

Town of Grand Island – Regular Meeting #20

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 4th of November 2024.

Present:	Peter J. Marston	Supervisor
	Thomas A. Digati	Councilman
	Christian J. Bahleda	Councilman
	Daniel F. Kilmer	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 Christian J. Bahleda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:

Town of Grand Island Internship Program

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Speakers: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Sewer Rents – 2025

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 8:00p.m. for the purpose of hearing anyone who wanted to comment on the proposed 2025 Sewer Rents.

Speakers: None

Supervisor Marston declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the 2025 Sewer Rates increasing \$5.80 to \$6.30/ 1,000 gallons effective January 1, 2025.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
Noes 0

2025 – Town of Grand Island – Preliminary Budget

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 8:00p.m. for the purpose of hearing anyone who wanted to comment on the 2025 Town of Grand Island Preliminary Budget.

Speakers: None

Supervisor Marston declared the Public Hearing closed.

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A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to adopt the 2025 Preliminary Budget as the final 2025 Town of Grand Island Budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND BUDGET:

TOTAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT:	\$11,449,486
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION (levy):	\$2,235,135
ESTIMATED TAX RATE/THOUSAND:	\$0.982 0.91% DECREASE

FIRE PROTECTION BUDGET:

TOTAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT	\$1,797,784
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION (levy):	\$1,725,364
ESTIMATED TAX RATE/THOUSAND:	\$.744 2.48% INCREASE

HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET:

TOTAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT:	\$4,652,073
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION (levy):	\$3,167,151
ESTIMATED TAX RATE/THOUSAND:	\$1.392 0.93% DECREASE

SEWER DISTRICT FUND BUDGET:

TOTAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT:	\$5,221,736
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION (levy):	\$1,798.763
ESTIMATED TAX RATE/1,000 (LAND VALUE ONLY):	\$5.625 5.79% INCREASE

WATER DISTRICT FUND BUDGET:

TOTAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT:	\$4,493,006
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION (levy):	\$1,355,093
ESTIMATED TAX RATE/1,000 (LAND VALUE ONLY):	\$3.076 14.96% INCREASE

LIGHTING DISTRICT BUDGET:

TOTAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: (58 districts)	\$304,897
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION (levy):	\$187,393 1.4% DECREASE
TAX RATE: VARIES BY DISTRICT	

REFUSE & GARBAGE BUDGET:

TOTAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT:	\$1,937,568
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION (levy):	\$1,937,555
TAX RATE: FLAT RATE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	\$252 4.6% INCREASE

DEBT SERVICE BUDGET:

TOTAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT:	\$310,938
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$310,938

APPROVED	Ayes	3	Digati, Bahleda, Marston
	Noes	1	Kilmer

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Special Use Permit Application – William Walker, 31 Jeffrey Drive – Federal Firearms License (FFL), Private Residence Operation

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 8:00p.m. for the purpose of hearing anyone who wanted to comment on Special Use Permit Application – William Walker, 31 Jeffrey Drive – Federal Firearms License (FFL), Private Residence Operation.

Speakers: None

Supervisor Marston declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve the Special Use Permit Application – William Walker, 31 Jeffrey Drive – Federal Firearms License (FFL), Private Residence Operation.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
Noes 0

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded Bahleda to approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting #38, October 3, 2024, Minutes of Workshop Meeting #39, October 4, 2024, Minutes of Workshop Meeting #41, October 8, 2024, Minutes of Workshop Meeting #42, October 21, 2024, and Minutes of Regular Meeting #19, October 21, 2024

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
Noes 0

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Golden Age Center – Facility Usage – August 2024
2. New York State Agriculture and Markets – Municipal Shelter Inspection Report – October 15, 2024
3. New York State Agriculture and Markets – Dog Control Officer Inspection Report – October 15, 2024

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

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
Noes 0

COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:

SUPERVISOR – PETER J. MARSTON:

Monthly Supervisor’s Report – September 2024

The Supervisor reported Cash Balance-Operating A/C of \$2,594,871 on September 1, 2024

Total Receipts of \$2,118,406

Total Disbursements of \$1,206,148

Operating A/C Interest \$9,515

Operating A/C Balance \$3,516,643

Investment Interest \$44,799

Investment Balance \$15,363,275

Total Cash Balance as of September 30, 2024, \$18,879,919

No action by the Town Board.

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Zonta Club – 10 Days of Service Recognition Bows

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve the Zonta Club’s request to place orange bows around the trees surrounding Town Hall on November 15, 2024 – December 6, 2024, for 10 Days of Service.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
 Noes 0

Zonta Club – Request Approval to Use Gazebo in Town Commons – 2025 Annual Mum Sale

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the Zonta Club’s request to use Town Commons for the 2025 Annual Mum Sale on September 25, 2025, 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 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
 Noes 0

Special Event Permit – Haunted Market – September 13, 2025

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve the Special Event Permit application for the 2nd Annual Haunted Market on Saturday, September 13, 2025. Applicable Rental Fees will be based on the 2025 Fee Schedule. An updated Certificate of Insurance will be provided prior to the Mum sale event.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
 Noes 0

Authorize Supervisor to Sign Intermunicipal Agreement – 2024 Erie County Municipal Planning Grant

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement – 2024 Erie County Municipal Planning Grant. The Town of Grand Island has been awarded the 2024 Erie County Municipal Planning Grant in the amount of \$20,000 for the Town of Grand Island’s Zoning Ordinance Update.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
 Noes 0

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:

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

Delinquent Water and Sewer Accounts for 2025 Taxroll

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to adopt the following resolution regarding the Delinquent Water and Sewer Accounts for 2025 Tax Roll:

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WHEREAS, the Department Head, Department of Engineering and Water Resources did notify consumers within the respective water and sewer districts on Grand Island by having the wording,

“IF NOT PAID BY OCTOBER 31, ARREARS WILL BE ON TAX ROLLS” printed on water bills sent out quarterly. Copy of bill attached.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the following approximate amount be applied to the Tax roll of 2025:

Water	\$229,751.65
Sewer	\$284,271.62
Out of District Sewer	\$ 937.57
Meters	\$ 5,971.75
Misc. Charges	\$ 205.00
Omitted Taxes	<u>\$ 7,991.00</u>
Grand Total	\$529,128.59

Be it further resolved that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to accept no payments of such delinquent accounts after the said last day of October 2024.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
Noes 0

Request for Employee Promotion – Wastewater Department, Maintenance Group

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve the promotion of Colin Thompson to the position of Maintenance Worker in the Wastewater Department at the rate of \$28.17/hour as per the AFSME Contract – Year 1, effective November 4, 2024. As part of the requirements, Mr. Thompson currently has a Class B – Commercial Driver’s License.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
Noes 0

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:

2408 Bedell Road – SEQR

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to table the SEQR determination for 2408 Bedell Road.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
Noes 0

2408 Bedell Road – Site Plan Modification

A. Correspondence – Planning Board

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to table the Site Plan Modifications for 2408 Bedell Road.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
Noes 0

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

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A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to pay

Vouchers #146959 - #147074

General	\$105,911.05
Highway	\$ 19,667.49
Sewer	\$ 79,638.53
Water	\$ 19,212.82
Trust & Agency	\$ 1,106.94
Capital	\$ 36,905.76
Garbage	<u>\$152,431.65</u>
Total	\$414,874.24

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
Noes 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Pinnacle Island, LLC, 1821 Whitehaven Road – Site Plan Approval – Office/Storage Building

Remains Tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Speakers: None

FROM THE BOARD:

- Go Bills!
- Election Day – Tuesday, November 5, 2024
- Veterans Day Ceremony – November 11, 2024, at 11:00a.m. – Veterans Park
- New 2-mile trail on Love Road

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Digati, Bahleda, Kilmer, Marston
Noes 0

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

Robert Crist Diana Bell

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Anderson Frentzel
Town Clerk

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