



GRAFTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 8, 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 JODI DESCHAINE – Absent

SUPERVISOR INGRID GUNDRUM – Present

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE WERE THE FOLLOWING: Nancy LaRocque, Jarod Bouchard, Donna Baldwin, Ann Calabro, Becky Greene, Ryan Milkiewicz, Jennifer Rogaski, Tom Sullivan, Tom Withcuskey, Erika & Chuck Douglas, James Goyer Sr., Randy Jones, Lisa Overocker, LeAnna Sweet, John Munn, David Buckley, Kim Bacon

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: April 10, 2023 Town Board Meeting

Motion to Approve the above Minutes made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Hoyt

Motion Carried 4 - 0

REPORTS AND REMITTANCES FROM TOWN COMMITTEES:

SUPERVISOR: Attached

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Fees - \$59.64, Trash/Recycle - \$2706.00, Building Permits – \$1061.00: Total Revenue \$4192.00 Check to Agri-Markets - \$6.00 – NY State Environmental Conservation – \$59.96: Check to Supervisor - \$4126.64

Motion to approve Town Clerk Report made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Beaudry – Motion Carried 4 - 0

Roll Call:

Councilman Beaudry - Yea

Councilwoman Deschaine - Absent

Councilman Lewandusky – Yea

Councilman Hoyt - Yea

Supervisor Gundrum - Yea

ASSESSOR: None

HIGHWAY: General Road maintenance

BUILDINGS/CODE ENFORCEMENT: 10 new permits YTD, Repairs to lights and water systems at Sr. Center done. Light on flags at Town Hall replaced

RESCUE SQUAD: 15 calls, 235.1 miles, 46.26 volunteer hours

LIBRARY: 409 patron visits, 837 Books/Ebooks

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Town Picnic on June 4, 2023 – 2PM to 4PM – Multiple Businesses donated goods & money, partnering with the Town Library for concert in August

MERRYMAKERS: None

SENIOR CENTER: Thanks to the Town for their support, Doing a flower bed at the Center, multiple activities planned

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED: None

NEW BUSINESS: Senior Center roof – Councilman Beaudry will be the contact person for contractors to contact

OLD BUSINESS: Youth Program/Director – No interest, Furnace upgrade/repair – one bid, Window in Conference Room – Remove it and have new glass cut, Computer backup services – no decision

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Follow up on FOIL request (youth program), Financial Record tracking, Code Enforcement – property use, email and secretary services – (Property in question – County is involved).

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Motion to allow the Everett Wagar Senior Center to use the Town Park for a musical event on July 18, 2023 – Motion made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Beaudry, motion carried 4 – 0

Motion to allow the Seniors to construct a flower bed in front of the Everett Wagar Senior Center – Made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Beaudry, Motion Carried 4 – 0.

Motion to get quotes for the roof at the Senior Center made by Councilman Beaudry, seconded by Supervisor Gundrum, motion carried 4 – 0

Motion to establish a Petty Cash Fund of \$500.00 for the Recreation Committee made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Beaudry, motion carried 4 – 0

Motion to appoint Donna Baldwin and Le Anne Sweet to the Recreation Committee made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Hoyt, motion carried 4 – 0

All above motions were approved w/roll call

Resolution #56 of 2023 – Recognition of May 4, 2023 as National Day of Prayer – Approved 3 – 0 w/1 abstained

Resolution #57 of 2023 – Recognizing May 2023 as National Mental Health Awareness Month – Approved – 4 – 0

Resolution #58 of 2023 – Approval of Local Law #1 of 2023 – Approved 4 – 0

Resolution #59 of 2023 – Approving engineering services for generator - Tabled

MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED: Vouchers 192 - 234 – Total \$45,093.61 – Made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Beaudry – Motion carried 4 – 0

Roll Call:

Councilman Beaudry: Yea

Councilwoman Deschaine: Absent

Councilman Lewendusky: Yea

Councilman Hoyt: Yea

Supervisor Gundrum: Yea

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Regular Town Board Meeting – Monday, June 12, 2023 @ 7:00PM

LEGISLATIVE PRIVILEGE – Response to FOIL Request & Memorial Day recognition – Honoring – PFV Joseph R Carner, PVT Franklin G. Etman and Staff Sergeant Leland C Smith

Motion to Adjourn in Loving Memory of Judy MacDonald Wells made at 7:57PM by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Lewendusky – Motion Carried 4 - 0

RESPECTFULLY SUMMITTED

VICTORIA BURDICK

GRAFTON TOWN CLERK

Approved:



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Introduced by Councilman Lewandusky

Resolution #56 of 2023 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023 AS A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

WHEREAS, The first Thursday of May marks the 71st annual observance of the National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States of America, in the year 1952, established an annual day of prayer, whereby millions of Americans have assembled each year in churches, synagogues, mosques, schools, parks, and other venues to intercede on behalf of our great Nation; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of all religious beliefs join together and put aside their differences in an annual observance of prayerful reflection like our founding fathers of America did to seek the wisdom of a higher counsel when faced with critical decisions; and

WHEREAS, Today our great country faces extremely difficult times and daunting challenges, from economic turmoil to the threat of terrorism and moral confusion; and

WHEREAS, Every President since 1952 has called for and proclaimed a National Day of Prayer and asks people to turn to God in prayer and meditation; and

WHEREAS, Following the precedent established by Presidents and leaders throughout our history proclaiming reliance on an Almighty God calling citizens to come before Him on behalf of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, The theme for 2023 is: "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED, that the Town of Grafton hereby proclaim May 4, 2023 to be a National Day of Prayer.

Motion made by Councilman Lewandusky, seconded by Councilman Beaudry –
motion carried 3 – 0 w/1 abstain

Roll Call:

Councilman Beaudry - Yea
Councilwoman Deschaine - Absent
Councilman Lewandusky – Yea
Councilman Hoyt - Yea
Supervisor Gundrum - Abstain

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Resolution #57 of 2023 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2023 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, Mental health is essential to everyone's overall physical health and emotional well-being and caring for your mind as well as your body is good for your overall health and vital for success in personal life, at work, and at school; and

WHEREAS, Mental illness will strike nearly one in four adults and children in a given year, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health Conditions are real and prevalent in our nation and all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and

WHEREAS, This year the theme for Mental Health Month is "Celebrating the Power of Community Kindness". The campaign is focused on how surroundings impact mental health and is calling for individuals to look around and look within; and

WHEREAS, With effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Each business, school, government agency, faith-based organization, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED, that the Town of Grafton hereby recognizes May 2023 as Mental Health Month.

Motion made by Councilman Lewandusky, seconded by Supervisor Gundrum –
motion carried 4 - 0

Roll Call:

Councilman Beaudry - Yea
Councilwoman Deschaine - Absent
Councilman Lewandusky – Yea
Councilman Hoyt - Yea
Supervisor Gundrum - Yea

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Resolution #58 of 2023

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. OF 2023 ESTABLISHING REAL PROPERTY EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS

WHEREAS, the Town of Grafton is desirous of establishing real property tax exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed proposed Local Law No. of the year 2023, attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such Local Law appears appropriate as to form and substance and a Public Hearing having been conducted so as to consider public comments on such proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. of the year 2023 is hereby approved as to form and substance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of Local Law No. of 2023 with the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.

Motion Made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Lewandusky,
motion carried 4 - 0

Roll Call:

Councilman Beaudry - Yea
Councilwoman Deschaine - Absent
Councilman Lewandusky - Yea
Councilman Hoyt - Yea
Supervisor Gundrum - Yea

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Resolution #59 of 2023

Designating Wayne Bonesteel, P.E. of Foit-Albert Associates PC, to provide engineering services

WHEREAS, The Town of Grafton requires engineering services relative to the placement of an emergency generator at the Town Hall Complex; and

WHEREAS, Wayne E. Bonesteel, P.E. has demonstrated exceptional skills in the area listed above, as well as having over ten years of experience as the Rensselaer County Engineer thereby being well familiar with the laws and regulations as they pertain to municipalities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board designates Wayne Bonesteel, P.E., of Foit-Albert Associates Architecture, Engineering and Surveying, PC, to provide the necessary engineering services to the Town Highway Department per the attached agreement;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town hereby retains Wayne Bonesteel, P.E., of Foit-Albert Associates Architecture, Engineering and Surveying, PC, for Engineering Services per the written contract attached hereto.

Motion Made by _____, seconded by _____

Roll Call:

Councilman Beaudry -
Councilwoman Deschaine -
Councilman Lewandusky -
Councilman Hoyt -
Supervisor Gundrum -

Adopted – Tabled