



GRAFTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 8, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Supervisor Gundrum with the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: COUNCILMAN STEVE BEAUDRY – Present

COUNCILWOMAN JODI DESCHAINE – Present

COUNCILMAN JEFF WAGAR – Absent

COUNCILMAN FRANK LEWANDUSKY – Present

SUPERVISOR INGRID GUNDRUM – Present

Also, in attendance – Jarod Bouchard – Highway Superintendent, Erika Douglas – Supervisor Secretary, Tom Withcuskey - Buildings/Code Enforcement, Becky Greene – Town Justice, Christopher Meyer – Town Justice, Kayla Stetson – Dog Control Officer, Amy Durham – Deputy Town Clerk, Phil Danaher – Town Attorney, Doug LaRocque – Eastwick Press, Donna Baldwin – Grafton Ambulance, John Oliver, Alex Bassey & Gerald Smith – Ethics Board, Linda Lavaway – Planning Board, Chuck Douglas – BOAR Member, Robert Loveday, David Buckley, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Albert, Ann Calabro and 1 unidentified individual

Review and approval of Minutes from January 4, 2021 Organizational Minutes with correction to Resolution #15 and January 11, 2021 Town Board Meeting

Motion made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilwoman Deschaine

ROLL CALL: Councilman Beaudry – Yes

Councilwoman Deschaine – Yes

Councilman Wagar – Absent

Councilman Lewandusky – Yes

Supervisor Gundrum – Yes

Motion Carried – 4 Yes / 1 absent / abstained

REPORTS AND REMITTANCES FROM TOWN COMMITTEES:

Supervisor: Available upon request

Town Clerk: Attached – Motion to accept Town Clerk’s Report made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Beaudry

ROLL CALL: Councilman Beaudry – Yes
Councilwoman Deschaine – Yes
Councilman Wagar – Absent
Councilman Lewandusky – Yes
Supervisor Gundrum – Yes

Motion Carried – 4 Yes / 1 absent

Highway: Snow plowing and truck maintenance

Building/Code Enforcement: 1 Building Permit YTD – 35 open from 2020

Rescue Squad: 34 Calls, 315 miles, 112.08 hours – Community Service at Light Up the Night

Assessor: Attached

Dog Control: 1 call – 2 missing dogs

Communications Received:

- Horton Road Vehicle & Traffic Issues – Highway Dept will start process for possibly getting speed limit in place
- Household Hazardous Waste – Trash/Recycling committee will research what we can accept, what we need to do to get it disposed of and cost of handling it

New Business:

- Renegotiation of Contract, Everett Wagar Senior Center – Contract up in April
- Status of Youth Program funding Contract/Rensselaer County/OCFS – They have everything they need and will be approving it on 02/09/2021
- Legislative Privilege – An opportunity for Board members to bring up issues that were not previously discussed so they can be researched and addressed in future meeting if necessary

Old Business:

- Mohawk Hudson Humane Society – To be addressed in Executive Session
- Tri-Town Ambulance Service Contract – Proposal offered by Councilman Lewandusky – Offering a stipend to Town Employees to encourage them to become involved – Copy available upon request
- Reimbursement of Gardy Property Demolition – County has all necessary information should be getting payment soon

- Clarification on Voucher Breakdowns – Do we want Verizon Bill broking down by Department – Not at this time

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Ambulance Grant Status – DASNY has everything they need just waiting to receive payment
- Request to have proposed Resolution #46 read – Was read by Town Clerk
- Update on status of quarterly payment to Ambulance – Has been processed will be paid with February bills
- Concerns about Safety of Benker School Way – Ambulance/Fire Department access – Buildings & Code Enforcement will reach out to South Long Pond Association concerning maintenance issues
- Tri-Town Ambulance Contract was updated by Pat Fitzgerald do we have an updated copy – Town Attorney will get the up-to-date contract draft sent to each Board Member
- Concerns about not having Ambulance service
- Does Building and Code Enforcement have an email

Motions and Resolutions:

Resolution #45 Of 2021 – Authorizing having 2 new keys made for Town Hall – Attached

Resolution #46 of 2021 – Authorizing the creation of an Official Town of Grafton Facebook Page – Attached

Resolution #47 of 2021 – For Highway Superintendent to proceed with paperwork to have study done on Horton Road for possible speed limit – Attached

MOTIONS TO PAY BILLS AS AUDITED: Vouchers 36 – 100 (Voucher 85 removed – duplicate) Total \$106,734.13/Correct \$ 106,500.15 Motion made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilwoman Deschaine

ROLL CALL: Councilman Beaudry – Yes
 Councilwoman Deschaine – Yes
 Councilman Wagar – Absent
 Councilman Lewandusky – Yes
 Supervisor Gundrum – Yes

Motion Carried – 4 Yes / 1 absent

Next Meeting/Workshop-Special Meeting will be held February 22, 2021 w/ Ethics Committee Member @ 6:00PM and Workshop-Special Meeting @6:30PM at the Everett Wagar Senior Center

Motion to go into Executive Session @ 8:23PM with Town Attorney to discuss a personnel issue and Contractual Issue Made by Councilman Lewandusky, seconded by Councilman Beaudry. Motion Carried 4 - 0

Motion to return from Executive Session @ 9:10PM made by Councilman Beaudry, seconded by Supervisor Gundrum. Motion Carried 4 - 0

Contractual issue concerning housing dogs taken in by Town of Grafton – Mohawk Hudson would continue to work with the Town at a \$4000 flat fee yearly – Columbia-Greene would enter an agreement on case-by-case basis at \$35 per 24 hour holding period up to 10 days – Full Contract available for review upon request

Resolution # 48 Of 2021 – Authorizing Supervisor Gundrum to sign contract with Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA subject to review by Town Attorney and found to be what was explained in Executive Session.

Motion made by Councilman Beaudry, seconded by Councilman Lewandusky

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Lewandusky: Yes

Councilwoman Deschaine: Yes

Councilman Wagar: Absent

Councilman Beaudry: Yes

Supervisor Gundrum: Yes

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstained: Absent: 1

Carried: X Not Carried:

Resolution Adopted: 02/08/2021

Legislative Privilege - None

Motion to Adjourn at 9:17PM in Loving Memory of Terry Wescott made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Lewandusky; Motion Carried 4-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUMMITTED

Victoria E Burdick
VICTORIA BURDICK

GRAFTON TOWN CLERK

Draft: 2/20/2021

Approved: 03/08/2021



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Resolution #45 of 2021 – Authorizing Supervisor Gundrum to have 2 new/spare keys made for the entrance door at the Town Hall (Entrance by Town Offices)

Motion made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Lewandusky

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Lewandusky: Yes

Councilwoman Deschaine: Yes

Councilman Wagar: Absent

Councilman Beaudry: Yes

Supervisor Gundrum: Yes

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Carried: X Not Carried:

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Resolution #46 of 2021 – Authorizing the Town of Grafton to create a Town of Grafton Facebook page and appointing the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk as administrators of the Facebook page at no additional compensation.

Motion made by Councilman Lewandusky, seconded by Councilman Beaudry

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Lewandusky: Yes

Councilwoman Deschaine: Yes

Councilman Wagar: Absent

Councilman Beaudry: Yes

Supervisor Gundrum: No – But will support it

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstained: Absent: 1

Carried: X Not Carried:

Resolution Adopted: 02/08/2021



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Resolution #47 of 2021 – Authorizing Highway Superintendent to proceed with paperwork to have a study done on Horton Road – For possibly getting a speed limit posted

Motion made by Councilman Beaudry, seconded by Supervisor Gundrum

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Lewandusky: Yes

Councilwoman Deschaine: Yes

Councilman Wagar: Absent

Councilman Beaudry: Yes

Supervisor Gundrum: Yes

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstained: Absent: 1

Carried: X Not Carried:

Resolution Adopted: 02/08/2021

Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Building Codes Violation	Violation Research	1	75.00
	Conservation	Conservation	5	14.77
	Copies	Copies	11	110.00
			Sub-Total:	\$199.77
A2130	Trash Bag/Misc	Trash Bag/Misc	9	2,951.00
			Sub-Total:	\$2,951.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Male, Unneutered	1	9.00
			Sub-Total:	\$9.00
			Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$3,159.77
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				3.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				745.23
Total State, County & Local Revenues:			\$3,908.00	Total Non-Local Revenues:
				\$748.23

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Victoria Burdick, Town Clerk, Town of Grafton during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Supervisor

Date

Victoria E Burdick

Town Clerk

2/1/2021

Date



Assessor's Report

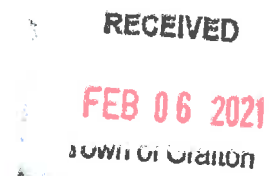
January 2021

1. Processed sales and escrows from County
2. Reviewing properties in field
3. Meeting with taxpayers
4. Held office hours
5. Processing new exemptions

Grafton Youth Program
February 2021

The Grafton Youth Program held a sleigh riding /pizza party on Friday February 5th at the fire hall. Due to the rising numbers of local covid cases for the next few months I will be doing monthly treats for the kids that will be picked up. On Saturday February 6th I handed out Valentine goodie bags to everyone that signed up. There were 70 kids signed up. Looking ahead I will be doing st. Patrick's day giveaways too. For Easter in April hopefully we can do an Easter egg hunt with several time slots to ensure social distancing, given the covid numbers go down.

Thanks
Noelle Goyer



* Also thank you to Tom Withouskey for donating the pizzas for the sleigh riding party, it's greatly appreciated.