

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD MEETING
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 8, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. leading those present in the Salute to The Flag. Present for the **roll call** were Supervisor John Snow, Jr., Councilors, Sandra Farrands, Marianne Ingerson and Irene Wiestner. Councilor Rodney DeLong was not present. Highway Superintendent Dan Duncan was also present. There were no residents in attendance.

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

COMMUNITICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The proposition on the ballot to change the term of the Town Supervisor from 2 years to 4 years unofficially stands at 273 in favor, 259 against. There are still absentee ballots to be counted. When the vote is certified, we will notify the Secretary of State with the results.

We received notification that Ax Chukers is applying for a liquor license and has requested a 30-day waiver from the Town Board for the renotification of their liquor license application.

Acting District Attorney Mark Moody has issued a letter of Van Sickle to allow us to prosecute dog and Codes cases. We currently have 21 Codes cases for Town Court and 3 for Supreme Court.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Budget Officer/Supervisor Snow, Jr. opened the 2024 Budget Public Hearing at 7:09 P.M.

There are a few items that have surfaced since the Tentative Budget was finalized. Insurance costs are going up due to the purchase of the three new dump-trucks and the Gradall. We also had claims on our insurance last year and our property value has risen. Our copier lease is expiring, so we will need to purchase a new lease and our Codes vehicle needs replacing. Mr. Snow asked the Board if they would like to modify

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the budget or pass the budget as is and try dealing with the increases in January. The Board decided to let the budget stand and make the necessary increases where necessary now.

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

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:29 P.M.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to increase DA.1910.4 by \$10,250.00 for a total of \$22,750.00, DA.1001.R by \$10,250.00 for a total of \$745,671.00, increase A.1910 by \$10,000.00 for a total of \$37,250.00, increase A.9785.0 by \$5,000.00 for a total of \$5,472.00 and increase A.1001.R by \$15,000.00 for a total of \$246,000.00, all were in favor, none opposed.

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Ingerson to adopt the Preliminary Budget as amended and order the Budget Officer to produce the Adopted Budget to file with the County, all were in favor, none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Snow, Jr. reported that 371 properties have been violated and 157 of those properties are no longer in violation. He has been driving the Town again and has found more of these properties have been cleaned up. People are still cleaning up their property and he is seeing a lot of dumpsters.

Assessor – Supervisor Snow, Jr. received an email from Assessor Roach stating that New York State is changing how they calculate income for the Aged Exemption and that we have to make changes to our Local Law that we passed last year. Oswego County is changing their aged exemption law. Supervisor Snow, Jr. discussed this with Mr. Roach because we have a Local Law that is different from the County's, so he questioned whether our Local Law was used to calculate the exemptions. Supervisor Snow Jr. called the Real Property Tax Office, and they explained the State rewrote Real Property Law to include certain things and omitted some of the local options. The only option we have now is if we are going to allow IRA earnings as income.

Planning Board – They had a meeting last night. Wal-Mart wants to paint and change the colors of their building. When the store was built, they had to adhere to design standards. These standards were never adopted by the Town Board.

ZBA – They have a hearing next Tuesday about a resident who lives in a residential zone that wants to have chickens.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Total revenue for October was \$2,925.17. A check in the amount of \$75.00 went to the New York State Department of Ag & Markets for the spay/neuter program, a check in the amount of \$45.00 to the New York State Health Department for marriage licenses and a check in the amount of \$2,805.17 to the Supervisor for local shares.

Supervisor – The Supervisor's report is forthcoming. He is waiting for the State to finish with the audit of his annual report. The State says he made a couple of errors, on the report, but Supervisor Snow, Jr. told them he did not. The Peace Officers need to be recertified by January 1st. As part of a Federal Department of Transportation program, Thriving Communities, we wrote and filed a grant proposal for technical assistance that would help us do corridor studies along State Route 3, State Route 48, Rathburn Road, Hannibal Street and County Route 3. He is still waiting to hear about the park grant.

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

Supervisor Snow, Jr. received a letter from ZBA Chairperson Tyler Palmitese stating he needs to step away from the Zoning Board. Supervisor Snow, Jr. suggested Cheryl Anthony be appointed to the Chairperson position through the end of the year.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wiestner to appoint Cheryl Anthony as the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson until December 31, 2023, all were in favor, none opposed.

Highway Superintendent – They have been mowing and doing culverts and ditches. They still have two trucks to put together for the winter season. Snow markers are being put up and potholes are being repaired. They went out one day to plow. Highway Superintendent Duncan would like to purchase a tool to remove the beaver dams. Supervisor Snow, Jr. said to go ahead, he did not need Board approval for that purchase. The Phoenix School District has contacted Highway Superintendent Duncan about installing exempt signs on the old railroad crossings. Motorists are hitting the back of the busses because they still stop at the railroad crossings. Supervisor Snow, Jr. said he would look into who is responsible for regulating railroad crossings.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to enter Executive Session to discuss the job performance and work history of a particular employee, all were in favor, none opposed.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:07 P.M.

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

The meeting was reconvened at 8:28 p.m.

The Board discussed performance and work history of a particular person. There was no action taken in Executive Session.

PAYMENT OF TOWN BILLS

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

General Fund	\$ 26,145.82	Highway Fund	\$68,183.04
Capital Projects	\$274,691.11		

ITEMS FOR WORK SESSION NOVEMBER 29, 2023

Comprehensive Plan update Update on other projects

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.