

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Sandra Farrands and Marianne Ingerson. Highway Superintendent Dan Duncan was also present. There were no residents in attendance.

Councilor Clothier made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands 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 - None

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Snow, Jr. received an invitation from Jon Williams, owner of Fire Pit BBQ & Saloon, has invited the Town Board to their VIP event on Thursday evening from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Supervisor – The bank statements are not in yet. He will send the financial reports as soon they are available.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Total revenue for August was \$3,851.39. A check in the amount of \$98.00 was sent to the New York State Department of Ag & Markets for the spay/neuter program, a check to the Supervisor in the amount of \$3,456.73 for local shares and \$296.66 to the DEC for hunting licenses.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to accept the Town Clerk's monthly report, all were in favor, none opposed.

Code Enforcement/Zoning – There were 13 building permits issued with fees of \$1,312.91 and a construction value of \$214,715.20. There were 41 building inspections conducted and 11 building permits closed. There were 6 fire inspection and operating permits conducted with fees of \$150.00. There were 102 violations issued, 71 violation inspections and 23 violations corrected. Supervisor Snow, Jr. reported that the new codes vehicle is on site and working out well.

Assessor – The Special Assessment Roll for EUD’s must be filed with the Town Clerk by September 15th. The Final Assessment Roll is sufficient because it contains this information.

Planning Board – They had a full house at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed solar farm. The public had a lot of good questions, and it gave the solar company an opportunity to address concerns from the residents. The company still needs approvals from National Grid, which they have not provided to the Planning Board yet.

We have an opening on the Planning Board and also on the BAR.

Supervisor – Comments from the open house/ribbon cutting were very positive. It was a wonderful day for our Town. Supervisor Snow, Jr. would like to thank the Board for attending and the Highway employees for coming and bringing one of the new trucks. Due to the rumors being spread in the Town by an Elected Official regarding the cost of the Town Hall project, Supervisor Snow, Jr. gave an overview of the tax rates for Oswego County. Granby had the 4th lowest rate of the 22 Towns in the county. The cost for the Town Hall project will add approximately .50 per thousand to the assessed value making Granby the 6th lowest tax rate in the County. He went on to say that a new Town Hall was necessary due to the fact that we had problems at the other Town Hall with the number of people in the building on court nights. We had multiple offices with four employees in an office. We had a code enforcement officer sitting at a table in the hallway. We did explore other options. We looked at building a new highway department at a cost of approximately four to five million dollars, which was not feasible. We also looked at using the community center. The community center is deeded with the stipulation it can only be used as a community center. We looked at expansion but could not get any of the neighbors to sell us land. People can argue that this was not the right choice, but you can’t argue that we had a problem at the old building. The only person to offer a solution at a Public Hearing was Mr. Best, who suggested that we order the Judges to have two court nights. Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the Association of Towns who told him that would be illegal. As far as not applying for a grant, Supervisor Snow, Jr. did apply, but by the time we were at the stage in the project to be eligible to receive the grant, the funds were no longer available. We instead received a low interest loan from the USDA, that will more than compensate for grant money we would have received.

Highway Superintendent – They have been doing driveways, ditching, mowing, cold patching culverts and working on the trucks. Highway Superintendent Duncan would like to list the 805 and 811 trucks on Auctions International. He has two quotes for generators as discussed at the last meeting. They would like a radio for the Gradall and to keep the 809 truck to use as a dump truck. This would give them something to run in the winter so they don’t have to tear down a plow truck if they just need a dump truck. He would like to pave Pratt Drive and a portion of Aspen Cove. Highway

Superintendent Duncan attended a highway superintendent meeting today. The County is offering \$8,500.00 per mile to plow this year.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town Granby has determined that it is no longer necessary or useful to, or in the best interest of the Town to retain ownership of the truck identified as 805, a 2005 International dump truck and a truck identified as 811, a 2011 International dump truck

Now therefore be it resolved, that the highway superintendent is authorized and directed to sell on Auctions International the above mentioned equipment

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor English to accept the Resolution to sell the 805 and 811 trucks on Auctions International, all were in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. said we will discuss keeping the old truck in the future. We need quotes for the radios and sealed bids for the generators. We will be needing GPS for the new trucks and the codes vehicle.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. would like to extend his sympathies to the family of Shane Eyres, who was one of the constables to go through our constable training program.

Councilor Clothier made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to approve a leave of absence for CEO Robert Dalton, all were in favor, none opposed.

PAYMENT OF TOWN BILLS

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to pay the town bills as audited on Abstracts 17 and 17P, all were in favor, none opposed.

General Fund	\$5,183.45	V Fund	\$34,638.70
Highway Fund	\$8,086.20		

The Board discussed salaries for Elected Officials for budgeting purposes. They are considering a 5% raise for the Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, and the Town Clerk. Budget Officer Snow, Jr. will use these numbers to prepare the tentative budget and the Board will revisit the salaries at a later date. They decided not to prepare a five-year plan at this time. The Board would prefer to look at the salaries on a yearly basis.

ITEMS FOR WORK SESSION SEPT 25

Tentative Budget
Salaries for Elected Officials

Supervisor Snow, Jr. would like to thank Pastor Mary from Bowens Corners United Methodist Church for blessing the building before the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Clothier made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.