

Town of Grand Island – Regular Meeting #9

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 18th of May 2026.

Present:	Thomas A. Digati	Deputy Supervisor
	Daniel F. Kilmer	Councilman
	Jose A. Garcia	Councilman
	Rhonda G. Diehl	Councilwoman
	Patricia A. Frentzel	Town Clerk
	Peter C. Godfrey	Town Attorney

Excused:	Peter J. Marston	Supervisor
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Deputy Supervisor Thomas A. Digati called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.
Pastor Calvin VanderMey from Bible Fellowship Center Island gave the Invocation.
Councilwoman Rhonda G. Diehl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION:

VFW Buddy Poppy Days

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Speakers:	None
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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Local Law Intro #5 of 2025 – Battery Energy Storage Systems Law

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 8:00p.m. for the purpose of hearing anyone who wanted to comment on Local Law Intro #5 of 2025 – Battery Energy Storage Systems Law.

Speakers:	Lauren Hall, James Panepinto, Padma Kasthuri, Tony Pariso, Jim Daigler, Mike D., Kayleigh Furth
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Deputy Supervisor Digati declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Garcia to table Local Law Intro #5 of 2025 – Battery Energy Storage Systems Law.

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

Special Use Application – Wendy & John McCaffery, 4184 East River Road – Bed & Breakfast

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 8:00p.m. for the purpose of hearing anyone who wanted to comment on a Special Use Application – Wendy & John McCaffery, 4184 East River Road – Bed & Breakfast.

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Speakers: John McCaffery

Deputy Supervisor Digati declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Digati to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board and reapprove the Special Use Permit Special Use Application – Wendy & John McCaffery, 4184 East River Road – Bed & Breakfast. The matter is a TYPE II action and has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or is otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law.

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

Special Use Permit Application – Denise Sterns, 241 Colonial Drive – Home Occupation – Bakery

A. Correspondence – Planning Board

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 8:00p.m. for the purpose of hearing anyone who wanted to comment on Special Use Permit Application – Denise Sterns, 241 Colonial Drive – Home Occupation – Bakery.

Speakers: Denise Sterns

Deputy Supervisor Digati declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to table the Special Use Permit Application – Denise Sterns, 241 Colonial Drive – Home Occupation – Bakery, pending the recommendation of the Planning Board.

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

Local Law Intro #2 of 2026 – Rezoning SBL #'s: 36.04-1-5, 36.04-1-6 and 36.04-1-7 – Baseline Road – R-1D to M2

A. Correspondence – Planning Board

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 8:00p.m. for the purpose of hearing anyone who wanted to comment on Local Law Intro #2 of 2026 – Rezoning SBL #'s: 36.04-1-5, 36.04-1-6 and 36.04-1-7 – Baseline Road – R-1D to M2.

Speakers: Marc Romanowski, Jim Daigler

Deputy Supervisor Digati declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to table Local Law Intro #2 of 2026 – Rezoning SBL #'s: 36.04-1-5, 36.04-1-6 and 36.04-1-7 – Baseline Road – R-1D to M2, pending the County referrals and SEQR review.

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

MINUTES:

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A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting #10, May 4, 2026, and Minutes of Regular Meeting #8, May 4, 2026, and Minutes of Workshop #11, May 11, 2026.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Meeting Minutes – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – March 23, 2026
2. Building Permits Issued – April 2026
3. Meeting Minutes – Zoning Board of Appeals – April 2, 2026

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:

SUPERVISOR – PETER J. MARSTON:

Monthly Supervisor’s Report – December 2025

The Supervisor reported Cash Balance-Operating A/C of \$2,865,016 on December 1, 2025

Total Receipts of \$5,317,558

Total Disbursements of \$4,743,547

Operating A/C Interest \$4,913

Operating A/C Balance \$3,443,941

Investment Interest \$23,945

Investment Balance \$6,823,459

Total Cash Balance as of December 31, 2025, \$10,267,400

No action by the Town Board.

COUNCILMAN – DANIEL F. KILMER:

Resignation – Chairperson, Agricultural Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Digati to accept the resignation of Sheila Daminski from the Agricultural Advisory Board with regret. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Ms. Daminski.

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

COUNCILMAN – JOSE A. GARCIA:

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Local Law Intro #3 of 2026 – Amending the Town of Grand Island Code to add Chapter 251 to establish the policy and procedure for the conservation and management of Street Trees and Public Trees on Grand Island – Refer to Town Advisory Boards

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to refer Local Law Intro #3 of 2026 – Amending the Town of Grand Island Code to add Chapter 251 to establish the policy and procedure for the conservation and management of Street Trees and Public Trees on Grand Island to all the Town Advisory Boards for review and recommendation.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS: HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – JAMES A. SEDITA:

New Hire

A motion was made by Councilwoman Diehl, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Digati to approve the hire of Bryan Decker, Laborer, Year-1, Seasonal, \$19.20/hr., effective June 15, 2026, subject to the completion of the preemployment process. Start date will be determined upon completion of the onboarding process.

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

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – JOSEPH MENTER:

Seasonal Hire

A motion was made by Councilwoman Diehl, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Digati to approve hire of Evan Richey, Recreation Attendant, Seasonal, Year-1 Aide, effective May 19, 2026, subject to the completion of the preemployment process. Start date will be determined upon completion of the onboarding process.

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

Resignation

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Digati, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to accept the resignation of Dominique Brennan with regret. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Ms. Brennan.

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

Promotion

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to promote Daniella Salvatore from the position of Recreation Attendant, CSEA Grade 3, Year-3 at \$23.98/hr., to the vacant position (provisionally) of Program Leader (Youth), CSEA Grade 4.5, Year-1 at \$24.56 with a start date of May 19, 2026.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:

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Special Use Permit Renewal – Arlene Clarke, 3059 Second Avenue – Home

Occupation/Barber Shop

A motion was made by Councilwoman Diehl, seconded by Councilman Garcia to renew the Special Use Permit for Arlene Clarke, 3059 Second Avenue – Home Occupation/Barber Shop. The site has been inspected, and it is unchanged.

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

Special Use Permit Application - Kevin Bitikofer, 4410 East River Rd-Request a Special Use Permit for the keeping of 4 horses on 10 acres – Set Public Hearing and refer to Planning Board

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Digati, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to set a Public Hearing for Monday, June 1, 2026 at 8:00p.m. to hear anyone who wants to comment on a Special Use Permit Application - Kevin Bitikofer, 4410 East River Rd- Request a Special Use Permit for the keeping of 4 horses on 10 acres (This is a renewal of an expired SUP with the addition of another animal. The matter will be referred to the Agriculture Advisory Board and the Planning Board.

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

Resignation – Code Enforcement Officer

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Digati, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to accept the resignation of Chris Cullen as a Code Enforcement Officer, effective May 6, 2026, with regret. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Mr. Cullen.

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

PARKS MAINTENANCE CREW CHIEF – TOM CECERE:

Status and Salary Changes

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the following status and salary changes:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Status Change to:</u>	<u>Pay Scale</u>	<u>Pay Rate</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
Richard Dworak	Seasonal Crew Chief	Seasonal/18 weeks	\$43.01	\$43.01	5/9/2026
Erik Anderson	Sr Worker	Seasonal	3rd Yr	\$19.80	6/1/2026
David M Cole	Sr Worker	Seasonal	3rd Yr	\$19.80	6/1/2026
Alec Konopczynski	Sr Worker	Seasonal	2nd Yr	\$19.50	5/19/2026

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

TOWN ACCOUNTANT – KORIN FRANTZ:

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Grand Island Fire Company – Length of Service Awards

As required by GML 219-a, the Town Board is required to review the list of firefighters who have qualified to receive their 2025 Service Award and approve 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 Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to approve to submit the names to the Accounting Department and approve the payment for the 41 GIFC firefighters who have qualified to receive their 2025 Service Award.

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

Payroll Software Quote

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$22,233 to add on the payroll module. The amount was budgeted for in the 2026 Town Budget.

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

PLANNING BOARD:

Grand Island Reset, 2315 Grand Island Boulevard – Site Plan Approval – Interior Build Out in Existing Plaza

The matter of Grand Island Reset, 2315 Grand Island Boulevard – Site Plan Approval – Interior Build Out in Existing Plaza was tabled at the Planning Board. The matter was received and filed.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to pay the vouchers presented, with the exception of #152584 until the State Bid for the vehicle purchase/down payment has been confirmed.

Vouchers #152556 - #152690

General \$ 97,813.14

Highway \$ 13,973.69

Sewer \$ 46,965.38

Water \$ 10,981.42

Trust & Agency \$ 350.00

Capital Fund \$ 3,700.02

Lighting Districts \$ 600.88

Fire \$ 3,600.00

Total \$177,984.53

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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Local Law Intro #1 of 2026 – Rezoning Portion of SBL #: 23.00-3-6.11, 410 Lang

Boulevard – M1 to NBD

Remains Tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Speakers:

Paula Scuik, Sherrie Kern, Jim Carlson

FROM THE BOARD:

- Staley Road Repairs
- Go Sabres!

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to adjourn the meeting at 9:10p.m.

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

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

Brian Mongiello

Florence “Susie” Myers

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Anderson Frentzel
Town Clerk

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