

**TOWN OF GRANBY
TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. leading those present in the Salute to the Flag. Present for the **roll call** were Supervisor John Snow, Jr. Councilors Rodney DeLong, Sandra Farrands, Marianne Ingerson and Irene Wiestner. Highway Superintendent Dan Duncan also present. There were no residents in attendance.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong 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

The NYS Agricultural and Markets Inspection of the Oswego City Municipal Shelter was satisfactory.

We received a notice from the Office of Real Property with the 2022 tentative telecommunications ceilings.

Town of Granby's level of assessment has fallen to 81%. The State is looking for a complete revaluation. Supervisor Snow, Jr., Assessor Roach and Councilor Ingerson will be having a meeting to discuss possible solutions.

The speed limit request for State Route 48 from the County line to the current 50 mile per hour zone has been denied by the DOT.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Code Enforcement/Zoning – Annual report for 2021; 114 building permits issued with fees of \$14,075.66 and a construction value of \$3,026,730.00. 252 building inspections, 58 fire inspections and 152 other permits issued with fees of \$6,170.00. Building permits closed, 28, and 92 other permits were closed. There were 94 violation inspections, 105 violations issued and 34 violations corrected. The December Code Enforcement Report is as follows; 5 building permits issued with fees of \$1,142.65 and a construction value of \$280,500.00. There were 5 other permits issued with fees of \$250.00. There were 25 building and other permits closed, 42 building inspections and 1 fire inspection conducted. There were 12 violations issued, 22 violation inspections and 11 violations corrected.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Total revenue for January was \$1,575.00. A check in the amount of \$42.00 was sent to the New York State Department of Ag & Markets for the spay/neuter program and a check to the Supervisor in the amount of \$1,533.00 for local shares. Total taxes collected to date are \$3,365,377.80. The Town tax levy has been paid in full.

Koskowski Automotive Inc. has applied to renew their Dealer's license. It has been given to the Codes office for inspection.

Highway Superintendent – They have been pushing snowbanks back and working on the trucks. One truck is still in the shop. Highway Superintendent Duncan spoke with the roofing company regarding the salt dome and they told him the prices would be going up. He asked if we wanted to lock in on the current quote. Highway Superintendent Duncan will call the insurance adjuster tomorrow. The night shift has been checking the reflective signage. Supervisor Snow, Jr. suggested they also do a culvert inventory.

Supervisor – He is waiting on the bank statements to send the financial reports. We have closed on the former Fulton Savings Bank building. We will be working out an agreement in regards to the ATM. We have been notified by the County that the annexation of North Bay to the City of Fulton has not been done properly. Part of the agreement was that the city take care of all the necessary paperwork. We are waiting to hear from the city. The USDA compliance documents and insurance liability have been sent. The window in the men's room at the Community Center was left open and the pipes froze and flooded the kitchen. It has been repaired. Supervisor Snow, Jr. will be meeting with King and King to develop a concept design for the Community Center so we can apply for grants. The preliminary architect report for the bank property is complete and has been submitted. The environmental report is also complete. We disposed of 14 linear square feet of inactive records. The Town tax levy has been paid in full. The audits of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Supervisor and Court have been completed by the Town Board. The Town Website had 488 users in January, which is the same as December. The AUD is 50% complete. It will be done by the end of February. Supervisor Snow, Jr. would like to form an accessory dwelling unit committee to canvas other Towns to see how they are handling them. He would also like to form an Employee Handbook review committee. The last review of the Employee Handbook was in 2019. Supervisor Snow, Jr. would like to do a gap analysis to better understand why people leave a municipality and what the Town might do to provide services residents are looking for. He would like to find a space to put a skate park in the Town. Supervisor Snow, Jr. stated we are home-based business friendly in the Town and have many small businesses. To showcase this, he would like to have a Seasonal Craft Expo. There is a need for street lighting along County Route 3 in Granby Center. People walk in that area and it is very dangerous. The Town needs a Capital Plan for purchases over the next five years. Supervisor Snow, Jr. would like to hire someone to knock on doors to get people to clean up their properties this spring.

Instead of issuing a violation we could have someone talk to the residents first. He will speak to Tom Kenyon, former City of Fulton Alderman, to see if he is interested.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to authorize the Supervisor to contract with someone to help with open violations (maintenance) up to 10 hours a week @ \$15.00/hr. plus mileage, all were in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. said the Executive Budget Overview has been released. The State will be continuing with PAVE NY and Bridge NY and are adding incentive to Municipalities. There will be additional money for parks, farmland and clean water. There will be legislation for speeding or getting hurt in a work zone. Counties will be allowed to raise the sales and use tax rate by 1% for a period not to exceed two years. The State will be authorized to send enhanced STAR checks directly to the homeowner if the exemption is not placed on the school tax bill on time. The State will also be beefing up the office that investigates Codes Officers and Towns. They will be able to issue subpoenas and compel testimony and documents during an investigation. They will be able to authorize another local government to perform code enforcement for the underperforming municipality. They will be allowed to appoint compliance officers, direct local staff, hire consultants and issue notices of violations and other enforcement instruments at the expense of the underperforming municipality.

County Legislator – Newly elected Legislator Mike Solowy reported the County will be discussing the establishment of a County Codes Department. Many issues are too much for individual Towns to handle and Towns throughout the County are too inconsistent. The County could be receiving up to 10 million dollars in ARPA funds. They will be using a portion of these funds to expand broadband. The County has 37 vacancies in the Social Services Department. It is very difficult to get people to work for this department. The biggest issue is the pay rate. Legislator Solowy also said the public is not educated in what is going on in the County or Towns. We need to somehow get the word out about what is going on in the community so residents can be better educated. A huge item of discussion is County wide infrastructure, especially sewer. Supervisor Snow said we have ordered a pre-engineering report for a sewer project on State Route 3.

Board Member Liaison Reports – Councilor Ingerson reached out to Assessor Roach, but she has not received a reply.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to settle the claim of La Manna vs The Town of Granby for an incorrect EDU assignment, all were in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. introduced a draft Local Law to regulate mobile food vehicles. The Board has a copy for review.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. introduced a draft Local Law providing for administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. The Board has a copy for review.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. introduced a draft Local Law amending Local Law #2-2007 for the Management, Control and Operation of Water Districts in the Town of Granby.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to hold a Public Hearing on February 26th, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. for Local Law #1-2022, amending Local Law #2-2007, all were in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. introduced a draft Local Law to amend Local Law #3-2020, Regulating Solar Energy Systems. The Board is sending this to Planning for clarification.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. introduced a draft Local Law for Notification of Defects. This will be supplemental to what we already have which was done in 1979.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to hold a Public Hearing on February 26, 2022 for a Notification of Defects Local Law #2-2022, all were in favor, none opposed.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to hereby affirm that the records show, after being duly examined, that the fines therein collected for 2021 have been turned over to the Chief Financial Officer as required by law, all were in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. has received notice that funding is available for implementing Hazard Mitigation projects.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to authorize the Supervisor to write a grant for a generator for the Community Center, 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 #3 and #3A, all were in favor, none opposed.

General Fund	\$14,839.66	Highway Fund	\$ 16,145.28
Capital Projects	\$ 2,529.50	Water Fund	\$266,391.30
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ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

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