

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 2nd of June 2025.

Present:	Peter J. Marston	Supervisor
	Thomas A. Digati	Councilman
	Christian J. Bahleda	Councilman
	Daniel F. Kilmer	Councilman
	Jose A. Garcia	Councilman
	Patricia A. Frentzel	Town Clerk
	Peter C. Godfrey	Town Attorney

Supervisor Peter J. Marston called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.
Deputy Town Clerk Dawn Fraser gave the Invocation.
Councilman Jose A. Garcia 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: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 8:00p.m. for the purpose of hearing anyone who wanted to comment on 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.

Speakers: Cathy Rayhill, Katherine Hastings, Jim Daigler

Supervisor Marston declared the Public Hearing will remain open.
A motion was made by Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to refer 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 to the Comprehensive Planning Review Board (FKA – LRPC).

APPROVED	Ayes	5	Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
	Noes	0	

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Local Law Intro #2 of 2025 – Amend Chapter 407-144 of the Town Code – Agricultural

Animals

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 8:00p.m. for the purpose of hearing anyone who wanted to comment on Local Law Intro #2 of 2025 – Amend Chapter 407-144 of the Town Code – Agricultural Animals.

Speakers: Thilo Suelberg, Paul Swain, Mary Pfalzer, Laura Suelberg

Supervisor Marston declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to refer Local Law Intro #2 of 2025 – Amend Chapter 407-144 of the Town Code – Agricultural Animals to the Planning Board.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting #13, May 19, 2025, Minutes of Regular Meeting #8, May 19, 2025, and Minutes of Workshop #14, May 21, 2025.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Meeting Minutes – Board of Architectural Review – April 15, 2025
2. Free Paint Collection Event in Williamsville – June 7, 2025

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

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:

SUPERVISOR – PETER J. MARSTON:

Special Event Permit Application – KidBiz Young Entrepreneur Program

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the Special Event Permit for KidBiz Young Entrepreneur Program Saturday, June 21, 2025. 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, police coverage, picnic benches (6), garbage cans (15) and removal of the garbage.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) Training

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A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Digati to appoint members of the Highway Department and Code Enforcement Department to attend the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) training to become Storm Water Management Officials for the Town of Grand Island.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

COUNCILMAN JOSE A. GARCIA:

Appointments – Conservation Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to appoint James Daigler and Susannah Zherebilov as Alternates to the Conservation Advisory Board with terms expiring December 31, 2025.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

Appointments – Economic Development Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to appoint Vienna Laurendi to the Economic Development Advisory Board with a term expiring December 31, 2026, and Jon Faso and Korey Kostek as Alternates with terms expiring December 31, 2025.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

Appointment – Historic Preservation Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to appoint Alice Gerard as a Alternate to the Historic Preservation Advisory Board with a term expiring December 3, 2025.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

Appointment – Traffic Safety Advisory Board

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to appoint Kurt Herman as an Alternate to the Traffic Safety Advisory Board with a term expiring December 31, 2025.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

Appointment – Board of Architectural Review

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to appoint Edward F. Dinsmore as an Alternate to the Board of Architectural Review with a term expiring December 31, 2025.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:

JUSTICE COURT:

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Court Night Staffing

A motion was made by Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to allow any Town employee to work Court night on Wednesday evenings from 4:30p.m. – 7:00p.m. and overtime payroll hours would come from the Court personnel budget.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – JOSEPH MENTER:

Seasonal Hire

A motion was made by Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Garcia to authorize the Recreation Supervisor to hire Gianna Gallegos as a Recreation Attendant, Seasonal, \$15.75/hr., effective May 6, 2025, subject to the completion of the necessary pre-employment paperwork.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:

Application for Public Display of Fireworks – Niagara Amusement Park & Splash World, 2400 Grand Island Boulevard – July 4, 2025

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Garcia to approve the application for a public display of fireworks at Niagara Amusement Park & Splash World, 2400 Grand Island Boulevard – July 4, 2025 at 10:00p.m., no rain date is scheduled.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

Special Use Permit Renewal – Nicholas Bauman, Back Hills Farm Corp., 2411 Bedell Road – Allow Grazing Sheep on the Solar Site

A motion was made by Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to renew the Special Use Permit for Nicholas Bauman, Back Hills Farm Corp., 2411 Bedell Road – to allow grazing sheep on the Solar Site.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

PARKS MAINTENANCE CREW CHIEF – TOM CECERE:

New Hires

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to authorize the Parks Maintenance Crew Chief to hire Jackson DeBottis and Roman Franckowiak as Parks General Workers, Seasonal, \$17.20/hr., effective June 3, 2025, subject to the completion of the necessary pre-employment paperwork.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

TOWN ACCOUNTANT – KORIN FRANTZ:

Create PO-17 & Amend Non-Union Salary Schedule

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A motion was made by Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to create a PO-17 for the position of Personnel Clerk and to amend the Non-Union Salary Schedule to add Personnel Clerk at Grade 7.

APPROVED	Ayes	5	Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
	Noes	0	

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to pay Vouchers #149002 - #149142

General	\$ 135,290.92
Highway	\$ 55,096.82
Sewer	\$ 69,627.80
Water	\$ 28,823.21
Capital	\$ 710,413.80
Garbage	<u>\$ 160,697.68</u>
Total	\$1,159,950.23

APPROVED	Ayes	5	Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
	Noes	0	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Marston, seconded by Councilman Garcia to refer 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 to the Town Board.

APPROVED	Ayes	5	Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
	Noes	0	

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

Remains Tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Speakers: Jim Walters, Rick Johnston, Paul Koppmann, Nancy Killian, Jim Daigler, Mary Pfalzer

FROM THE BOARD:

- Local Law Intro #2 of 2025

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- Flag Day – June 14th
- M-1 Law
- Staley Road Concerns
- Traffic Concerns
- National Night Out – Tuesday, August 5, 2025
- KidBiz Event – June 21, 2025
- Speed Trailers

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Digati to adjourn the meeting at 9:11p.m.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Garcia, Marston
 Noes 0

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

Joseph VeRost, Jr. Dennis Bauman

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Anderson Frentzel
Town Clerk