

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

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present for the **roll call** were Supervisor John Snow, Jr., Councilors Rodney DeLong, Sandra Farrands and Marianne Ingerson. Councilor Irene Wiestner was not present. Highway Superintendent Dan Duncan and Deputy Supervisor/Planning Board Chairperson Jane Crego were also present. There were no residents in attendance. Supervisor Snow, Jr. then lead those present in the Salute to The Flag.

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 Town has received notification that Ananda Farms, located at 69 Wilcox Road has filed a new microbusiness application with the New York State Office of Cannabis Management.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Supervisor – Financial reports have been emailed to the Board. There were no questions on the financial reports.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Total revenue for September was \$2,490.00. A check in the amount of \$84.00 was sent to the New York State Department of Ag. & Markets for the spay/neuter program, a check in the amount of \$2,147.47 went to the Supervisor for local shares and \$213.53 to the DEC for licensing.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to approve the Supervisor's and Town Clerk's monthly reports, all were in favor, none opposed.

Highway Superintendent – They have been working on culverts, mowing, and fixing potholes. Some of the guys are on vacation, so they are shorthanded. They have been mixing salt and getting the trucks ready. Parts for repairs of equipment have been a problem. Highway Superintendent Duncan asked the Board to consider giving the wingmen a raise. He said it is hard to find people to hire. He also asked if it would be possible to allow the highway employees to attend the Hard Hat Show at the

Fairgrounds. They have been going for years and every other Town goes. Councilor DeLong asked if the estimate for damages on Pendergast Road were ready for the Board. Highway Superintendent Duncan said they were not.

Planning Board – An approval for a Special Use Permit was granted to Fred Driscoll for farming and a Modification of a Site Plan was granted to Axe Chuckers. Furdi’s is looking to expand their mobile home park.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Budget Officer Snow, Jr. stated he filed the 2024 Tentative Budget with the Town Clerk, and the Clerk has delivered the 2024 Tentative Budget to the Board. Mr. Snow, Jr. gave a brief overview of the budget book and started the budget discussion with the special districts. There were no changes to the Debt Service or Water Funds. Budget Officer Snow, Jr. then went on to the Highway portion of the Budget. After reviewing the budget line by line, the Board had no changes. Highway Superintendent Duncan had no comments.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. attended a road maintenance conference online. He learned a great deal about preventive maintenance.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to hold a Public Hearing on October 25, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. for Local Law #2-2023 to override the tax levy limit, all were in favor, none opposed.

PAYMENT OF TOWN BILLS

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to pay the Town bills as audited on Abstracts #19 and 19A, all were in favor, none opposed.

General Fund	\$49,869.34	Highway Fund	\$18,878.25
Capital Projects	\$62,499.63		

Highway Superintendent Duncan asked the Board what their decision was on the seasonal employee wages and the Hard Hat Show.

Councilor DeLong made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to increase the wages for the seasonal employees to \$18.50 per hour effective October 30, 2023, a roll call vote was taken.

Councilor DeLong	Aye	Councilor Farrands	Aye
Councilor Ingerson	Aye	Councilor Wiestner	Absent
Supervisor Snow, Jr.	No		

The Board decided that Highway Superintendent Duncan and his Deputy could attend the Hard Hat Show.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations for the Teamsters Union Contract, all were in favor, none opposed.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:43 P.M.

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

The meeting was reconvened at 9:06 P.M.

No action was taken in Executive Session. The Board discussed a tentative agreement with the Union.

Highway Superintendent Duncan has proposed purchasing a new chipper in the 2024 budget. Supervisor Snow, Jr said before we purchase a chipper, there needs to be a plan on how it will be used.

ITEMS FOR WORK SESSION OCTOBER 25, 2023

Budget Public Hearing

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 P.M.