires only, and further resolved – no hires are to be scheduled to work until the State of Emergency ends or as authorized by the Town Supervisor.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Seasonal/Part Time</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Nicholas Anzalone	Parks Jr Worker	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$12.90
Thomas D Cecere	Parks Sr Worker	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$13.55
Francis DePalma	Parks General Worker	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$11.80
Nicholas Falbo	Parks Jr Worker	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$12.70
Jonathon Goc	Parks Crew Chief	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$15.20
Henry Grunzweig Jr	Parks Jr Worker	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$12.90
Ryan Jellinick	Parks General Worker	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$11.80
Joseph Killian Jr	Parks Jr Worker	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$12.90
Christopher McDonnel	Parks Sr Worker	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$14.55
Joseph Pappano	Parks Jr Worker	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$12.70
Sean Pufpaff	Parks Crew Chief	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$14.55
Steven Pufpaff	Parks Jr Worker	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$12.90
Cameron Sionko	Parks General Worker	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$12.05
James Thorpe	Parks Jr Worker	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$13.55
Bonnie Weiser	Gardener	April 21 st , 2020	Seasonal	\$13.55

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Baney, Marston, Digati, Whitney
Noes 0

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Baney, seconded by Councilman Digati to pay Vouchers #131147 - #13183

General	\$123,321.25
Highway	\$ 8,283.89
Sewer	\$ 7,655.70
Water	\$ 84,211.50
Capital	\$189,566.10
Lighting Districts	<u>\$ 1,900.00</u>
Total	\$421,935.78

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Baney, Marston, Digati, Whitney
Noes 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Local Law Intro #1 of 2020 – Rezoning SBL #23.00-3-15, 2570 Grand Island Boulevard – NBD to CR

A. Correspondence – Planning Board

Postponed until further notice.

Local Law Intro #2 of 2020 – Rezoning SBL #36.00-1-15, Grand Island Boulevard – NBD to CR

A. Correspondence – Planning Board

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Postponed until further notice.

Local Law Intro #3 of 2020 – Rezoning SBL #23.00-3-6.11, 410 Lang Boulevard – M-1 to CR

A. Correspondence – Planning Board

Postponed until further notice.

Local Law Intro #5 of 2020 – Historic Preservation Advisory Board – Creation of up to Two Alternate Positions

Postponed until further notice.

Local Law Intro #6 of 2020 - A Local Law Amending Chapter 407 of The Town Code of The Town of Grand Island to Modify Incentive Zoning Provisions

A. Correspondence – Planning Board

B. Resolution Issuing Negative Declaration & Negative Declaration with Parts 2 & 3 of the EAF

C. Resolution Adopting Local Law Intro No. 6 of 2020

Postponed until further notice.

Local Law Intro #7 of 2020 – Rezoning SBL #51.00-1-1.1, Love Road – CR to M1

A. Correspondence – Planning Board

Postponed until further notice.

Local Law Intro #8 of 2020 – Rezoning SBL #51.10-1-42, Glen Avon – R-1B to M1

A. Correspondence – Planning Board

Postponed until further notice.

Local Law Intro #9 of 2020 – Rezoning SBL #64.15-1-23, 1437 Ferry Road – B2 to R-1E

A. Correspondence – Planning Board

Postponed until further notice.

Local Law Intro #11 of 2019 – Rezoning SBL #36.00-2-8.1, Alvin Road – B-1/R-1A to B-1

Postponed until further notice.

Local Law Intro #12 of 2019 – Rezoning SBL#36.00-2-7, 2356 Whitehaven Road – R-1A/B-1 to R-1A

Postponed until further notice.

Special Use Permit Application – BayWa R.E. Development, 2356 Whitehaven Road – Solar Project – Set Public Hearing and Refer to the Planning Board

Remains tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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Speakers: None *See above

FROM THE BOARD:

- Stay safe, stay home, practice social distancing, self-isolate as necessary, exercise precautions, wash your hands
- Thank you to first responders, postal workers, truckers, grocery store workers, restaurants, etc., support local businesses

MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Madigan, seconded by Councilwoman Baney to adjourn the meeting at 8:42p.m.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Baney, Marston, Digati, Whitney
 Noes 0

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

Rev. Robert Eldred	Frank Bayger
Angel Thompson	Luigi D’Orazio
William “Kester” Bleich	Marilyn Fleckenstein

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Anderson Frentzel
Town Clerk

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