

## Town of Grand Island – Regular Meeting #10

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 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 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.

Councilman Michael H. Madigan 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](http://www.grandislandny.us).

\*The Meeting was conducted via ZOOM and streamed live on the Town’s website – [www.grandislandny.us](http://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 Marston, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting #20, May 15, 2020, Minutes of Workshop Meeting #21, May 18, 2020, Minutes of Regular Meeting #9, May 18, 2020 and Minutes of Workshop Meeting #22, May 20, 2020.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Golden Age Center – Facility Usage – April 2020

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

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

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## **COMMUNICATION – TOWN BOARD:**

### **SUPERVISOR JOHN C. WHITNEY:**

#### **Monthly Supervisor’s Report – February 2020**

The Supervisor reported Cash Balance-Operating A/C of \$3,431,080 on February 1, 2020

Total Receipts of \$9,865,601

Total Disbursements of \$10,754,613

Operating A/C Interest \$690

Operating A/C Balance \$2,542,757

Investment Interest \$14,852

Investment Balance \$16,872,870

Total Cash Balance as of February 29, 2020 \$19,415,626

No action by the Town Board.

#### **Monthly Supervisor’s Report – March 2020**

The Supervisor reported Cash Balance-Operating A/C of \$2,542,757 on March 1, 2020

Total Receipts of \$841,176

Total Disbursements of \$1,656,933

Operating A/C Interest \$543

Operating A/C Balance \$1,727,543

Investment Interest \$9,436

Investment Balance \$17,128,522

Total Cash Balance as of March 31, 2020 \$18,856,065

No action by the Town Board.

#### **Monthly Supervisor’s Report – April 2020**

The Supervisor reported Cash Balance-Operating A/C of \$1,727,543 on April 1, 2020

Total Receipts of \$1,900,725

Total Disbursements of \$2,108,758

Operating A/C Interest \$113

Operating A/C Balance \$1,519,624

Investment Interest \$4,542

Investment Balance \$17,771,234

Total Cash Balance as of April 3, 2020 \$19,290,858

No action by the Town Board.

## **COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:**

### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – RICHARD W. CRAWFORD:**

#### **Status Change**

Highway Superintendent Richard Crawford informed the Town Board that Dan Mathes is moved to a Temporary Mechanic, effective May 18, 2020 due to a medical leave of another employee. The AFSCME starting pay as of January 1, 2020 is \$25.13/hr.

No action by the Town Board is necessary.

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

#### **Appointment – Senior Water Plant Operator (Provisional)**

A motion was made by Councilman Marston, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve the appointment of Gillman Cody Clarke as Senior Water Plant Operator (Provisional), effective June 13, 2020, at the rate of \$34.06/hour as per 2020 AFSCME contract to fill a vacant position. The promotion shall be contingent on satisfying the terms and conditions of the AFSCME Contract and/or Erie County Civil Service.

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

#### **Appointment – Senior Water Plant Operator – Part-time**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Baney, seconded by Councilman Madigan to approve the appointment of James Dlugokinski as Senior Water Plant Operator – Part-Time, effective June 15, 2020, with no change to the current rate of pay. This is due to the Town's need for an Operator with a Class 1A license.

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

#### **Seasonal Hire – Wastewater Department**

A motion was made by Councilman Madigan, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve the appointment of Ryan Schwinn, Seasonal, Wastewater Laborer, 1<sup>st</sup> year - \$12.30/hour, effective June 2, 2020, subject to the completion of the pre employment paperwork, providing drug screening is waived for this hire only.

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

#### **Promotion – Water Department**

A motion was made by Councilman Marston, seconded by Councilwoman Baney to approve the promotion of Justin Glose to the position of Water Maintenance Worker in the Water Department at the rate of \$19.53/hour (Start) as shown in the AFSCME Contract, effective June 8, 2020. The position had been posted internally per AFSCME requirements.

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

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:**

#### **Status Change**

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Madigan to approve the status change of Robert Hassett, Code Enforcement Officer, from Part-time to Seasonal, effective June 2, 2020 at the current rate of pay.

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

#### **Appointment – Full-time Code Enforcement Officer**

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A motion was made by Councilman Marston, seconded by Councilwoman Baney to appoint Christopher Cullen, Full-time Code Enforcement Officer, effective June 8, 2020. The initial pay rate for the candidate shall be consistent with Grade 7, Step 1 of the CSEA wage schedule, \$24.03/hour, and upon the candidate's completion of the required CEO certification within the time permitted under applicable law, and effective upon presentation of proof of such certification to the Town Supervisor, the candidates pay rate shall advance automatically to the regular Grade 8, Step pay rate, CEO (B) rate as then in effect. Hiring is subject to the completion of the necessary pre employment paperwork.

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

### **Diane Luther, 2871 Whitehaven Road – Request to Split/Merge Property – SBL #36.01-5-1.1**

A motion was made by Councilman Marston, seconded by Councilman Madigan to refer the request of Diane Luther, 2871 Whitehaven Road – Request to Split/Merge Property – SBL #36.01-5-1.1 to the ZBA for an Area Variance.

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

### **PARKS MAINTENANCE CREW CHIEF – THOMAS DWORAK:**

#### **Seasonal Hire**

A motion was made by Councilman Madigan, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve the hiring of Linda Tuffillaro, Gardener, Seasonal, effective June 2, 2020, \$13.55/hr., subject to the completion of the pre employment paperwork, providing drug screening is waived for this hire only.

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 #131416 - #131483

General	\$ 33,103.67
Highway	\$ 1,974.72
Sewer	\$ 14,719.19
Water	\$ 978.17
Capital	<u>\$221,361.32</u>
Total	\$272,137.07

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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Speakers: None \*See above

### **FROM THE BOARD:**

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- Need to return to peace and quiet in the country
- Thanks to staff and members of Advisory Boards for service and commitment
- June 13, 2020 – “Clean Up Grand Island”
- Maintain social distance, stay safe
- Thanks to First Responders!

### **MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilman Digati seconded by Councilwoman Baney to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

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

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

Lisa Savage	Roy Meyers
David Fisher	Virginia Fisher
Robert Ringler	Elisabeth Nagy
Elsie Clark	Barbara Potenski
Robert Wendling	Richard Narad

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Anderson Frentzel  
Town Clerk