



## **GRAFTON TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**December 11, 2023 – 7:00PM**

**Grafton Town Hall – 2379 NY RT 2, Grafton NY 12082**

Meeting called to Order by Supervisor Gundrum 7:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL:** COUNCILMAN STEVE BEAUDRY – Present

COUNCILMAN PIERCE HOYT – Present

COUNCILMAN FRANK LEWANDUSKY – Present

COUNCILWOMAN JODIE DESCHAIINE – Present

SUPERVISOR INGRID GUNDRUM – Present

**ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE WERE THE FOLLOWING:** Donna Baldwin, Doug & Nancy LaRocque, Linda Russell, James Goyer Sr., Thomas Withcuskey, Mark Gilchrist, Erika & Chuck Douglas, John Munn, Robert Loveday, Ann Calabro, Jarod Bouchard, Phil Danaher & Rebecca Greene

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM:** Budget Public Hearing 11/09/2023, Regular Town Board Meeting 11/13/2023 and Special Meeting Budget Vote 11/20/2023 - Motion to Approve the above Minutes made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Beaudry – Motion Carried 5 - 0

### **REPORTS AND REMITTANCES FROM TOWN COMMITTEES:**

**SUPERVISOR:** Presented to Town Board & Available online

**TOWN CLERK:** Town Clerk Fees - \$328.15, Trash/Recycle \$2514.00, Building Permits - \$850.00, Planning Board Fees - \$450.00, Bottle Returns (Youth) \$82.30 – Total Revenue \$4735.30 – Payments to DEC, & Agri-Markets \$510.85 – Check to Supervisor \$4,224.45

Motion to approve Town Clerk Report made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Hoyt – Motion Carried 5 - 0

### **Roll Call:**

Councilman Beaudry - Yea

Councilwoman Deschaine - Yea

Councilman Lewandusky – Yea

Councilman Hoyt - Yea

Supervisor Gundrum – Yea

**DOG CONTROL:** One dog running loose Fox Hollow Road

**HIGHWAY:** Plowing, All trucks are winter prepared, General Road Maintenance

**BUILDINGS/CODE ENFORCEMENT:** fifty-nine new permits ytd

**PLANNING BOARD:** Sub-division Fox Hollow Road and Site Plan Reviews – RPA, Jay Hakes Road

**RESCUE SQUAD:** Calls Dispatched 20 – Call Response 18, 562.10 miles – Personnel Hours 85.51

**LIBRARY:** 465 Books, 314 EBooks, 308 patrons

**RECREATION COMMITTEE** – Approximately 36 people attended the Tree Lighting & Caroling Event on 12/10/2023 – Thanks to the Grafton Baptist Church for the use of their building

**COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:**

Resignation from Thomas Withcuskey from Planning Board

Columbia-Greene Contract

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mold issue in Court Room – Mediation Specialist coming on 12/12/2023

Appointments for 2024 – Will discuss at Year End Meeting

Dates for Year End Meeting, Organizational Meeting and January's Regular Town Board Meeting – Motion Below

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Fleet Management – Highway Department – Still searching for a Tandem

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Town -wide Inventory status – Started but not completed

Cleaning after furnace issue status – Cleaning is complete, painting is pending and is covered by Insurance

Dog Control Back-up Plan – DCO contacts Rensselaer County Dispatch – they will either contact another DCO or handle the call

Questions on how to Join Merry Makers

Why DA letter was not posted with minutes

Concerns about Secretary Services

Recycling Costs for Electronics Recycling

Interest in joining Recreation Committee

Budget process, Was Councilman Lewandusky and Councilwoman Deschaine notified of discussions in Public Hearing? How is the whole Town represented in the process, Why wasn't the Town Secretary or Administrative help (Highway Dept) included in the Tentative Budget? Why was not Re-evaluation cost included in Budget

Thanks to Recreation Committee for the activities they are doing, Why don't Board Members attend more of these events?

Appointment to Board of Assessment Review – will be done at the 2024 Organizational Meeting

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution #70 of 2023 – Columbia-Greene Humane Society Contract – Motion to approve Resolution # 70 of 2023 made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Lewandusky – Motion Carried 5 – 0

**Roll Call:**

Councilman Beaudry - Yea

Councilwoman Deschaine - Yea

Councilman Lewandusky – Yea

Councilman Hoyt - Yea

Supervisor Gundrum – Yea

Motion to set dates for the 2023 Year-end Meeting for December 28, 2023 @ 6:00PM, 2024 Organizational Meeting for January 8, 2024 at 6:00PM and The January 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting for January 8, 2024 at 7:00PM made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Lewandusky – Motion Carried 5 - 0

**Roll Call:**

Councilman Beaudry - Yea

Councilwoman Deschaine - Yea

Councilman Lewandusky – Yea

Councilman Hoyt - Yea

Supervisor Gundrum – Yea

Motion to approve the use of the Everett Wagar Senior Center by the Trask family on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 1:00PM made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Hoyt – Motion Carried 5 - 0

**Roll Call:**

Councilman Beaudry - Yea

Councilwoman Deschaine - Yea

Councilman Lewandusky – Yea

Councilman Hoyt - Yea

Supervisor Gundrum – Yea

Motion to pay the Bills as audited – Vouchers 469 - 502 – Total \$43,767.57 (excluding 486) made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilwoman Deschaine – Motion Carried 5 – 0

**Roll Call:**

Councilman Beaudry - Yea

Councilwoman Deschaine - Yea

Councilman Lewandusky – Yea

Councilman Hoyt - Yea

Supervisor Gundrum – Yea

**Upcoming Meetings** – 2023 Year-end Meeting 12/28/2023 @ 6:00PM

2024 Organizational Meeting 01/08/2024 @ 6:00PM

January 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting 01/08/2024 @ 7:00PM

**Legislative Privilege** – Thanks to Councilman Frank Lewandusky for his four years of service

Motion to Adjourn at 7:50PM in Loving Memory of Marcia M. Trash and Beulah Vars made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Hoyt – Motion Carried 5 – 0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

  
VICTORIA BURDICK

GRAFTON TOWN CLERK

Approved: