

**TOWN OF GRANBY,
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. leading those present in the Salute to the Flag. Present for the **roll call** were Supervisor John Snow, Jr., Councilors Eric Clothier, Crystal English and Sandra Farrands. Councilor Marianne Ingerson was not present. Deputy Supervisor/Planning Board Chairperson Jane Crego, Highway Superintendent Dan Duncan, MEO Dan Edwards, Court Clerk Jessica King and Justice Tracy Doyle were also present. There were no residents in attendance.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Clothier to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings and accept them as written, all were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jane Crego – She is addressing the Board for her sister, who could not be here tonight. They are having issues with the Code Enforcement Office. Her neighbor is installing a new septic system and the design is not adequate for the apartment they are building in the basement. They are not telling the Codes Office the truth and Codes is not following through. Ms. Crego's sister feels there is selective enforcement. Some of the neighbors had an issue with her property and the next day she received a phone call and a violation. Ms. Crego filed a complaint with the Codes Office about this neighbor in March regarding debris they were pulling out when they were doing this construction. She told CEO Hanford that they were putting in an apartment and there has never been a permit, or any kind of inspection done. There is still debris there and no violations. Something needs to be done about the Codes Department. Another issue is that when applying for a building permit you are supposed to submit a survey. This person has not submitted a survey or a deed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Snow, Jr. received a letter from the Planning Board regarding a recommendation for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Section VI, Non-Conforming Buildings Uses and Lots of the Zoning Ordinance.

We received a letter from the Mayor of the Village of Hannibal regarding the joint youth recreation program. If Granby would like to opt out of the program, the Board needs to pass a resolution stating this. Granby's share would be \$991.92 for this year. In response, Supervisor Snow, Jr. wrote a letter to the mayor asking how many children from Granby participate in the program. They could not give him an answer. Before

we commit, Supervisor Snow, Jr. would like to have more information. He has a meeting with the Hannibal Village Mayor on Friday.

We received a letter from the Oswego County Health Department concerning the garbage situation at 161 South Granby Road. They are trying to locate the owner of record.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Total revenue for July was \$2,791.51. A check in the amount of \$163.00 went to the New York State Department of Ag. & Markets for the spay/neuter program, a check in the amount of \$2,559.89 to the Supervisor for local shares and \$23.62 to the DEC for licensing.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor English to approve the financial report of the Town Clerk, all were in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor – Some of the banking statements just arrived today. The monthly financial reports will be emailed to the Board as soon as the statements are reconciled. The Supervisor's Monthly Activities Report for July can be found on the Town of Granby website.

Assessor – He will be meeting with a representative from the State of New York to go over modeling for the re-valuation.

Planning Board – They are currently working on projects with Fire Pit Bar-B-Que, Walmart and ELP Solar Farm. They will be scheduling Public Hearings for these projects.

ZBA – They had a meeting on July 31st for a variance to allow a smaller square foot manufactured home than is permitted in the zoning code. The variance was granted.

Highway Superintendent – He only has one bid for the generator for the Highway Department and the Community Center. He has two more bids coming. He is going to close the Old State Road bridge to all traffic. Highway Superintendent Duncan would like to purchase cameras to check for snow in the winter. The cost for the cameras is approximately \$9,000.00. He would also like to hire a sixth employee. The new trucks came in and they have been going through them. They have been picking up trees from the storms and mowing. The pine trees behind the highway garage need to come down. Supervisor Snow, Jr. asked Highway Superintendent Duncan for his disposition of assets proposal in September.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. is purchasing equipment so two of our conference rooms can be used for virtual meetings and training. He built \$15,000.00 into the budget for this

purpose. The equipment he had originally planned to install exceeded this price so after doing some research, he found equipment that will work at a cost of \$7,500.00.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. would like to purchase a used vehicle for the Codes Department. Our current vehicle is in bad shape, and we are spending a lot of money on repairs. If we can find a vehicle for under \$20,000.00, we can purchase it without having to get sealed bids.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilor Clothier made a motion, seconded by Councilor English to purchase a Code Enforcement vehicle, not to exceed \$20,000.00 using Fund Balance, all were in favor, none opposed.

PAYMENT OF TOWN BILLS

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor English to pay the Town bills as audited on Abstracts 15, 15A and 15P, all were in favor, none opposed.

General Fund	\$40,971.14	Highway Fund	\$26,744.55
Capital Projects	\$ 8,309.42		

ITEMS FOR WORK SESSION AUGUST 28, 2024

Open House
Bills

Supervisor Snow, Jr. announced that what we formerly called a second public comment at the end of the Board meeting will now be known as deliberative dialogue. This will give residents a chance to ask questions and interact with the Board.

Highway Superintendent Duncan attended a highway meeting, and the County wants to combine the mowing agreement and the snow removal agreement.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. responded the problem with this is that the towns are fractured. The towns do not stick together, there is no cohesiveness. For example, the towns should not be required to purchase their salt from the County. Salt can be purchased cheaper elsewhere, but other towns did not care about what we had to say. They are more concerned about the price per mile the County pays.

Justice – Justice Doyle and Court Clerk King would like the Board to approve hiring a second court clerk.

Councilor Clothier made a motion, seconded by Councilor English to appoint Genny Amico as court clerk for 20 hours per week. A roll call vote was taken.

Councilor English	Aye	Councilor Clothier	Aye
Councilor Farrands	Aye	Councilor Ingerson	Absent
Supervisor Snow, Jr.	Aye		

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Snow, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 P.M.

Town Clerk