

Town of Grand Island – Regular Meeting #17

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 16th of September 2024.

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

Supervisor Peter J. Marston called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.
Reverend Kevin Backus from Bible Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation.
Councilman Christian J. Bahleda 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 HEARING:

Local Law Intro #6 of 2024 – Rezoning SBL #: 23.00-3-8, 2408 Bedell Road – M1 to M2 Amended Site Plan – 2408 Bedell Road

- A. Correspondence – Planning Board**
- B. Correspondence – Building Department**

The Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2024, for the purpose of hearing anyone who wanted to comment on Local Law Intro #6 of 2024 – Rezoning SBL #: 23.00-3-8, 2408 Bedell Road – M1 to M2 was cancelled at the request of applicant. Applicant to consider alternate options of the Site Plan.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to approve Workshop Meeting #34, September 3, 2024, Minutes of Regular Meeting #16, September 3, 2024, and Minutes of Workshop Meeting #35, September 9, 2024.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Building Permits Issued – August 2024
2. Meeting Minutes – Zoning Board of Appeals – August 1, 2024
3. Meeting Minutes – Planning Board – June 10, 2024

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

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

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COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:

SUPERVISOR – PETER J. MARSTON:

Grand Island Fire District Formation Public Hearing – TO BE RESCHEDULED

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to reschedule the Public Hearing from Monday, October 7, 2024, to Monday, October 21, 2024, at 8:00p.m. to hear anyone who wants to comment on the formation of a Grand Island Fire District.

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

Grand Island Police Department Calls for Service – August 2024

FYI – No Action by the Town Board.

Monthly Supervisor’s Report – July 2024

The Supervisor reported Cash Balance-Operating A/C of \$3,512,118 on July 1, 2024

Total Receipts of \$1,413,782

Total Disbursements of \$1,679,868

Operating A/C Interest \$12,249

Operating A/C Balance \$3,258,282

Investment Interest \$49,690

Investment Balance \$16,378,787

Total Cash Balance as of July 31, 2024, \$19,637,069

No action by the Town Board.

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:

TOWN CLERK – PATRICIA ANDERSON FRENTZEL:

Resignation/New Hires

Town Clerk Patricia Anderson Frentzel informed the Town Board that Kristin Ochs has submitted her resignation effective September 11, 2024.

The Town Clerk informed the Town Board that she appointed Becky Stufkosky effective September 12, 2024, as Seasonal Deputy Town Clerk (PT), subject to the completion of all the necessary pre-employment paperwork and appointed Dawn Fraser effective September 30, 2024, as a Seasonal Deputy Town Clerk (PT). Dawn will be training in the Clerk’s office and assisting with the transition of a new Clerk in the Engineering Department.

For information only. No Action by the Town Board.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – RICHARD W. CRAWFORD:

Safety & Security – DSS/Gorenflo’s

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Supervisor Marston to approve Change Orders #1, #2, #3 to complete the Safety & Security program at Town Hall.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & WATER RESOURCES – ROBERT H. WESTFALL:
Authorize Supervisor to Sign Professional Services Agreement – Water Pump Station Upgrades – Job # M-236

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Professional Services Agreement for the Water Pump Station Upgrades – Job # M-236, subject to the approval of the Town Attorney.

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

Retirement – Senior Engineering Assistant

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Digati to accept the retirement of Kevin Cobello as the Senior Engineering Assistant, effective September 27, 2024, with regret. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Mr. Cobello.

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

Authorize Supervisor to Sign Contract Modification – Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Update – Contract # T1000939

Town Engineer Robert Westfall presented the Town Board a copy of the contract modification to the contract with NYS Department of State for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Update project. The contract modification is a budget modification to reallocate funds in each category to align with our actual spending allowing the Town to maximize the grant.

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract modification for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Update – Contract # T1000939.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:

Special Use Permit Renewal – GSPP Grand Island B Land, LLC – 126 Industrial Drive – Community Solar Array Project

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to renew the Special Use Permit for GSPP Grand Island B Land, LLC – 126 Industrial Drive – Community Solar Array Project. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

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

Special Use Permit Renewal – WNY Towing by Marty’s, Inc., 1733 Baseline Road – Motor Vehicle Repair Shop

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to renew the Special Use Permit for WNY Towing by Marty’s, Inc., 1733 Baseline Road – Motor Vehicle Repair Shop. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

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

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Special Use Permit Renewal – Standard Solar Inc., 1611 Whitehaven Road – Solar

Array Project

A motion was made by Councilman Kilmer, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to renew the Special Use Permit for Standard Solar Inc., 1611 Whitehaven Road – Solar Array Project. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

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

Tower Permit Renewal – Upstate Cellular Network (Verizon) – 1639 West River Road

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to renew the Tower Permit for Upstate Cellular Network (Verizon) – 1639 West River Road. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

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

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – SENIOR CITIZENS – JENNIFER MENTER:

Status Change

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to approve the status change of Frances Molnar to Seasonal, effective October 2, 2024, with no change in rate of pay.

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

COMMUNICATIONS – GENERAL:

Rivertown Center: Planned Development District – Request for Consideration of Lease Option Extension Agreement

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Option Extension Agreement with an expiration date of December 19, 2024.

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

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Kilmer to pay Vouchers #146453 - #146585

General	\$ 87,468.08
Highway	\$ 28,287.87
Sewer	\$ 31,251.28
Water	<u>\$ 19,721.56</u>
Total	\$166,728.79

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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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:

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Speakers: Alice Carson, Paula Scuik, Alexis Wrobel

FROM THE BOARD:

- Thoughts and Prayers for family of Leah Mayer
- Go Bills!
- Go Vikings!

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati 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 Wilkin Earl Clements, Jr.
Neil Hoffman Gerald Robinson

Respectfully submitted in the absence of the Town Clerk,

Karen M. Cooney
Deputy Town Clerk

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