

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:13 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. Also present were Highway Superintendent Duncan and Deputy Supervisor/Planning Board Chairperson Jane Crego. There were 2 residents in attendance.

Councilor Ingerson 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 – Kathy Ling – She is being charged for two EDU’s on her tax bill and believes she should only be charged for one because everything is tied to the house. The first year the new water district went through, she was only charged for one EDU. From the second year on, she has been charged for two. Supervisor Snow, Jr. explained that the first year many of the EDU’s were assigned incorrectly. He went through the entire district and made the necessary corrections. She is being charged two EDU’s because she is a business.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Grid utility pole maintenance will be starting in February.

We have pamphlets on consumer assistance programs for utilities.

The Board has received a request from Planning Board member Lori Blackburn for the Town to pay for a hotel room for herself, a ZBA member and a former ZBA member for the Tug Hill Commission training at the Turning Stone Casino in April. The Board took no action on the request.

We have received a DCO shelter report from NYS Ag & Markets stating there are some structural issues at the Oswego Animal Shelter that deem it unsatisfactory.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. told the Board that Henry Hudson, Chairperson of the Board of Assessment Review has passed away. Mr. Hudson was also a past member of the Town Board, a lifetime member of the Granby Center Fire District and owner of Hudson’s Dairy in Granby. He offered condolences to the Hudson family.

The Town has been notified we will be awarded a grant in the amount of \$187,229.00 for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. has finally received approval by the USDA to proceed with the bidding process for the new Town Hall project. We will try to schedule a bid opening in February.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Code Enforcement/Zoning – There were 3 building permits issued with fees of \$308.00 and construction value of \$58,185.00. There were 2 other permits issued with fees of \$75.00. There were 12 building and other permits closed, 46 building inspections conducted and 2 fire inspections conducted. There were 9 violations issued, 32 violation inspections and 13 violations corrected. The attorney for our insurance company is reviewing the Marvin lawsuit. CEO David Wilson has been cleaning up old building permits.

Assessor – There is a new law that was passed at the end of last year relating to senior exemptions. It states that a second notice must go out to notify them of exemptions they may be eligible for. Mr. Roach would like to pay a company to send post cards. The Board would rather send a letter that comes from the Town.

Planning Board – They have tabled a Public Hearing regarding a family that would like to do homesteading who have not provided the appropriate paperwork, nor did they attend the Public Hearing that was scheduled. They are still working with the Davidson Group on the carwash. There are issues with Fairway Billiards, but that has to be handled by the Codes Department at this point.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Total revenue for December was \$6,893.76. A check in the amount of \$46.00 was sent to the NYS Department of Ag & Markets for the spay/neuter program and a check in the amount of \$22.50 to the NYS Health Department for marriage licenses. A check in the amount of \$6,780.85 went to the Supervisor for local shares and \$44.41 to the DEC for licensing.

Highway Superintendent – They have been filling pot holes and working on the trucks. The 819 truck is in the shop. GPS signs and culverts should be done this week. The new employees have been out training with the plow trucks. The seasonal part-time employees have requested a pay increase of \$3.00 per hour to bring them up to \$20.00 per hour. They have also requested to be paid a minimum of four hours show-up time.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to approve a 284 Agreement in the amount of \$50,000.00 for general road repairs, a roll call vote was taken;

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

Supervisor – W-2's will be included in the next paycheck. The 1099's have been completed. Supervisor Snow, Jr. has been cleaning up the books from last year. He will get the financial report out when the books are closed. He has been receiving questions regarding the market value verses the assessed value on the tax bills.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to approve the budget amendments as proposed by Supervisor Snow, Jr., all were in favor, none opposed.

Decrease A.5010.861 by \$18,794.00	Increase A.05010.180 by \$ 6,000.00
Increase A.1220.180 by \$ 800.00	Increase A.9950.900 by \$10,994.00
Increase A.8664.210 by \$ 1,000.00	

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Snow, Jr. to approve gutter installation on the back of the Town Hall with Max-Flow using ARPA funds, all were in favor, none opposed.

The Board tabled the decision to paint the pole barn.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to approve the purchase of a new Gradall, not to exceed \$550,000.00, all were in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. asked the Board if they would like to consider hiring a cleaning person for the Town hall as an employee, or do we want to ask for an RFP for our cleaning services.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to direct the Supervisor to prepare an RFP and for the Town Clerk to advertise for fuel bids in the newspaper, all were in favor, none opposed.

Councilor Wiestner made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to set the part time seasonal pay rate at \$17.00 per hour, a roll call vote was taken;

Councilor Wiestner	Aye	Councilor Farrands	Aye
Councilor DeLong	Aye	Councilor Ingerson	Aye

Supervisor Snow, Jr. Aye

PAYMENT OF TOWN BILLS

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to approve payment of the Town bills as audited, all were in favor, none opposed.

General Fund	\$16,415.83	Highway Fund	\$14,659.42
SW Fund	\$ 380.00	Capital Projects	\$ 3,065.00

ITEMS FOR JANUARY 25, 2023 WORK SESSION

Flooring Tile
Audit of Supervisor and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Books

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 P.M.