

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD MEETING/PUBLIC HEARINGS
NOVEMBER 9, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING
LOCAL LAW #8
AGED EXEMPTION**

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the Public Hearing to order at 7:03 P.M. Present were Supervisor John Snow, Jr. Councilors Rodney DeLong, Sandra Farrands, Marianne Ingerson and Irene Wiestner.

There were no comments regarding Local Law #8, Aged Exemption.

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to close the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING
2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the Public Hearing to order at 7:15 P.M. He stated the Budget as it stands is the Preliminary Budget with all of our changes. The Public Hearing was published on the Town's website and also in the newspaper stating it is available for public inspection.

Highway Superintendent Duncan addressed the Board regarding dropping his health insurance and taking the stipend to lower benefits in order to hire a sixth employee in the Highway Department. He would like the stipend to be raised from \$5,200.00 to \$6,000.00.

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wiestner to close the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:17 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:18 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 and Planning Board Chairperson Jane Crego were also present. There were no residents or guest in attendance.

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

Supervisor Snow, Jr. gave the Board a revision to the 2023 Budget which includes provisions to add a sixth Highway employee and also a revised Water Fund Budget. We also have a request from Highway Superintendent Duncan to look at our policy of providing a stipend to individuals who are eligible for health insurance but decline it. The current amount is \$5,200.00. Mr. Duncan is requesting this amount be increased to \$6,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One of our former Town employees passed away over the weekend. Mike Longo was employed with the Town from 1989 until his retirement in 2020. He was a Machine Equipment Operator and also acted as Deputy Highway Superintendent for a couple of years. After his retirement he returned as a wing person in the winter. He was a business owner and resident of the Town for many years. Supervisor Snow, Jr. sends condolences to his family and many friends.

The Water Service Area 7 interest rate will be between 3.07% and 4.9%.

The Bond Anticipation Note with the bank in the amount of \$275,000.00 had to be renewed while we wait for USDA funding. The interest rate is 4 1/2%. The Closing for the BAN and Water Service Area 7 will be in December.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to take a class in infrastructure and finance management. He has completed the course and is now certified.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Total revenue for October was \$4,644.55. A check in the amount of \$58.00 was sent to the New York State Department of Ag and Markets for the spay/neuter program, a check in the amount of \$4,558.22 went to the Supervisor for local shares and \$28.33 to the DEC for hunting licenses.

Dog Control Officer – There were 2 dogs picked up in October, 10 notices of unlicensed dogs were issued in September and 8 in October. The Dog Control Officer will be out of Town from November 10th through the 20th. He will have a substitute on call for emergency situations.

Code Enforcement/Zoning – There were 25 building permits issued with fees of \$4,551.84 and a construction value of \$1,073,162.00. There were 20 other permits issued with fees of \$475.00. There were 10 building and other permits closed, 30 building inspections conducted and 15 fire inspections conducted. There were 11 violations issued, 8 violation inspections and 4 violations corrected.

Highway Superintendent – Three of the big trucks and one of the small trucks are ready to go for the winter season. They have been mixing sand and salt and hauling gravel. The Gradall that we rented is being sent back. Highway Superintendent Duncan asked if the Board wanted to purchase more fuel for the new tank. Supervisor Snow, Jr. told him to have the tank filled. The Gradall has a bid of \$4,050.00 and the eight tires have a bid of \$1,275.00 on Auctions International. They have started to put up the snow markers.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to accept the bids from Auctions International for the Gradall and the surplus tires, all were in favor, none opposed.

Planning Board – The new Attorney seems to be working out well. They have three new applications. Axe Chuckers is putting an addition on the building. They are not happy with the Town because the Code Officer told them they would have to go before the Planning Board because they are changing their use by adding a kitchen and have applied for a liquor license. They don't agree that they should have to go before Planning again.

Supervisor – He has been in discussions with the USDA regarding the new Town Hall project. Water Service Area 7 is complete, but we do have a couple of complaints we are still dealing with. There is a mold problem in the Courtroom and water problems with the foundation of the building on the back side. We may need to install gutters on the back of the building to prevent soil erosion. Supervisor Snow, Jr. has quotes coming for gutters and repairing the foundation. The floor is crumbling in the hallway. Diane is contacting flooring companies for quotes. He has sent the monthly financial reports to the Board.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wiestner to adopt Local Law #8-2022, Aged Exemption, all were in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to increase the stipend for not accepting the Town health insurance from \$5,200.00 to \$6,000.00.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. made a motion, to rescind the motion to increase the stipend for not accepting the Town health insurance from \$5,200.00 to 6,000.00, all were in favor, none opposed.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to increase the stipend for not accepting Town health insurance from \$5,200.00 to \$6,000.00, a roll call vote was taken;

Councilor DeLong	Aye	Councilor Farrands	Aye
Councilor Ingerson	Aye	Councilor Wiestner	Aye
Supervisor Snow, Jr.	Abstain – He is one of three Elected Officials that can benefit from the decision.		

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to amend the 2023 Preliminary Budget to reflect a more accurate amount to be spent on debt service in the Water Fund, all were in favor, none opposed.

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to amend the 2023 Preliminary Budget to include a sixth position to the Highway Department, in the Highway Fund, all were in favor, none opposed.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to order the preparation of the adopted budget as amended for the 2023 fiscal year, a roll call vote was taken;

Councilor Ingerson	Aye	Councilor Farrands	Aye
Councilor DeLong	Aye	Councilor Wiestner	Aye
Supervisor Snow, Jr.	Aye		

PAYMENT OF TOWN BILLS

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to pay the Town bills as audited on Abstracts 21 and 21A, all were in favor, none opposed.

General Fund	\$19,796.06	Highway Fund	\$37,724.58
Capital Projects	\$ 3,065.00		

ITEMS FOR WORK SESSION NOVEMBER 30, 2022

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation regarding the lawsuit, Town of Granby vs Doug and Hannah Shortslef, all were in favor, none opposed.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to reconvene the meeting, all were in favor, none opposed.

Meeting reconvened at 8:52 P.M.

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.