

## Town of Grand Island - Regular Meeting # 2

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 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2023.

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| Present: | John C. Whitney      | Supervisor    |
|          | Michael H. Madigan   | Councilman    |
|          | Peter J. Marston     | Councilman    |
|          | Thomas A. Digati     | Councilman    |
|          | Christian J. Bahleda | Councilman    |
|          | Patricia A. Frentzel | Town Clerk    |
|          | Peter C. Godfrey     | Town Attorney |

Supervisor John C. Whitney called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.

Pastor Matt Pfeil from Cornerstone Church gave the Invocation.

Councilman Michael H. Madigan 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 Marston, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to approve Minutes of Workshop #1, January 3, 2023, and Minutes of Regular Meeting #1 of January 3, 2023.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 0

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Meeting Minutes – Zoning Board of Appeals – December 1, 2022
2. Building Permits Issued – December 2022
3. Erie County Industrial Development Agency – Amendment to Uniform Tax Exemption Policy – Economic Inclusion PILOT Policy
4. Meeting Minutes – Planning Board – December 12, 2022
5. 2023 Schedule of Planning Board Meetings

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

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 0

### **COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN BOARD:**

#### **SUPERVISOR JOHN C. WHITNEY:**

#### **Retirement – Full-time Supervising Accountant**

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Marston to accept the notice of retirement from Pamela Barton as Full-time Supervising Accountant, effective January 31, 2023, with regret. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Ms. Barton.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 0

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### **Appointment – Part-time Supervising Accountant**

A motion was made by Councilman Bahleda, seconded by Councilman Digati to appoint Pamela Barton Part-time Supervising Accountant, Non-union Grade 12, Step E, effective February 1, 2023. Work performed in relation to employee insurance benefits will be paid at Grade 9, Step E rate.

APPROVED Ayes 4 Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 1 Madigan

### **Resignation – Traffic Safety Advisory Board**

A motion was made by Councilman Madigan, seconded by Councilman Marston to accept the resignation of Charles Grunzweig from the Traffic Safety Advisory Board with regret. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Mr. Grunzweig.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 0

### **Reappointments – Town Prosecutors**

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to reappoint Daniel J. Sperrazza and John Rottaris as Grand Island Town Prosecutors.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 0

### **COUNCILMAN – PETER J. MARSTON:**

#### **Reappointments – Zoning Board of Appeals**

A motion was made by Councilman Marston, seconded by Councilman Madigan to reappoint Betty L. Harris to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term, expiring December 31, 2027. Reappoint Vienna Haak as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiring December 31, 2023.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 0

### **COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:**

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Marston to authorize the Supervisor to sign a 1 year contract extension with NYS Department of State for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Update – Contract # T1000939. The amended term is now 3-1-2018 – 2-29-2024, with no additional costs associated with extension.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 0

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## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:**

### **Sidewalk Installation – 3368 East River Road**

A motion was made by Councilman Madigan, seconded by Councilman Marston to waive the sidewalk requirements for 3330 East River Road without prejudice to the requirement to install sidewalks in the future if so ordered by the Town in accordance with applicable law and to direct the CEO to issue a Final Certificate of Occupancy, subject to the final walk-through.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 0

### **Special Use Permit Renewal – Robert F. Mesmer, 2548 Love Road – Private Airport/Landing Strip/Residential, Rural Area**

A motion was made by Councilman Marston, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to renew the Special Use Permit for Robert F. Mesmer, 2548 Love Road – Private Airport/Landing Strip/Residential, Rural Area. The site has been inspected and it is unchanged.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 0

## **PARKS MAINTENANCE CREW CHIEF – TOM CECERE:**

### **Promotion Request**

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Marston to approve the request to promote Steve Mrzygut Parks Maintenance Worker Year 2 from \$25.12/hr. to Parks Maintenance Worker Year 3 - \$27.44/hr., subject to an approval of a Memorandum of Understanding MOU with Teamsters.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 0

## **REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Bahleda to pay Vouchers #140498 - #140610

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| General        | \$101,799.14       |
| Highway        | \$ 429.20          |
| Sewer          | \$ 44,451.91       |
| Water          | \$ 29,358.54       |
| Trust & Agency | <u>\$ 2,858.18</u> |
| Total          | \$178,896.97       |

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 0

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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### Special Use Application – Kevin Bitikofer, 4410 & 4420 East River Road – Keeping of up to 3 Agricultural Animals on 9.85 Acres – Correspondence from Planning Board

A motion was made by Councilman Marston, seconded by Councilman Madigan to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board to approve the Special Use Permit for Kevin Bitikofer, 4410 & 4420 East River Road – Keeping of up to 3 Agricultural Animals on 9.85 Acres.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 0

#### Town of Grand Island Comprehensive Plan Review Board – Review of PDD Legislation

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Madigan to refer the Town of Grand Island Comprehensive Plan Review Board – Review of PDD Legislation to the Town Board.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 0

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Speakers: Nancy Killian, Cal Kern

### FROM THE BOARD:

- Go Bills!
- Open House & Outdoor Recreation Expo at Nike Base on March 5, 2023

### ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Digati, seconded by Councilman Madigan to adjourn the meeting at 8:18p.m.

APPROVED Ayes 5 Madigan, Marston, Digati, Bahleda, Whitney  
Noes 0

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

Blase Nicolia Barbara Bell  
Kristen Neu Brian McKie

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Anderson Frentzel  
Town Clerk

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