

# 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 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. Reverend Kevin Backus from Bible Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation. Deputy Supervisor Thomas A. Digati led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

Speakers:	Paula Sciuk
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## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **Special Use Permit Application - Kevin Bitikofer, 4410 East River Road – Keeping of 4 Agricultural Animals on 10 Acres**

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 8:00p.m. for the purpose of hearing anyone who wanted to comment on a Special Use Permit Application - Kevin Bitikofer, 4410 East River Road – Keeping of 4 Agricultural Animals on 10 Acres.

Speakers:	Tajinder Singh, Dan Gietz, Kevin Bitikofer
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Deputy Supervisor Digati declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to table the Special Use Permit Application - Kevin Bitikofer, 4410 East River Road – Keeping of 4 Agricultural Animals on 10 Acres, pending Planning Board review.

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

## **MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting #12, May 18, 2026, and Minutes of Regular Meeting #9, May 18, 2026.

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

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## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Meeting Minutes – Board of Architectural Review – April 21, 2026

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

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:**

### **SUPERVISOR – PETER J. MARSTON:**

#### **Special Event Permit Application – Relay for Life – June 6, 2026**

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to approve the Special Events Permit for Relay for Life, June 6, 2026, from 7:00a.m. – 11:00p.m.

The completed Event Permit Applications have been submitted, and the Certificate of Insurance will be submitted prior to the event.

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

#### **Special Event Permit Application – KidBiz – June 20, 2026**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Diehl, seconded by Councilman Garcia to approve the Special Events Permit for KidBiz, June 20, 2026. Whitehaven Road from Grand Island Blvd. to Baseline will be closed to traffic from 8:00a.m. -10:00a.m. The Town will produce paperwork for road closure permits, provide barricades, traffic cones, police coverage, picnic tables (6), garbage cans (20), generators if needed (4) and removal of the garbage.

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

## **COUNCILMAN THOMAS A. DIGATI:**

### **Authorize Supervisor to Sign Contract – Purchase of Miracle League Splash Pad**

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Digati, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to authorize the Supervisor to execute the Vortex contract for the Miracle League Splash Pad in the amount of \$708,086.41, subject to the approval of the Town Attorney.

APPROVED    Ayes    3            Digati, Garcia, Diehl  
                      Noes    1            Kilmer

## **COUNCILMAN – JOSE A. GARCIA:**

### **Local Law Intro #4 of 2026 – Amend Chapter 386 of the Town Code – Vehicles, Motor Driven – to Include E-Bikes and Scooters – Refer to Town Advisory Boards**

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to refer Local Law Intro #4 of 2026 – Amend Chapter 386 of the Town Code – Vehicles, Motor Driven – to Include E-Bikes and Scooters to all the Town Advisory Boards for review and recommendation.

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

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## **August Town Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to reschedule the Town Board Workshop and Regular Meeting from August 17, 2026, to Monday, August 24, 2026, with no change in start times.

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

## **COUNCILWOMAN RHONDA G. DIEHL:**

### **Adopt Resolution – Selecting Veregy Energy Solutions as Energy Performance Partner**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Diehl, seconded by Councilman Garcia to adopt the following resolution selecting Veregy as the Town’s Energy Solutions Partner and authorizing the Town Board and the Town Attorney to finalize and execute the Letter of Intent following a scoping meeting with Veregy’s development team to determine projects for inclusion based upon the completed audit of Town facilities and operations:

WHEREAS, the Town of Grand Island (“Town”) issued a solicitation and/or Request for Proposals seeking qualified firms to provide comprehensive energy solutions services, including but not limited to energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy development, infrastructure modernization, operational cost reduction initiatives, and related professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Town advertised, received and reviewed responses from qualified firms possessing experience in the development, financing, implementation, and maintenance of municipal energy projects; and

WHEREAS, Town staff and/or its designated evaluation committee reviewed the submitted proposals based upon criteria including experience, qualifications, technical capabilities, financial approach, project delivery methodology, and overall value to the Town; and

WHEREAS, following such review and evaluation, Veregy was determined to be the most qualified and responsive respondent and best suited to serve as the Town’s Energy Solutions Partner; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that engaging Veregy as the Town’s Energy Solutions Partner is in the best interests of the Town and its residents in order to pursue cost-effective, sustainable, and resilient energy infrastructure improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Grand Island as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby selects Veregy as the successful respondent and the Town’s designated Energy Solutions Partner.

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2. The Town officials, together with the Town Attorney, are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a Letter of Intent and any related documents with Veregy, subject to review and approval as to form and content.

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

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

### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – JAMES A. SEDITA:**

#### **2026 Paving Program**

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to authorize the Highway Superintendent to begin the Bond Authorization process for \$750,000 for the 2026 Paving Program. This year's projects include mill and fill of 1.6 miles of Town roads and shoulder widening, mill and fill of 1 mile of Staley Road with road striping to be determined. Staley Road repairs will begin at Baseline Road heading towards West River Road.

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

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

### **Veteran's Park Access Improvements – Change Order #1 – Job #M-66-2021**

Town Engineer Robert Westfall reported that additional work requested, on-site conditions, and an error in estimated quantities on the bid form for the Veteran's Park Access Improvements project have resulted in the need to add scope and funds to the awarded project.

Change Order #1 is for the following items:

- Survey Services – When staking out the project for construction, some discrepancies were noted between the original topographic survey/design plans, and the on-site elevations. The reduction in staff in the office at that time did not have personnel available to undertake the additional survey work. With the need to move the project forward on an already tight timeline, Mr. Westfall requested assistance in verifying existing information and obtaining additional field data to augment the design from the Contractor's surveyor who was on-site. From that data, he revised the design for the project addressing the corrected topography, without significant impact on the project schedule or materials needed, avoiding potential issues during construction. The cost for this work is \$6,267.50 and is attached.
- The project included extra quantities for piping and surface drains to allow us to drain isolated areas if found that the project did not originally identify. With the main piping installed, Parks, Engineering, and the Contractor reviewed the site and additional areas that were trapping water were identified. To drain these areas, more pipe is needed than was included in the project to do this. The Contractor submitted a proposal (attached) to install the drainage for \$16,098.62. The contract quantities allowed for \$11,586.92 per the bid received at the quantities stated in the Bid Form. The result to undertake the work is an

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increase of \$4,511.70. Additionally, two more catch basins are being utilized in the project, with an impact of \$8,043.86. This results in an increase of \$12,555.56.

- The pathway subbase stone was incorrectly estimated for the project when installed per the provided project details. This resulted in an increase of 1,000 square yards of stone (2' each side of the path, needed for support) over the entire length of paths in the project. At the bid price per square yard provided, the extra material needed equates to an increase in \$25,930.00.

The project was bonded for \$1,300,000 and the current bid (unit price contract) is \$1,232,906.89. The above-described changes total \$44,753.06 and if added to the Contractor's bid increase the project to \$1,277,659.95. With these increases, this total is below the bonded amount. As this is a unit price contract, we do anticipate some reduction in items due to quantities estimated and those actually installed but cannot provide a solid number at this time as construction is not complete.

Mr. Westfall noted that he is also aware of the potential need for additional stone due to topsoil depths encountered during pathway excavation, resulting in the need to undercut the walkway areas to get to solid ground. The Town is not at final numbers for this, and Mr. Westfall requests permission from the Town to authorize his department to up the bonding to its limit to accomplish the project, as it would allow for timely completion as wouldn't need additional Board authorizations. This would be authorization to spend up to the \$1,300,000, or a change order of \$67,093.11. This is an allowance of an additional \$22,340.05 of spending.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Digati, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to approve the Change Order #1 for the Veteran's Park Access Improvements Project in the amount of \$67,093.11.

APPROVED    Ayes    3            Digati, Garcia, Diehl  
                  Noes    1            Kilmer

### **Request Authorization to Advertise for Bids – Collection, Hauling and Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclables – Job #M67-2023**

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Digati, seconded by Councilman Garcia to authorize the Town Engineer to advertise for bids for Collection, Hauling and Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclables – Job #M67-2023 on June 5, 2026 and to receive bids on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 10:00a.m., subject to the approval of the Town Attorney.

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

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## RECREATION SUPERVISOR – JOSEPH MENTER:

### Status Changes and Rate Changes

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Digati , seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to approve the following employees, effective June 6, 2026.:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Status</u>
Allyson Bellinger	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Instructor	\$19.20 / hr.	Seasonal*
Jaden Campbell	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Aide	\$16.85 / hr.	Seasonal**
Trysten Cardin-Galeza	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Instructor	\$19.50 / hr.	Seasonal**
Emily Cirincione-Pravel	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Instructor	\$19.80 / hr.	Seasonal**
Sheila Forbes	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Leader	\$18.30 / hr.	Seasonal**
Jenna Gorton	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Leader	\$18.00 / hr.	Seasonal*
Gianna Griggs	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$16.55 / hr.	Seasonal**
Jacob Hazel	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Instructor	\$19.20 / hr.	Seasonal*
Tyler Hazel	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$16.55 / hr.	Seasonal**
Brady Hillman	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Instructor	\$19.20 / hr.	Seasonal*
Carson Hinkle	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Aide	\$16.85 / hr.	Seasonal**
Ramneek Kaur	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Leader	\$17.70 / hr.	Seasonal*
Sarah Logar	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$16.55 / hr.	Seasonal**
Jillian Manns	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Leader	\$17.70 / hr.	Seasonal**
Avery Mondoux	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Instructor	\$19.80 / hr.	Seasonal**
Peter Marston III	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Leader	\$17.70 / hr.	Seasonal*
Jolie Mondoux	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Instructor	\$19.20 / hr.	Seasonal*
Dylan Murray	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Instructor	\$19.80 / hr.	Seasonal*
Owen Redfern	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Instructor	\$19.20 / hr.	Seasonal**
Megan Reynolds	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Instructor	\$19.50 / hr.	Seasonal*
Maya Rizzo	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Leader	\$17.70 / hr.	Seasonal**
Tanureet Saini	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$16.55 / hr.	Seasonal**
Salvatore Santospirito	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Leader	\$18.30 / hr.	Seasonal**
Cameron Sargent	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Aide	\$16.85 / hr.	Seasonal**
Jackson Schmidt	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Leader	\$17.70 / hr.	Seasonal**
Oliver Schmidt	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Aide	\$16.85 / hr.	Seasonal**
Olivia Williams	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Aide	\$16.85 / hr.	Seasonal**

\* Employee is currently at seasonal status as of the Town Board meeting on 5-4-26. They are being transferred to their seasonal title and rate of pay

\*\* Employee is currently on payroll at part time status. They are being transferred to title and rate of pay.

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

### Rate of Pay Correction

Recreation Supervisor Joseph Menter reported that on the May 4, 2026, Town Board agenda, two employees were listed at the correct title of Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Lifeguard and correct status of Part Time, but had an incorrect pay rate of \$19.26/hr. A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Digati, seconded by Councilman Garcia to approve the rate of pay correction for the following employees:

Andrew Pelczynski and Jaxen Pyc from \$19.26/hr. to \$19.36/hr.

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

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## Remove Employee from Payroll

A motion was made by Councilwoman Diehl, seconded by Councilman Garcia to remove the following employee from the Recreation Department payroll effective June 2, 2026:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Last Day Worked</u>
Tala Abdellatif	Recreation Attendant	3-21-26

APPROVED    Ayes    4        Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Diehl  
                  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 Councilwoman Diehl 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 is unchanged.

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

## PARKS MAINTENANCE CREW CHIEF – TOM CECERE:

### New Hire

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to approve the hire of Roman Franckowiak, Laborer/General Worker - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, Seasonal, \$17.95/hr. effective June 1, 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 – SENIOR CITIZENS – JENNIFER MENTER:

### New Hire

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the appointment of Fran Molnar to Full-time Recreation Attendant, Grade 3 – CSEA, \$21.62/hr., subject to the completion of the onboarding process.

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

## Remove Employees from Payroll

A motion was made by Councilwoman Diehl, seconded by Deputy Supervisor to remove the following employees from the Golden Age Department payroll effective June 2, 2026:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Last Day Worked</u>
Sandra Thomasula	Recreation Attendant	04/30/2026
Daniella Salvatore	Recreation Attendant	05/18/2026

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

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## **REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to pay

Vouchers #152700 - #152822

General \$ 71,395.16

Highway \$ 38,576.38

Sewer \$ 42,890.17

Water \$ 14,126.81

Capital Fund \$114,382.78

Garbage \$170,470.17

Total \$451,841.47

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Kilmer, Garcia, Diehl

Noes 0

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

**Boulevard – M1 to NBD**

Remains Tabled.

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

Remains Tabled.

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

**– Bakery**

**A. Correspondence – Planning Board**

Remains Tabled.

**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**

Remains Tabled.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

Speakers:

Bill Daniels, Jim Daigler

## **FROM THE BOARD:**

- E-Bikes/Proposed Law
- Staley Road
- Summer Town Events
- Kudos to Parks Staff/Volunteers

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## **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Digati to adjourn the meeting at 8:58p.m.

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

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

Cheryl Loree                    James Huffman  
Mary Ellen Kippley

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Anderson Frentzel  
Town Clerk