

Town of Grand Island – Regular Meeting #16

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 15th of September 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.
Pastor Matt Pfeil from Cornerstone Church gave the Invocation.
Councilman Daniel F. Kilmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION:

Grand Island Historical Society – 60th Anniversary of Saving River Lea

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 Garcia, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve Workshop Meeting #24, September 2, 2025, and Minutes of Regular Meeting #1, September 2, 2025.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Meeting Minutes – Zoning Board of Appeals – August 7, 2025
 2. Building Permits Issued – August 2025
 3. Meeting Minutes – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – June 23, 2025
 4. Grand Island Police Department
 - A. Calls for Service – July 2025 & August 2025
 - B. Community Engagement Officer
 5. Meeting Minutes – Traffic Safety Advisory Board – April 8, June 10 and July 8, 2025
 6. Meeting Minutes – Planning Board – August 11, 2025
 7. Meeting Minutes – Conservation Advisory Board – July 24, 2025
- A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the consent agenda as distributed.

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

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COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:

SUPERVISOR – PETER J. MARSTON:

Zonta Club 10 days of Service Recognition Bows

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the Zonta Club's request to place orange lighting in the gazebo and orange bows around the trees surrounding Town Hall on November 15, 2025 – December 5, 2025, for 10 Days of Service.

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

Zonta Club Request Approval to Use Town Hall Lobby – Oranging the Island

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the request to use the Town Hall lobby on November 17, 2025, from 6:00p.m. – 7:45p.m. for community members and businesses to pick up orange ribbons for "Oranging the Island".

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

Zonta Club Request Approval to Use Gazebo in Town Commons – 2026 Annual Mum Sale

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the Zonta Club's request to use Town Commons for the 2026 Annual Mum Sale on September 12, 2026, from 10:00a.m-1:00p.m. The Town will provide folding tables as needed. An updated Certificate of Insurance will be provided prior to the Mum sale event.

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

NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Grant

The NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) has approved the Town's application of funding for Project CY22-1024-E00. The grant is for a total amount of \$50,000 with no match required. The projects are for the procurement of Forensic Threat Detection and Response Software (\$35K), Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA Software – \$10K), and Cybersecurity Education and Awareness Training Registration Costs (\$5K).

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve to authorize the Supervisor to complete the local acceptance of the contract electronically in E-grants in the DHSES E-Grants system.

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

COUNCILMAN – JOSE A. GARCIA:

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Courtroom Upgrade

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the request of the Court for funds up to \$5,000 to gap a JCAP Grant Application for a mini split AC/Heat pump, subject to the receipt of the Grant. The funds are available in the Court budget.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – RICHARD W. CRAWFORD:

Request Permission to Sell Surplus Equipment at Auction – Fall 2025

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the request of the Highway Superintendent to send the following surplus equipment to auction facilitated by the internet-based auction house – Auctions International, Inc.:

- 2003 Sterling L8500 Dump Truck

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

Retirement

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to accept the retirement of Mike Carlson, Mechanic – Highway with regret and a certificate of appreciation.

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

New Hire

Highway Superintendent Richard Crawford informed the Town Board that he hired Michael Zimmerman to fill the vacancy of Mechanic in the Highway Department at \$30.27/hr. per the AFSCME Contract.

No action by the Town Board.

NYS Highway Law – Section 284 Amended Agreement – 2025

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the 284 Amended Agreement that reflects the money budgeted for general repairs and improvements for the year 2025.

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

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – JOSEPH MENTER:

Remove Employees from Payroll

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A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Garcia to remove the following Part-time/Seasonal employees from payroll effective September 16, 2025:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Last Day Worked</u>
Raj Arumugan	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Max Black	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Maya Brandon	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Alper Celik	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Brooke Christensen	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Bryan Decker	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Gianna Gallegos	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Giovanni Granelli	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Jenna Gorton	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Jacob Hazel	Recreation Attendant	8-14-25
Ian Hannon	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Brady Hillman	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
David Hoover	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Ramneek Kaur	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Natalie Kopf	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Christian Krawczyk	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Michael Logar	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Jillian Manns	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Peter Marston	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Ismail Masoodi	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Jolie Mondoux	Recreation Attendant	7-25-25
Dylan Murray	Recreation Attendant	8-11-25
Keira Murray	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Alera Ostertag	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Evan Pickering	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Megan Reynolds	Recreation Attendant	8-25-25
Savannah Samplinski	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Rebecca Schultz	Recreation Attendant	8-12-25
Luke Sweeney	Recreation Attendant	8-12-25
Susan Szczublewski	Recreation Attendant	8-1-25
Melina Valle	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Anthony Vacarro-Luttrell	Recreation Attendant	7-29-25
John Vinkle	Recreation Attendant	8-11-25
Evan Walowitz	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Teagan Willats	Recreation Attendant	8-8-25
Roger Wright	Recreation Attendant	8-1-25

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

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – SENIOR CITIZENS – JENNIFER MENTER:
Status Change

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A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the status change of Recreation Attendant Fran Molnar from Part-time to Seasonal, effective October 2, 2025, at the same rate of pay.

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

Status Change

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve the status change of Recreation Attendant Cathy Moore from Part-time to Seasonal, effective October 2, 2025, at the same rate of pay.

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

TOWN ACCOUNTANT – KORIN FRANTZ:

Budget Amendment

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the budget for the purchase of the fence for Sandywood Park:

Increase	001.0001.2770	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$19,525.09
Increase	001.7110.0200	Parks & Playgrounds – Equip.	\$19,525.09

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:

Special Use Permit Renewal – Kateri Solberg, 3179 West River Road – Bed & Breakfast

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Garcia to renew the Special Use Permit for Kateri Solberg, 3179 West River Road – Bed & Breakfast. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

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

Special Use Permit Renewal – Nicholas Bauman, Back Hills Farm Corp., 126 Industrial Drive – Allow Grazing Sheep on the Solar Site

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Digati to renew the Special Use Permit for Nicholas Bauman, Back Hills Farm Corp., 126 Industrial Drive – Allow Grazing Sheep on the Solar Site. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

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

Special Use Permit Application – Shereen Fox, 2933 Staley Road – Home Occupation – Professional Office – Refer to Planning Board and Set Public Hearing

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A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to set a Public Hearing for Monday, October 6, 2025 at 8:00p.m. to hear anyone who wants to comment on a Special Use Permit Application – Shereen Fox, 2933 Staley Road – Home Occupation – Professional Office and refer the matter to the Planning Board for review and recommendation.

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

PLANNING BOARD:

North Baseline Properties LLC, 2055 Baseline Road – Site Plan Approval – Accessory Storage Building

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to table North Baseline Properties LLC, 2055 Baseline Road – Site Plan Approval – Accessory Storage Building, pending review by County Planning.

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 #150115 - #150251

General	\$142,126.44
Highway	\$ 9,958.72
Sewer	\$ 26,560.15
Water	\$ 13,110.88
Capital	<u>\$192,349.20</u>
Total	\$384,105.39

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gun Creek Community – Wooden Path and Benches

Remains Tabled.

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Speakers:

Paul Koppmann, Hank Cushing

FROM THE BOARD:

- Haunted Market
- Go Bills
- Fall Island Events
- Assessment Hearings
- ALDI update
- Trail from Sandywood Circle to Veterans Park

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Digati to adjourn the meeting at 8:39p.m.

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

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

Mary Anne Shea	Robert Morgan
Lawrence Backlund, Jr.	Charlie Kirk

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Anderson Frentzel
Town Clerk

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