

Town of Grand Island – Regular Meeting #18

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 7th of October 2024.

Present: Thomas A. Digati Deputy Supervisor
Christian J. Bahleda Councilman
Daniel F. Kilmer Councilman
Karen M. Cooney Deputy Town Clerk
Peter C. Godfrey Town Attorney

Excused: Peter J. Marston Supervisor

Deputy Supervisor Thomas A. Digati called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.
Pastor David Chi from Bible Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation.
Councilman Daniel F. Kilmer 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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting #36, September 16, 2024, and Minutes of Regular Meeting #17, September 16, 2024.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Meeting Minutes – Board of Architectural Review – August 20, 2024
2. Building Permits Issued – September 2024

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

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:

COUNCILMAN – DANIEL KILMER:

Wastewater and Water Treatment Superintendents

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to refer the matter to the Town Board for future consideration.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

Wastewater and Water Crew Chiefs

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to refer the matter to the Town Board for future consideration.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

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COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:

TOWN CLERK – PATRICIA ANDERSON FRENTZEL:

Authorize Supervisor to Sign Agreement – Erie County SPCA

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with the Erie County SPCA for 2024-2025.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
 Noes 0

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – RICHARD W. CRAWFORD:

Inventory of Highway Department Machinery, Tools & Equipment – 2024

Highway Superintendent Richard Crawford presented the annual inventory of all machinery, tools, implements and equipment for the Grand Island Highway Department.

FYI – No Town Board action.

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

Request Authorization to Advertise for Bids – Water/Wastewater Chemical – 2025 Bids

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to authorize the Town Engineer to advertise for bids on Friday, October 18, 2024, and to receive bids on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 10:00a.m. local time.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
 Noes 0

Preliminary Plat Approval – Ransom and Stony Point Subdivision – 9 Lots – Subdivision 119 – Set Public Hearing

Town Engineer Robert Westfall informed the Town Board an application has been made for Preliminary Plat regarding a 9-lot subdivision on 3.2+/- acres of a 12.6+/- acre parcel with lots fronting on the north side of Ransom Road and the east side of Stony Point Road. The Town Board recently rezoned these areas to R1-D to allow this type of development.

Mr. Westfall informed the Town Board that he has placed this item on the agenda for the October 15th Planning Board meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to set a Public Hearing for Monday, October 21, 2024, at 8:00p.m. to hear anyone who wants to comment on Preliminary Plat Approval – Ransom and Stony Point Subdivision – 9 Lots – Subdivision 119. The matter has been referred to the Planning Board and is on the October 15th meeting agenda.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
 Noes 0

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Change Order No. 2 – Baseline Road Waterline Replacement – Job No. M-205-2020

Town Engineer Robert Westfall informed the Town Board that Milherst Construction has submitted the attached a change order proposal for the replacement/improvement of the rear entrance driveway to the Water Plant. Change Order #2 includes all labor & materials for the contractor to remove the existing driveway, strip topsoil to work limits, install drainage, install new blacktop drive and any additional paving noted, lawn restoration, mobilization, performance bond, survey and stakeout to complete all items show on sheet 2 of 4 on the plans for a lump sum of \$321,975.00. The funds are currently available in the Water System Improvements bond authorization.

After careful review of the proposal, the Engineering Department agrees and recommends the Town Board authorize Change Order #2 to Milherst Construction’s existing contract in the amount of \$321,975.00.

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Bahleda accept the recommendation of the Town Engineer and authorize Change Order #2 to Milherst Construction’s existing contract in the amount of \$321,975.00.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

New Hire – Principal Engineer Assistant

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to table the new hire matter.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

TOWN ACCOUNTANT – KORIN FRANTZ: 2024 Budget Amendment

Erie County provided a grant to the Grand Island Police Department in the amount of \$25,000. These funds will be used to cover the cost of new portable radios purchased in May of 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the following budget amendment for 2024:

Increase Revenue	001.0001.3006	Erie County Grants	\$25,000
Increase Appropriation	001.3120.0200	Police – Equipment	\$25,000

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

Authorize Supervisor to Sign Contract – Water Bill Processing

Water Billing Sr. Account Clerk Elaine O’Neill reported that the water billing department will shift from in-house processing of water bills to having a bulk printer/mailing service process quarterly water bills in an effort to streamline internal processing and realize cost savings in supplies and postage.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with InfoSend.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – JOSEPH MENTER:

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Status Changes

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Bahleda approve the status changes of the following Recreation employees effective October 8, 2024:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Status</u>
Tala Abdellatif	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$15.60 / hr.	Part Time
Sofia Bukahri	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 LG	\$19.05 / hr.	Part Time
Jaden Campbell	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.30 / hr.	Part Time
Trysten Cardin-Galeza	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Leader	\$16.95 / hr.	Part Time
Brooke Christensen	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$15.60 / hr.	Part Time
Emily Cirincione-Prawel	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Instructor	\$18.65 / hr.	Part Time
Sheila Forbes	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Leader	\$16.70 / hr.	Part Time
Jacob Hazel	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$15.60 / hr.	Part Time
Carson Hinkle	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.30 / hr.	Part Time
Ramneek Kaur	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.30 / hr.	Part Time
Julie Klein	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Instructor	\$18.40 / hr.	Part Time
Christian Krawczyk	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 LG	\$19.05 / hr.	Part Time
Patrick Lepine	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 LG	\$19.35 / hr.	Part Time
Phillip Lepine	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 LG	\$19.35 / hr.	Part Time
Michael Logar	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Aide	\$15.90 / hr.	Part Time
Jolie Mondoux	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$15.60 / hr.	Part Time
Owen Redfern	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.30 / hr.	Part Time
Elisa Rizek	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1. Leader	\$16.70 / hr.	Part Time
Omar Rizek	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$15.60 / hr.	Part Time
Salvatore Santospirito	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Leader	\$16.70 / hr.	Part Time
Cameron Sargent	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.30 / hr.	Part Time
Jackson Schmidt	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.30 / hr.	Part Time
Oliver Schmidt	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Aide	\$15.30 / hr.	Part Time
Rebecca Schultz	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 3 Aide	\$15.90 / hr.	Part Time
Sophia Todaro	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 1 Leader	\$16.70 / hr.	Part Time
Adam Vinkle	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$15.60 / hr.	Part Time
Olivia Williams	Recreation Attendant – Yr. 2 Aide	\$15.60 / hr.	Part Time

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
 Noes 0

Remove Employees from Payroll

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the following Part-time Recreation employees be removed from payroll, effective October 8, 2024:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Last Day Worked</u>
Tima Abdellatif	Recreation Attendant	7-12-24
Marissa Aceti	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Raj Arumugan	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Anna Bartlo	Recreation Attendant	8-2-24
Alper Celik	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Bryan Decker	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Jenna Gorton	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Sean Graham	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Ian Hannon	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Brady Hillman	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24

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Kaleigh Lockett	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Michael Loss	Recreation Attendant	7-19-24
Hannah Martinez	Recreation Attendant	8-13-24
Madisyn Martino	Recreation Attendant	7-26-24
Collin McMahon	Recreation Attendant	8-13-24
Nathan Meyers	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Alana Miano	Recreation Attendant	8-1-24
Avery Mondoux	Recreation Attendant	7-24-24
Dylan Murray	Recreation Attendant	8-20-24
Alexs Nguyen	Recreation Attendant	8-12-24
Evan Pickering	Recreation Attendant	8-8-24
Megan Pinzel	Recreation Attendant	8-1-24
Megan Reynolds	Recreation Attendant	8-12-24
Evan Richey	Recreation Attendant	7-26-24
Maya Rizzo	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Savannah Samplinski	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
David Schnell	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Hope Sedita	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Ryan Stravino	Recreation Attendant	8-6-24
Luke Sweeney	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
John Paul Szczublewski	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Susan Szczublewski	Recreation Attendant	8-2-24
Micaila Valle	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Rayna Wallens	Recreation Attendant	8-12-24
Evan Walowitz	Recreation Attendant	8-9-24
Roger Wright	Recreation Attendant	8-2-24
Sophie Zentz	Recreation Attendant	9-26-24
APPROVED	Ayes 3	Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
	Noes 0	

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:

Special Use Permit Renewal – Maayan Eich, 139 Colonial Drive – Bed & Breakfast

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to renew the Special Use Permit for Maayan Eich, 139 Colonial Drive – Bed & Breakfast. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

Special Use Permit Renewal – Jennifer Tirone, 993 Whitehaven Road – Keeping of up to 4 Agricultural Animals on 5.9 Acres

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to renew the Special Use Permit for Jennifer Tirone, 993 Whitehaven Road – Keeping of up to 4 Agricultural Animals on 5.9 acres. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

Park Place Conservation Easement Violation

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Code Enforcement Officer Ron Milks reported that the Building Department received a neighbor complaint about anonymous dumping of old unused items on Town owned property. According to Town Code Chapter 121 – Conservation Easements, Section 121-9, the authority to enforce such violations is by the Town Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to act on behalf of the Town Board and send Violation Letters to the offending parcel requesting removal of the items and debris from Town property.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

PARKS MAINTENANCE CREW CHIEF – TOM CECERE:

Resignation – Seasonal Laborer

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to accept the resignation of David Williams, as a Seasonal Laborer, Parks Department, effective September 30, 2024, with regret. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Mr. Williams.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

Title and Rate Change

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the title and rate change of Michael Dollard from Parks Sr. Crew Chief to Parks Mechanic, no rate change, effective October 1, 2024.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – SENIOR CITIZENS – JENNIFER MENTER:

Status Change

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the status change of Cathy Moore, Recreation Attendant, from Part-time to Seasonal, effective October 2, 2024, with no change in rate of pay.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to pay Vouchers #146611 - #146768

General	\$ 12,103.52
Highway	\$ 16,618.58
Sewer	\$ 36,539.39
Water	\$ 25,219.75
Capital	\$ 14,893.95
Garbage	\$152,431.65
Fire	<u>\$398,845.50</u>
Total	\$764,652.34

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer

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Noes 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Special Use Permit Renewal – Regie Prisca Nofiele-Kawo Young, 2332 Stony Point Road – Keeping of up to 1 Agricultural Animal and 8 Chickens

Remains Tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Speakers: Paul Koppmann, Cathy Rayhill, Mary Pfalzer

FROM THE BOARD:

- Advisory Boards Appointments
- South Parkway Traffic Study
- Go Bills!

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to adjourn the meeting at 8:41p.m.

APPROVED Ayes 3 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer
Noes 0

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

Leah Mayer	Norman Cerrillo
Robert Jason	Nancy Wiese
Sharon Wright	David Hughes
Ann “Bonnie” Sommer	Carl Antholzner, Jr.

Respectfully submitted in the absence of the Town Clerk,

Karen M. Cooney
Deputy Town Clerk

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