

2017 Year in Review

New Year's Celebration at Golden Age Center - January 2017



Mary Stewart Photos

The Grand Island Senior Center held its first birthday lunch on Wednesday, January 4th, celebrating the New Year with hats and noisemakers. The birthday luncheon celebrates all the January birthdays and guests were invited to come dressed in country attire, to go along with this month's theme, "country hoe down birthday luncheon". Entertainment was provided by "Just Banjos", with great banjo music. It was an enjoyable afternoon.

DeGlopper Memorial Park Expansion - January 2017



The George DeGlopper Memorial Park Expansion has been busy throughout 2017. Numerous fundraisers were held to help with expenses. For more information on how to donate; visit the DeGlopper Memorial Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DeGlopperMemorial, email DeGlopperMemorial@gmail.com.

DECA Shines on Grand Island! - January 2017

Once again, Grand Island High School hosted 14 schools at the annual DECA Region 12 Competition, a business event attended by 600 high school students. This year, business professionals from all over WNY came out on a Sunday morning to assist students in competition by judging authentic role plays. Grand Island students placed well, with 50 students advancing to the NYS competition in Rochester in March.

North Bridge MVA's - January 2017

Story by Ray Pauley, Public Information Officer.

At 7:41 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4th, Grand Island Fire Company rescue personnel responded to a nine car chain reaction collision in the southbound lane of the North Grand Island Bridge. Deputy Fire Chief Mark Sadkowski reported that slippery road conditions during rush hour traffic contributed to the multi vehicle accident. Three injuries were reported. Although there was extensive property damage to other autos, no other injuries were reported.

MVA at Island Residence- January 2017



Front of Adams vehicle in basement, at top.

Story and photo by Ray Pauley, Public Information Officer.

At 6:40 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4th, Grand Island Fire Company rescue personnel responded to a motor vehicle collision with a building incident at 11 Regency Drive. Homeowner Phyllis Lock was sitting in the kitchen with her older sister when they heard what sounded like an explosion. The ladies then heard pounding on the door as the driver alerted them to the problem and helped them get to the neighbors, where the GIFC was contacted.

Fire Chief Chris Soluri confirmed that 54 year-old David Adams of Niagara Falls had lost control of his vehicle which veered off Stony Point Road and traveled about 60 feet before striking the Regency Drive home. The force of the impact dislodged an exterior gas meter while the vehicle itself crashed through a wall and ended up about three feet into the basement. The driver claimed no injuries when evaluated by GIFC medics. The gas meter was shut down and National Fuel was notified while the house was ventilated to remove hazardous fumes.

\$30,000 in Damage at Garage Fire - January 2017



Story and photo by Ray Pauley, Public Information Officer.

At 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 7th, Grand Island firefighters responded to a structure fire at the Bedell Road residence of David Butcher. An alert neighbor noticed visible smoke and flames coming from a two car unattached garage at the Butcher home and immediately contacted the homeowner and the Grand Island Fire Company.

Deputy Fire Chief Mark Sadkowski reported a working fire as Engines #2,#4,#5, LT 6 and fire suppression crews arrived on location. Despite two frozen hydrants west of the involved building, the fire was knocked down and under control at 4:51 p.m. Firefighters used the direct water supply from engines on scene. Total damage was estimated at \$20,000 to the structure and \$10,000 to the contents. The 76 year-old homeowner was treated for smoke inhalation but declined hospitalization.

Coyote Coexistence in Grand Island - January 2017



From the Citizen Coalition for Wildlife & Environment

Coyote sightings are not uncommon in Grand Island and at this time of year when foliage is bare, you may easily see coyotes more often. Coyotes are afraid of people and typically avoid interactions, but with the timing of their natural life cycle, seasonal changes, and changes in their habitats and surroundings, these factors may bring coyotes into sight and contact more often.

January and February is the mating period for coyotes. Coyotes mate for life and control reproduction rates and litter sizes when the pack structure remains stable. They are attentive parents, teaching their children natural boundaries and food sources, which is why disruption of coyote pack structure can change their biology and behaviors. During spring, coyotes will select their dens and prepare for having pups. Once the pups are born in March and April, the parents take care of them over the spring and summer and work to protect and educate them.

Stacey Watt - January 2017



Stacey Watt created the Grand Island Challenge in January 2017. It was to complete a room with care for the John R. Oishei Children's Hospital. Residents of Grand Island were invited to make a donation and boy did they. Grand Island was the only community in the Western New York area to do so.

On Thursday, August 31st, representatives of Oishei Children's Hospital came to Grand Island High School to accept a check for \$25,225. The Grand Island School District raised over \$10,000 through a read-a-thon.

Grand Island Resident Elected President of Somalia - February 2017



Grand Island resident Mohamed A. Mohamed was elected president of Somalia on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, after serving as Prime Minister. Mohamed came to the U.S. over 20 years ago and graduated from the University of Buffalo. He worked for the state DOT in Buffalo.

Town Board Action - February 2017

Councilwoman Beverly Kinney introduced Local Law #1 to Regulate Solar Energy Facilities. The law has been in the works since last year, with input from the Town Board, Planning Board and town Attorney Dan Spitzer. Kinney noted that special use permits will still be needed for all of the commercial enterprises and there are minimum acreage restrictions. The law was approved 4-0. (Councilman Billica was absent.)

Tonawanda Coke Impact Study - February 2017

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16th at Tonawanda City Hall, 200 Niagara Street regarding the Tonawanda Coke plant impact on Tonawanda and Grand Island residents. It will be held from 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The 10-year, \$11 million study will be done by U. of Buffalo public health researchers.

Two Car MVA on Staley Road - March 2017



Story by Ray Pauley, Public Information Officer.

A two car MVA occurred at 2855 Staley Road, but both Grand Island drivers, 64 year-old Roberta Cap and 53 year-old Melanie Smith declined hospitalization.

Firefighters Battle Major Blaze at IsleChem Plant - March 2017



John Podlucky photo.

Story by Ray Pauley, Public Information Officer.

At 12:27 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2017, Grand Island firefighters responded to a reported structure fire at the IsleChem LLC plant at 2801 Long Road. Fire Chief Chris Soluri stated that when GIFC units arrived, light smoke was visible over the roof area. Fire suppression crews from Engines #3,4,5 and LT 6 gained building entry at 1:02 p.m. and determined that there was a major fire concentrated in three labs on the second floor.

Scenic Woods Project Begins - March 2017

On March 23, 2017, Supervisor Nathan McMurray announced the Scenic Woods project was being started on Friday, March 24th, with Phase One. This project will eventually provide walking trails over 229 acres, in the area of Ransom Road & East River Road.

This all began in 2000, after years of research by the Environmental Conservation Commission; Grand Island acquired 209 acres in the area of Ransom Road and East River Road with mitigation funds from the Army Corp of Engineers and the Fish & Wildlife Service.

Tom Long - March 2017



Tom Long entered his beautiful 1932 Ford in the Buffalo Motorama Car Show. It was held the weekend of March 24-26 at the Buffalo Convention Center. Tom was awarded "Best Truck" in show and an "Outstanding" award from the WNY Shelby and Mustang Club. Congratulations Tom!!!

Grand Island Welcome Center - March 2017



It was announced, a New York State visitor welcome center, located at Alvin and Whitehaven Roads, at a cost of \$6-15 million, is expected to be complete by August 2018.

Ashli Dreher - April 2017

Island resident and Lew-Port Special Ed teacher Ashli Dreher is to be inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame, the first Buffalo Niagara teacher to be honored. Ashli was named New York State Teacher of the Year in 2014.

Chamber Citizen of Year Recipients Announced - April 2017

The Grand Island 2016 Citizens of the Year recipients are as follows:

- Athletics: Grand Island Soccer Club:
- Business: Dana's Stylin Pets:
- Community Service: Sue Marston:
- Educator: Cindy Wynne:
- Leadership: Lynn Dingey & Becky Stufkosky:
- Organization: Girl Scouts of Grand Island:
- Outstanding Youth: Jessica Flash & Allyson Nemeth

White Supremacist Fliers Found - April 2017

White Supremacist fliers were found on Wednesday, April 5th in the Woodstream Meadows subdivision. The fliers were signed by a group called the Aryan Renaissance Society.

Assumption Forest Preserve - April 2017

The WNY Land Conservancy would like to purchase 140 acres of the 157-acre Assumption Cemetery located at 2950 Whitehaven Road, to create a forest preserve. The property is owned by the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Buffalo. The purchasing agency is requesting funds from the Niagara River Greenway Commission, which will consider the proposal at a Tuesday, May 16, 2017 meeting. The Greenway Commission and Gallogly Family Foundation provided \$700,000 to purchase the acreage in September '17.

Boater Cooperation Needed - April 2017



Boater Cooperation Needed to Help Protect Bald Eagles and Habitat Improvements at Strawberry Island

As boating season approaches, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) remind boaters to observe the signage, buoys, and various motorized boating restrictions in place around Strawberry Island in the Niagara River. The restrictions are part of an ongoing, multi-agency effort to protect critical Bald Eagle nesting habitat and to preserve recently installed habitat improvement projects at the island.

Sidewalks Planned for GI Blvd. - April 2017

New York State funding will cover 80% of a \$1.2 million project to develop sidewalks along Grand Island Blvd. from Webb Road, north to Fantasy Island.

Highway Department Removes Ash Trees - May 2017



The GI Highway Department took down 21 ash trees last week at the Town Hall. A \$1000 grant paid for five replacement trees to be planted immediately. More trees will be removed after the July 4th holiday.

Grand Island School Voting Results - May 2017

Total budget: \$62.6 million (up 2.7 percent)

Yes: 1,078 votes (67.7 percent)

No: 515 votes (32.3 percent)

School board candidates (elect 2):

Susan Marston (i): 752 votes (25.3 percent)

Marcela Hernandez: 224 votes (7.5 percent)

Heath Frisch: 648 votes (21.8 percent)

Jack Burns: 669 votes (22.5 percent)

Ashli Dreher: 684 votes (23.0 percent)

Propositions:

To purchase five buses and two vehicles for a total of \$663,470

Yes: 1,017 votes (65.2 percent)

No: 543 votes (34.8 percent)

Memorial Day Service - May 2017



American Gold Star Mothers Shirley Luther and Mary Ann Crowe with GI Supervisor Nate McMurray.

The Town of Grand Island held a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29th at 10:00 a.m., at Charles N. DeGlopper Memorial Park.

Corev McGowan - June 2017



Island resident Corey McGowan of Corey McGowan Productions was recently named to the "30 Under 30" list for 2017. The sixth annual 30 Under 30 is sponsored by Business First and the University at Buffalo School of Management. Winners were chosen from more than 100 nominations by judges who were honored in recent years for their own accomplishments.

Possible Grand Island Community Center - June 2017

A Spectrum News story by Alex Haight on Saturday, June 3rd, reports that Clark Patterson Lee will do a feasibility study for a community center, along with developing a Master Plan for the Town.

Niagara River Boat Fire - June 2017



At 6:29 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7th, the City of Tonawanda Fire Department alerted the Grand Island Fire Company of a boat on fire in the east branch of the Niagara River, in the vicinity of the River Oaks Marina.

Islanders on NBC's Spartan Challenge - June 2017



Left to right, The Mathletes: Trevor Bernard, Zoe Herrick, Kyle "Wooch" Graff, (Islanders) Ellen Lutnick and Chris Komin. (Photo by: Eli Joshua AdÃ©/NBC).

UB graduate Chris Komin and junior Ellen Lutnick took part in the NBC competition, "Spartan Challenge". The show airs Monday nights at 10:00 p.m., the first was June 12th. The team did not win, but did make it to the final night and top six.

East River Road Hit-and-Run - June 2017



State Police photo of truck.

On June 13, 2017 at 8:06 PM, Troopers responded to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle on East River Road, Grand Island, NY. Investigation reveals that newer black four-door Dodge pick-up truck with passenger side mirror damage struck an Dana Papaj on the west shoulder of the roadway and left the scene. The truck was found later to be registered to state correction officer Edward J. Kuebler III, of the Town of Tonawanda.

Bridget Kennedy, Naval Academy Graduate - June 2017



Bridget Kennedy receives her diploma from Vice President Mike Pence.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Bridget Kennedy of Grand Island, NY successfully completed four years of challenging academic, physical, and professional military training, graduating with Distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy, on May 26, 2017, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Honors Oceanography and a commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy. She will be stationed aboard the USS Carney in Rota, Spain. She is a graduate of Grand Island Senior High School.

Maj. Gen. David Conboy - June 2017



Maj. Gen. David Conboy, U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) Deputy Commanding General, Operations, retired June 23rd, after more than three decades of service in the U.S. military. Maj. Gen. Conboy has served in the Arctic Circle, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Korea. In between, he has resided on Grand Island, when the opportunity arose.

Armed Robbery at Mobile Station - July 2017

An armed robbery occurred at the Mobile station at 1837 Love Road about 10:15 p.m. on Friday, July 14th.

Community Center Public Meeting - July 2017

A public meeting was held on Tuesday, July 18th at the Grand Island High School to discuss a proposed community center. Residents broke into small groups and offered their input.

West River Parkway Closure - July 2017

A letter to Mark Thomas, Western District Director of NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, was sent on July 19, 2017 by Councilman Mike Madigan, outlining his opinion that the closing of West River Parkway has been cancelled. In the letter he cites lack of quarterly meetings and no traffic calming plan as contributors to this conclusion.

Mark Thomas Responds - July 2017

In response to the letter sent by Councilman Mike Madigan to Mark Thomas of NYS Parks, regarding the closing of the West River Parkway. Mr. Thomas replied in an email:

Town Councilman Madigan and Supervisor McMurray,
I am in receipt of the attached letter from July 19, 2017 sent to me by Councilman Madigan. My response is as follows:

Councilman, you speak of a Town Board vote on "01-August 2017" rejecting our plans as shared with you. I imagine that is referencing your vote taken in 2016.

The prime purpose of Councilman Madigan's letter appears to ask us to clarify the status of our project on West River Parkway. I can tell you that we in no way are cancelling this project and are continuing to pursue it as we have publicly presented at a Town Board meeting and I confirmed in my email of May 24, 2017. It remains our plan to bid the project this Fall with construction commencing in the Spring of 2018.

Our public process regarding this project is complete. Throughout the project planning we have exceeded the required public input sessions and continue to take into account the community concerns expressed as we advance final design. Safety concerns are being addressed in the final design work being conducted by C & S Engineers.

Councilman, you continue to reference a "legal contract" as the basis of much of your criticism of our actions. No such signed document exists of which we are aware.

As we progress with final design our consulting firm as well as park staff will likely be in communication with the Town as matters of our mutual concern may arise.

Daytime Burglary Thwarted - July 2017

Daytime Burglary Thwarted by Deputies and GI Police- Concerned Citizen Calls in the Suspicious Activity

Buffalo, NY - Erie County Sheriff Timothy B. Howard reports Deputies, a Detective, and a Grand Island Police Officer responded to a concerned citizen's call about a suspicious vehicle with two males along Harvey Road in Grand Island Wednesday afternoon, July 27th, around 1:30. An individual observed the males park their vehicle near the house and walk around the back of a Harvey Road dwelling prompting a call to police. Shortly after the call, Deputy Was and Grand Island Police Officer Niemann arrived on location and observed signs the dwelling was entered and heard someone in the house.

Deputy Ginnane and Detective O'Hara arrived, and one of the subjects attempted to flee. Officer Niemann made contact with the subject outside the dwelling, and the subject tried to flee around the house but was met by Deputy Ginnane near the front of the structure. The subject ran back into the dwelling and secured the door behind him. Deputy Ginnane breached the front door and called for the suspect to surrender, but he attempted to exit the house by leaping from a window and landing face-first into a row of cacti plants. Deputy Was and Detective O'Hara quickly apprehended the suspect and placed Matthew Vaughn, 27 of Niagara Falls, in custody. When Vaughn was captured, he was wearing a black ski mask and knit gloves.

Deputies Ginnane and Was along with Officer Niemann began searching the house for the second subject. The subject was located hiding in the basement and surrendered to officers. When taken into custody, Jeremy Cyphers - 23 of Niagara Falls was wearing a dust mask and knit gloves. Defendant Vaughn is charged with felony counts of burglary and grand larceny, as well as misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest and criminal mischief. Defendant Cyphers is charged with felony counts of burglary and grand larceny and a misdemeanor charge of criminal mischief. A pillow case containing stolen belonging was recovered and taken for processing. The defendants were arraigned in Grand Island Court Wednesday, and Cyphers is being held at the Erie County Holding Center on \$25,000.00 cash bail or \$50,000.00 bond. Vaughn is held on \$75,000.00 cash bail and \$100,000.00 bond.

Paddles Up! - July 2017



Mary Stewart Photo

The 12th Annual Paddles Up!, held at Beaver Island State Park, was Saturday, July 29th. With the addition of an online registration site, this year had over 300 participants. Previous years averaged around 200-220 participants.

Bridging the Future Kickoff Meeting - August 2017

Town of Grand Island Comprehensive Plan Update "Bridging the Future", public kickoff meeting, was held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Grand Island High School Auditorium.

The Town of Grand Island has begun the process of updating their 1998 Comprehensive Plan and invites town residents, business-owners, and other interested individuals to attend the public kickoff meeting to learn about the process and plan. Over 130 people attended the meeting.

New Inflatable Boat - August 2017



From left: GIFIC Chief officers Deputy Chief Mark Sadkowski, Chief Chris Soluri, Assistant Chiefs Omar Sortino and Dan Mathes.

Fire Chief Chris Soluri reports that the Grand Island Fire Company recently took delivery of a 2017 INMAR 20.2 foot, rigid hull inflatable boat. It is powered by a Honda 135 HP outboard motor and is replacing a 15 year-old Zodiac vessel. It can reach speeds of up to 40 MPH and can hold ten individuals. A floating fire pump can be operated as needed. The vessel is designated as MU-2 and will be docked at Big 6 Marina. MU-1 is berthed at River Oaks Marina.

Welcome Sign Approved - August 2017



A welcome sign, designed by Island resident Tom Proctor, has been approved by the Town Board. The sign will be located on the left side hill (overpass), as you come off the south bridge to the roundabout.

Ellie and Paul Robinson - August 2017



Left: Paul Robinson photo. Right: The Robinsons enjoying the show - Mike Moses photo.

Ellie and Paul Robinson traveled to Paducah, KY to see the eclipse on August 21st. After many years on the Island, they are now headed to Victor, NY, to live.

Cashless Tolls Done Deal - August 2017



Tuesday, August 22, 2017... Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced high-speed open road, cashless tolling will begin at the Grand Island toll barriers in March of 2018. The transition to cashless tolling will not affect the Grand Island resident discount program and will reduce congestion, improve safety, and reduce air pollution. As part of the transition to a more convenient and cost effective way to travel New York's roadways, the Governor is encouraging all commuters to sign up for an E-ZPass and save on tolls across the state, including a five percent discount along the entire 570-mile New York State Thruway.

WNY Welcome Center Unveiled - August 2017



Tuesday, August 22, 2017... Governor Andrew M. Cuomo also unveiled the design and renderings of the Western New York Welcome Center, which will be located at Alvin Road on Grand Island adjacent to I-190, to support the state's booming tourism industry by promoting local attractions, foods, craft beverages and other destinations throughout the region. The new welcome center is expected to be completed by August of 2018.

Arrest Made in Hit-and-Run - September 2017

On September 1st, it was announced the state Department of Corrections has suspended Edward J. Kuebler III without pay.

Town of Tonawanda resident Kuebler, 27, was arrested Wednesday, August 30, 2017 and charged with leaving the scene of a serious injury accident involving Dana Papaj, 53, in June on East River Road.

Community Challenge Celebration and Recognition - September 2017



Dr. Stacey Watt and Dr. Steven Turkovich with rendering of Grand Island room.

On Thursday, August 31st, representatives of Oishei Children's Hospital came to Grand Island High School to accept a check for \$25,225. Dr. Stacey Watt was the ringleader for the Grand Island Community "Completes a Room" at Oishei Children's Hospital Challenge. Grand Island was the only community in the area that achieved this monumental goal. The Grand Island School District raised over \$10,000 through a read-a-thon. Other community donors were Grand Island resident, Kristin Kreutz Slaiman; Neighbors Foundation of Grand Island; Grand Island Senior Citizens Golden Age Club; Women's Club of Grand Island; Aceti's Wine & Sprints; Dick & Jenny's; Island Kids Child Care Center & Ann MacClellan.

Taste of Grand Island - September 2017



It was a great turnout for the 6th Annual Taste of Grand Island on Saturday, September 23, 2017

Grand Island Fire Company Annual Inspection - October 2017



Photos by Karen DeMartin

The Grand Island Fire Company annual inspection was held on Saturday, October 7th at fire headquarters. Fire Chief Chris Soluri thanked all firefighters, medics/EMT's and cadets for their contributions during 2017, saving lives and property. He noted a 5:00 a.m. fire earlier that day, reflected the competent professionalism he has been proud of throughout his tenure as chief.

In a delayed presentation, firefighter Gary Roesch was recognized for 50 years of GIFC service.

Lions Club Donates \$500 to Library - October 2017



Treasurer Tom Witkowski, President Henry Lobl, Library Director Pat Covley & Trustee and Lions Past President Dick Crawford.

Lions Club presented a check for \$500 to the Grand Island Memorial Library on Friday, October 13th. The check is their annual donation to the large print library, which they have been doing for over 25 years. Library Director Pat mentioned she already has an order in for 25 books to add to the collection.

Three Way Stop Sign at Stony Point & Ransom – October 2017

Erie County DOT installed two additional stop signs at the intersection of Stony Point and Ransom Road on Wednesday, October 18, 2017. The thought is it will ease up the morning and afternoon school rush. Supervisor Nate McMurray. said on social media that he favored a stoplight or roundabout until he saw the price tag.

Republicans Make Clean Sweep in GI Election - November 2017



From left: Pete Marston, Mark Frentzel, Jen Baney & Dick Crawford.

Tuesday, November 7, 2017...

Town Council: Pete Marston 4,150, Jen Baney 3,541, Cyndy Montana 2,679, Celia Spacone 2,568.

Town Justice: Mark Frentzel 4,504, Eric Soehnlein 2,129.

Highway Superintendent: Dick Crawford 3,392, Dan Drexelius 3,291.

Veterans Day Service at Vets Park - November 2017



American Legion Commander Ray DeGlopper and VFW Commander Dan McMahon place the memorial wreath. - Mary Stewart Photos.

The Veterans Day ceremony was held on Saturday, November 11th at Veterans Park at 11:00 a.m. Many attended the annual service to give thanks to the veterans that have served our country. Members of the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts carried military service flags and words of welcome were made by Supervisor Nate McMurray. Union Volunteer Fife and Drum Corp. played patriotic music and the Commanders of the VFW and American Legion presented the memorial wreath. The VFW Honor Guard gave the rifle salute.

DeGlopper Memorial Park - November 2017



Sidewalk on Baseline Road.

DeGlopper Memorial Park had concrete poured in November. The pad for the Charles DeGlopper statue was poured at the center of the space and a sidewalk was added along the Baseline Road side. If you're looking for a great holiday gift, think about buying a loved one a paver and become part of the expansion. From the website; "Become a permanent part of the DeGlopper Memorial by purchasing engraved pavers to be placed in the memorial in honor of military service members. With your engraved inscription, you may choose to memorialize a fallen soldier or honor a friend or family member who served our country. To purchase a paver download and complete the Paver Order Form then follow the instructions on the form - <http://degloppermemorial.org/pavers/>.

Town Hall Elevator – December 2017

The Town has received a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant to help with the \$300,000 addition of an elevator to Town Hall. The Town will make up the rest of the funds, with the project expected to be complete in fall of 2018.

School Board Votes Two Part-time SRO's - December 2017

In a 5-1 vote, the Grand Island School Board voted against one full-time SRO in favor of two part-time Grand Island Police Department officers at the Monday, December 11th meeting. School Board President Lisa Pyc abstained from voting and Vice President Donna Tomkins voted against the resolution. At the December 4th Town Board meeting, the Grand Island Town Board agreed to support the plan for two part-time Grand Island Police School Resource Officers rather than a single full-time School Resource Officer that would not be a Grand Island Police Officer.

Town Board Votes to Accept Bids for Community Center - December 2017

In a 3-2 vote (McMurray & Kinney against), the Grand island Town Board voted to accept bids for a Community Center to include a gym and meeting rooms. The dissenters thought a better plan was to get an engineering firm to draw up plans for bidders.