

Town of Grand Island – Regular Meeting #8

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 1st of May 2023.

Present:	John C. Whitney	Supervisor
	Peter J. Marston	Councilman
	Michael H. Madigan	Councilman
	Thomas A. Digati	Councilman
	Christian J. Bahleda	Councilman
	Karen M. Cooney	Deputy Town Clerk
	Peter C. Godfrey	Town Attorney

Supervisor John C. Whitney called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.
Pastor Calvin VanderMey from Bible Fellowship Center gave the Invocation.
Councilman Peter J. Marston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Older Americans Month
Town Clerk's Week

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 Marston, seconded by Councilman Madigan to approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting #9, April 17, 2023, and Minutes of Regular Meeting #7, April 17, 2023.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Meeting Minutes – Board of Architectural Review – March 21, 2023
2. Western New York Land Conservancy – Conservation Easement Properties on Grand Island
3. Meeting Minutes – Historic Preservation Advisory Board – March 15, 2023
4. Charter Communications – Upcoming Change
5. County of Erie, Department of Environment and Planning – Erie County Community Development Block Grant Consortium

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

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

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COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:

SUPERVISOR JOHN C. WHITNEY:

Monthly Supervisor's Report – February 2023

The Supervisor reported Cash Balance-Operating A/C of \$2,253,384 on February 1, 2023

Total Receipts of \$10,000,208

Total Disbursements of \$10,446,150

Operating A/C Interest \$4,058

Operating A/C Balance \$1,811,501

Investment Interest \$37,752

Investment Balance \$18,868,263

Total Cash Balance as of February 28, 2023, \$20,679,764

No action by the Town Board.

Monthly Supervisor's Report – March 2023

The Supervisor reported Cash Balance-Operating A/C of \$1,811,501 on March 1, 2023

Total Receipts of \$2,404,050

Total Disbursements of \$2,109,964

Operating A/C Interest \$3,827

Operating A/C Balance \$2109,414

Investment Interest \$44,734

Investment Balance \$19,178,650

Total Cash Balance as of March 31, 2023, \$21,288,064

No action by the Town Board.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:

TOWN CLERK – PATRICIA ANDERSON FRENTZEL

Fee Schedule Amendments

A motion was made by Councilman Madigan, seconded by Councilman Marston to approve a Fee Schedule amendment adding the following:

Postage Fee for Passport Renewals: \$5.00/per application

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – RICHARD W. CRAWFORD:

Sexual Harassment Policy Update

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Marston to approve the updated Sexual Harassment Policy for the Town of Grand Island.

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

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

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Award Bids – Topsoil & Repair Parts

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

Topsoil

Leo Brenon Topsoil	\$ 26.00 / yard (p/u N. Tonawanda)
L. Cimato Topsoil & Grading Inc.	\$ 36.00 / yard (p/u Clarence Center)
Woodlands Earth & Stone	\$ 36.00 / yard (p/u Tonawanda)

The Town Engineer has reviewed the quotations and recommends the Town purchase topsoil from Leo Brenon Topsoil at \$26.00 / yard. Water/Wastewater repair materials should be purchased from the supplier with the lowest price for the desired item.

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Madigan to 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 \$26.00 / yard. Water/Wastewater repair materials should be purchased from the supplier with the lowest price for the desired item.

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

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – JOSEPH MENTER:

Part-time Hires

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the following Part-Time Recreation Attendants, effective May 2, 2023, subject to the completion of the necessary pre-employment paperwork:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Status</u>
Anna Bartlo	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 WNYSI	\$20.35 / hr.	Part Time
Michael Loss	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 WNYSI	\$20.90 / hr.	Part Time
Eliza Sarigiannas	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 WNYSI	\$20.90 / hr.	Part Time
Susan Szczublewski	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Pr. Instructor	\$25.35 / hr.	Part Time
Roger Wright	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Pr. Instructor	\$25.35 / hr.	Part Time

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

Seasonal Hires

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Marston to approve the following Seasonal Recreation Attendants, effective May 2, 2023, subject to the completion of the necessary pre-employment paperwork:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Status</u>
Eva Ahne	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Instructor	\$17.50 / hr.	Seasonal
Sophia Black	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Aide	\$15.15 / hr.	Seasonal
Kyler Butcher	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$14.85 / hr.	Seasonal
Brooke Christensen	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$14.55 / hr.	Seasonal
Samuel Fabiano	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$14.85 / hr.	Seasonal
Brady Hillman	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$14.85 / hr.	Seasonal
Ethan Hovey	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$14.85 / hr.	Seasonal
Thomas Lockett	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Instructor	\$17.50 / hr.	Seasonal

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Status</u>
Hannah Martinez	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Aide	\$15.15 / hr.	Seasonal
Madisyn Martino	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Leader	\$15.10 / hr.	Seasonal
Collin McMahon	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Instructor	\$17.75 / hr.	Seasonal
Cameron Miano	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$14.55 / hr.	Seasonal
Avery Mondoux	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Leader	\$15.15 / hr.	Seasonal
Sean Murray	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Instructor	\$17.50 / hr.	Seasonal
Alexis Nguyen	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$14.85 / hr.	Seasonal
Megan Pinzel	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$14.85 / hr.	Seasonal
David Schnell	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$14.85 / hr.	Seasonal
Tereska Sorel	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Aide	\$15.15 / hr.	Seasonal
John Paul Szczublewski	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Aide	\$15.15 / hr.	Seasonal
Rayna Wallens	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$14.85 / hr.	Seasonal
Evan Walowitz	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$14.85 / hr.	Seasonal
APPROVED	Ayes 5	Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney	
	Noes 0		

Recreation Leader Pay Scale

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the request to adjust the Recreation Leader pay scale to the following rates effective May 2, 2023:

1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year
15.90	16.15	16.45

These pay rates are already on the 2023 adopted part time / seasonal salary schedule. Adjusting the Recreation Leader pay rate will streamline recreation staff position pay rates and eliminate overlap when an employee receives a promotion from Recreation Aide to Recreation Leader.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:

Employee Retirement

A motion was made by Councilman Marston, seconded by Councilman Madigan to accept the official retirement of Linda Koch as Building Clerk, effective April 3, 2023, with regret. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Mrs. Koch.

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

Special Use Permit Renewal – Northpoint Vantage, 2420 Love Road – Home Occupation, Embroidery, Silk Screening, Fabric & Sports Apparel

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Marston to renew the Special Use Permit for Northpoint Vantage, 2420 Love Road – Home Occupation, Embroidery, Silk Screening, Fabric & Sports Apparel. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

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

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Tower Permit Renewal – Crown Castle – 2041 Bedell Road, Bikepath Tower

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Marston to renew the Tower Permit for Crown Castle – 2041 Bedell Road, Bikepath Tower. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

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

TOWN ACCOUNTANT – KORIN FRANTZ:

Budget Amendment – General Fund – Grant Recipient

Town Accountant Korin Frantz informed the Town Board the Town is in receipt of \$2,966.62 from the State of New York for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP).

A motion was made by Councilman Marston, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the following budget amendment for 2023:

Increase Revenue: State of NY Grants	001.0001.3007	\$2,966
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Increase Appropriations:

Long Range Planning

Personal Services	001.8022.0409	\$2,966
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APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney
 Noes 0

Budget Amendment – Sewer Fund – Insurance Recoveries

Town Accountant Korin Frantz informed the Town Board the Town is in receipt of two settlement checks from the insurance claims regarding the damage to the fence and the power surge at the Wastewater Plant. The Town received \$10,345.09 and \$4,316.91 respectively.

A motion was made by Councilman Madigan, seconded by Councilman Marston to approve the following budget amendment for 2023:

Increase Revenue: Insurance Recoveries	003.0003.2680	\$14,662
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Increase Appropriations:

Sewer – Operation and Maintenance

Rep/Maint. – Bldgs & Grounds	003.8130.0422	\$ 6,845
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Rep/Maint. – Equipment	003.8130.0421	\$ 3,500
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Rep/Maint. of Lines	003.8130.0424	\$ 4,317
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APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney
 Noes 0

Grand Island Fire Company – Length of Service Awards

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As required per GML 219-a, the Town Board is required to review the list of firefighters who have qualified to receive their 2022 Service Award and approved the final certification. The list is also posted at the GI Fire Hall for at least 30 days for review by members.

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Marston to submit the names to the Accounting Department and approve the payment for the 46 GIFC firefighters who have qualified to receive their 2022 Service Award.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney
 Noes 0
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PARKS MAINTENANCE CREW CHIEF – TOM CECERE:

Status Change/New Hires

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Marston to approve the Parks Department request to change the status of Richard Dworak, Parks Maintenance Worker II to Seasonal Crew Chief, effective May 13, 2023, at the rate of pay \$38.61.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Marston to approve the hiring of the following Parks employees, subject to the completion of the necessary pre-employment paperwork:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Evan Smith	Laborer/Parks General Worker	5/20/23	Seasonal	\$16.15
Alec Konopczynski	Laborer/Parks General Work	5/20/23	Seasonal	\$16.15
Liam Snyder	Laborer/Parks General Worker	5/15/23	Seasonal	\$15.90
Thomas Banas	Laborer/ Parks General Worker	5/16/23	Part Time	\$15.90
Thomas Banas	Laborer/Parks General Worker	5/17/23	Seasonal	\$15.90
Tyler Sykes	Laborer/Parks General Worker	5/18/23	Part Time	\$15.90
Tyler Sykes	Laborer/Parks General Worker	5/19/23	Seasonal	\$15.90
Paul Thauer	Laborer/Parks Sr Crew Chief	5/2/23	Part Time	\$18.25
Paul Thauer	Laborer/Parks Sr Crew Chief	5/3/22	Seasonal	\$18.25
Nicholas Falbo	Laborer/Parks Jr Crew Chief	5/8/23	Part Time	\$18.05
Nicholas Falbo	Laborer/Parks Jr Crew Chief	5/9/23	Seasonal	\$18.05

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

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Marston to approve the hiring of the following Parks employees with the change of titles and rate of pay, subject to the completion of the necessary pre-employment paperwork:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title From/To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Mitchell Fusillo	Laborer/Parks Jr Worker	5/09/23	PART TIME	\$16.65
Mitchell Fusillo	Laborer/Parks Jr Worker	5/10/23	SEASONAL	\$16.65
Ryan Costolnick	Laborer/Parks Jr Worker	5/22/23	PART TIME	\$16.65
Ryan Costolnick	Laborer/Parks Jr Worker	5/23/23	SEASONAL	\$16.65
Louis Genovese	Laborer/Parks Jr Worker	5/15/23	SEASONAL	\$16.65

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

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FROM THE BOARD:

- Town Clean Up
- Earth Day – Trails Dedication
- Grand Island Fire Company – Length of Service Awards

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Madigan, seconded by Councilman Digati to adjourn the meeting at 8:34p.m.

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

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

David Phillips	James Ratel
Geraldine Gawoski	Michael Dlugokinski
James Swiencicki	Spencer O’Boyle, Jr.
Nadia Condino	

Respectfully submitted in the absence of the Town Clerk,

Karen M. Cooney
Deputy Town Clerk

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