

Town of Grand Island – Regular Meeting #6

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 21st of April 2025.

Present:	Peter J. Marston	Supervisor
	Thomas A. Digati	Councilman
	Daniel F. Kilmer	Councilman
	Jose A. Garcia	Councilman
	Betty Y. Lantz	Deputy Town Clerk
	Charles W. Malcomb	Town Attorney
Excused:	Christian J. Bahleda	Councilman

Supervisor Peter J. Marston called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.
Father Martin Gallagher from St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church gave the Invocation.
Councilman Thomas A. Digati led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION/CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:

Bikers Against Child Abuse

Town of Grand Island Internship Program

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

This is an opportunity for residents to comment on any matter regarding the meeting agenda items only.

<i>Speakers:</i>	Thilo Suelberg, Mike Madigan, Paula Sciuk, Craig Fusco Jr., Marion Passarelli, Sue Wieberg, Doug Frost, Josh Shipman, Cathy Rayhill, Paul Koppmann, Mary Pfalzer, Jenny Caruana, Sherrie Kern, Patrick Conn, Claudia Padavano
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PUBLIC HEARING:

Local Law Intro #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

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 8:00p.m. for the purpose of hearing anyone who wanted to comment on Local Law Intro #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.

Speakers:	Mike Madigan, Jenny Caruana
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Supervisor Marston declared the Public Hearing closed.
A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Digati to table Local Law Intro #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 pending Planning Board recommendation .

APPROVED	Ayes	4	Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
	Noes	0	

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MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting #9, April 7, 2025, and Minutes of Regular Meeting #5, April 7, 2025.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Meeting Minutes – Zoning Board of Appeals – March 6, 2025
2. Meeting Minutes – Traffic Safety Advisory Board – March 11, 2025
3. Golden Age Center – Facility Usage – February 2025
4. Meeting Minutes – Board of Architectural Review – March 18, 2025
5. Subsidized Composter Sale
6. Meeting Minutes – Planning Board – March 10, 2025

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

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:

SUPERVISOR – PETER J. MARSTON:

Monthly Supervisor's Report – January 2025

The Supervisor reported Cash Balance-Operating A/C of \$3,296,403 on January 1, 2025

Total Receipts of \$3,697,801

Total Disbursements of \$4,256,073

Operating A/C Interest \$6,628

Operating A/C Balance \$2,749,759

Investment Interest \$29,334

Investment Balance \$11,900,787

Total Cash Balance as of January 31, 2025, \$14,650,546

No action by the Town Board.

Monthly Supervisor's Report – February 2025

The Supervisor reported Cash Balance-Operating A/C of \$2,749,759 on February 1, 2025

Total Receipts of \$7,576,209

Total Disbursements of \$8,331,580

Operating A/C Interest \$5,132

Operating A/C Balance \$1,999,519

Investment Interest \$38,309

Investment Balance \$18,072,765

Total Cash Balance as of February 28, 2025, \$20,072,284

No action by the Town Board.

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Hometown Heroes Program

Hometown Heroes is a program that will consist of 30”x 60” banners with Grand Island residents who have served and been Honorably Discharged from the United States Armed Service, these will be displayed in and around Town Center. The qualifications for the recognition banner are the same criteria that are presently in place for the Memorial Wall at the DeGlopper Memorial.

Details for banner placement, vendor for the brackets and banners, as well as project time frame and installation have been discussed with the Town including coordination with the Parks Department which will handle the installation and removal of banners. The goal is to have all the banners completed and installed by Memorial Day, with removal around Veterans Day.

The initial and future cost of the banners and brackets will be covered by the VFW and the American Legion.

The program will be administered and managed completely by the GI VFW and GI American Legion. The Town of Grand Island will only facilitate and perform installation and removal of banners.

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Digati to adopt the Hometown Heroes Program for the Town of Grand Island.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

Amendment to Employment Agreement

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Digati to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Amendment to Employment Agreement with the Grand Island Central School District for the shared Systems Engineer (Titled as IT Director for the Town of Grand Island).

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

Memorandum of Understanding – (MOU) for Expansion of Duties

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to authorize the Supervisor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CSEA, subject to the approval of the Town Attorney, authorizing the Sr. Billing Account Clerk to perform such additional duties to perform grant administration and project management work throughout many town departments and subject to a stipend in the amount of the difference between the current Sr. Billing Account Clerk hourly rate (CSEA Grade 7) and next grade (CSEA Grade 8).

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

COUNCILMAN – DANIEL F. KILMER:

Suspend Reassessment Project

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Digati to table the Reassessment Project pending a workshop with the Assessor and Project Vendor.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

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COUNCILMAN JOSE A. GARCIA:

Additional Lighting – Broadway and Beaver Island Parkway

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Supervisor Marston to table the Additional Lighting – Broadway and Beaver Island Parkway.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – RICHARD W. CRAWFORD:

Promotion

Highway Superintendent Richard Crawford informed the Town Board that he promoted Jake Gleave to the position of MEO effective April 14, 2025, AFSCME Union rate of \$23.54.

No action by the Town Board.

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

New Hire – Principal Engineering Assistant

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Garcia to appoint Brian Zulawski as a Principal Engineer Assistant at the CSEA Grade 8, Start Rate \$33.93/hr., effective April 22, 2025, subject to the completion of the necessary pre-employment paperwork. This position is on a conditional permanent basis – until the requirements of Erie County Civil Service are met.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – JOSEPH MENTER:

Part-Time Hires

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the following Part-time hires, effective April 22, 2025, subject to the completion of the necessary pre-employment paperwork:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Status</u>
Keira Murray	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Part Time
Alera Ostertag	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Part Time
Madelyn Sugg	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Part Time
Anthony Vaccaro-Luttrell	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Part Time
Teagan Willats	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Part Time

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

Seasonal Hires

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the following Seasonal hires, effective April 22, 2025, subject to the completion of the necessary pre-employment paperwork:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Status</u>
Max Black	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Seasonal
Allyson Bellinger	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Seasonal
Mya Brandon	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Seasonal
Joseph Cicero	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Seasonal
Giovanni Granelli	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Seasonal
Gianna Griggs	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Seasonal
Kyle Haines	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Seasonal
Tyler Hazel	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Seasonal
David Hoover	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Seasonal
Natalie Kopf	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Seasonal
Jillian Manns	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Seasonal
Ismail Masoodi	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Seasonal
Sroop Singh	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Seasonal
Melina Valle	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.75 / hr.	Seasonal
APPROVED	Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston		
	Noes 0		

TOWN ASSESSOR – JILL M. MURPHY:

Cornerstone Church – Request to Split/Merge Property – 1290 Whitehaven Road, SBL #37.04-1-17

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Garcia to approve the request to subdivide 1290 Whitehaven (SBL #37.04-1-17) a 29.94 acre parcel, subject to the filing of the new Deed with the Erie County Clerk's office and \$500 Recreation Fee paid for the newly created parcel. The subdivision will create two lots: a 6.65-acre lot retained by Cornerstone Church and a 23.29-acre vacant land lot to be sold. All remaining Cornerstone parcels will be merged into one lot. The newly created parcel is not eligible for any building permits until an access plan is developed in conjunction with the current temporary easement to Highway for the turn-around.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:

Special Use Permit Renewal – GSPP Grand Island B Land, LLC – 126 Industrial Drive – Community Solar Array Project

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to renew the Special Use Permit for GSPP Grand Island B Land, LLC – 126 Industrial Drive – Community Solar Array Project. The site has been inspected and it unchanged.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

PARKS MAINTENANCE CREW CHIEF – TOM CECERE:

New Hires

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the following Seasonal hires, effective April 22, 2025, subject to the completion of the necessary pre-employment paperwork:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Part Time</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Zachary Bridenbaker Pks	General Worker	May 10 th , 2025	Seasonal	\$17.20
Joshua Hoover	Parks General Worker	May 10 th , 2025	Seasonal	\$17.20
Alec Konopczynski	Parks Sr Worker	May 10 th , 2025	Seasonal	\$18.65
Evan Smith	Jr Crew Chief	May 19 th , 2025	Seasonal	\$19.15
Liam Snyder	Parks Sr Worker	May 10 th , 2025	Seasonal	\$18.65
Bonnie Weiser	Gardener	May 1 st , 2025	Seasonal	\$18.10
David Williams	Mechanic	May 5 th , 2025	Seasonal	\$24.40
APPROVED	Ayes 4	Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston		
	Noes 0			

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to pay Vouchers #148565 - #148670

General	\$ 98,416.08
Highway	\$ 13,398.52
Sewer	\$ 74,251.57
Water	\$ 19,520.09
Capital	\$ <u>75.00</u>
Total	\$ 205,661.26

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, 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.

Consultant for Professional Services – Assessor’s Office

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Garcia to refer the Consultant for Professional Services – Assessor’s Office matter to the Town Board.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
Noes 0

Golfside (Golfview) Development Rezoning, Local Law Intro #1 of 2023 – Rezoning SBL #38.11-2-6.11, Whitehaven Road – R-2/B1 to PDD Overlay

Remains Tabled.

SEQR – Wheelfind LLC, Grand Island Boulevard and Bedell Road – Site Plan Approval – Proposed Automobile Service Shop

Supervisor Marston presented the SEQR – Short Form Environmental Assessment Forms for Wheelfind LLC, Grand Island Boulevard and Bedell Road – Site Plan Approval – Proposed Automobile Service Shop. Mr. Marston informed the Town Board that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact.

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A motion was made by Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Digati to issue a Negative Declaration for Wheelfind LLC, Grand Island Boulevard and Bedell Road – Site Plan Approval – Proposed Automobile Service Shop.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

Wheelfind LLC, Grand Island Boulevard and Bedell Road – Site Plan Approval – Proposed Automobile Service Shop

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Supervisor Marston to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board and grant Site Plan Approval for Wheelfind LLC, Grand Island Boulevard and Bedell Road for a proposed Automobile Service Shop, subject to all the conditions of the Planning Board and New York’s State DOT approval of a curb cut/driveway onto Grand Island Blvd.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

Special Use Permit Application – Lindsey Cruz, 1750 East River Road – Keeping of 1 Agricultural Animal on 5.5 Acres

A. Correspondence – Planning Board

The applicant appeared before the Planning Board and requested a change from one (1) to three (3) agricultural animals.

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Garcia to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board and approve the Special Use Permit for Lindsey Cruz, 1750 East River Road – Keeping of up to three (3) Agricultural Animal on 5.5 Acres.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

Compensation Adjustments Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Wastewater and Water Treatment Senior Water/Wastewater Plant Operators

Remains Tabled.

Townwide Software – Award Contract

Remains Tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Speakers:

Mike Madigan, Jenny Caruana, Mary Pfalzer, Paula Sciuk, Paul Koppmann

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FROM THE BOARD:

- Aldi Project
- Reassessment Project
- Dyngus Day
- Lions Spaghetti Dinner – Monday, April 28, 2025 – Ellden’s Restaurant
- Salvation Army Food Drive
- GISBA Car Show – June 18, 2025 – Grand Island High – Ransom Road
- National Night Out – Tuesday, August 5, 2025
- Clean Up Grand Island – Saturday, April 26, 2025

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Digati to adjourn the meeting at 9:37p.m.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

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

David Henderson	Ellen Martin
Robert Ginsburg	Joseph Leach, Jr.
Mark Restey	Mary Powers
Joanne Rayhill	

Respectfully submitted in the absence of the Town Clerk,

Betty Y. Lantz
Deputy Town Clerk