



## GRAFTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 8, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by Supervisor Gundrum with the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: COUNCILMAN STEVE BEAUDRY – Present

COUNCILWOMAN JODI DESCHAINED – Present

COUNCILMAN JEFF WAGAR – Present

COUNCILMAN FRANK LEWANDUSKY – Present

SUPERVISOR INGRID GUNDRUM – Present

**Also in Attendance** – LeAnne Sweet – Grafton Library, Dennis Smith – Petersburg Town Supervisor, Amy Durham – Deputy Town Clerk, John Oliver & Alex Bassey – Board of Ethics, Donna Baldwin, Josef Allain, Sharon Leece, & Jeremy Gosse – Grafton Rescue Squad, Doug Larocque – Eastwick Press, Tom Withcuskey – Buildings & Code Enforcement, Jarod Bouchard – Highway Superintendent, Phil Danaher – Town Attorney, Becky Greene – Town Justice, Shelia Terry & Eric McShane – South Long Pond Association, Kathy Allain, Laurie Gosse, Beth Wagar, Karen Bishop, Andy Zlotnick, Kim Bacon, David Buckley, Rick Reger, Cindy Morris, & Ann Calabro

**Review & Approval of Minutes** – Motion to accept Minutes from February 8, 2021 Town Board Meeting made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Lewandusky Motion Carried 5 – 0

### **Reports/Remittances from Departments & Town Committees**

Supervisor – Available upon request

Town Clerk – Attached Motion to approve the Town Clerk Report made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilwoman Deschaine – Motion carried 5 - 0

Highway Superintendent – Gearing up for mud season, resume brushing cutting

Assessor – Attached

Buildings and Code Enforcement – 1 building permit YTD, reviewing a few New House construction permits

Rescue Squad – 21 calls, 200 miles, 70 volunteer hours, Community Service – Transport, 10 daytime calls & 1<sup>st</sup> Response car responded twice

Youth – Attached – Insurance Rider will be added for Teen Nights being held at Roxborough Holding, Tom Withcuskey and Doug LaRocque will administer County Lunch Program before the Summer youth Program begins and after it ends

Grafton Community Library – 512 Books, 250 Ebooks, 172 patrons, Met with with Daphne Jordan and Jake Ashby, Will be doing summer reading program again w/Youth Program

**Communications:**

- Anita Martin (Grafton Trail Riders) would like permission to put 2 signs for the Trail Riders at both ends of town, next to Town of Grafton signs
- Betsy Colvin – About doing Concert in Park
- Grafton Rescue Squad Board of Directors – Stating that the Tri-Town Ambulance was voted down at their last meeting
- Notice of Tri-Town Ambulance Public Meeting being held on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM

**New Business:**

- Presentation by Josef Allain on Tri-Town Ambulance – Revised budget, # of calls, Why paid service is so important

**Old Business:**

- Horton Road – Having issues getting answers from the State on getting process started on possible posted speed limit – Sheriff's Dept and Park Police were contacted, and both stated they would patrol area once busy season begins.
- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal – Rensselaer County has no program, \$70.00 per ton with Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management, suggestions were made on how to handle paints and such, will continue to investigate options
- Reimbursement for house demolition on South Road – Payment has been received from County
- Everett Wagar Senior Center Contract – Up in April, waiting to hear from County but there is no indication that they are not going to renew it
- Telephone & Internet Service – Waiting to get more information, Password for Wi-Fi for printer access

**Public Comment:**

- Can Town Board come up with some activity for Seniors
- Time frame for Sr. Center Re-opening – None currently
- Thank you to the Rescue Squad for their service
- Concerns about the future of the Rescue Squad, providing emergency services for Town Residents

**Motions and Resolutions:**

- Resolution #49 of 2021 – Delegates for Association of Towns Meeting – Attached

- Resolution #50 of 2021 – Website Responsibility – Attached
- Resolution #51 of 2021 – Credit Card for Highway Department
- Resolution #52 of 2021 – Tri-Town Ambulance Service – Withdrawn by Supervisor pending clarification from Grafton Rescue Squad
- Resolution #53 of 2021 - Setting 1 Public Comment Session during Town Board Meetings – Attached
- Resolution #54 of 2021 – Upgrade to Town Hall Internet Speed – Attached

Motion to Pay Bills as Audited – Vouchers 101-161 Totaling \$138,871.29 made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Wagar

**Roll Call:**

Councilman Beaudry – Yes

Councilwoman Deschaine – Yes

Councilman Wagar – Yes

Councilman Lewandusky – No

Supervisor Gundrum – Yes

Motion Carried 4 – 1

**Correction:** Voucher 131 Total should have been \$433.82 not \$1001.58 making total amount for vouchers paid \$138,303.53.

Next Meeting/Workshop will be held March 22, 2021 – 6:30pm @ Everett Wagar Senior Center

**Legislative Privilege:**

- Email access issues
- New Flags for Veterans & POW/MIA have been ordered

Motion to Adjourn made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilwoman Deschaine – Motion Carried 5 – 0

Respectfully Submitted

*Victoria Burdick*  
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Draft: 03/17/2021

Approved: 4/12/2021





## Assessor's Report

February 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
6. Received tentative special franchise values
7. Forestry values for state verified

Grafton youth program  
March report 2021

For the month of march the youth program will be handing out a st. Patrick's day give away on saturday march 13 th. For April I am hoping to be able to bring back our annual easter egg hunt, details to follow. I am also very happy to announce that we will soon be opening a teen room at the old grafton school, thanks to Tom withcuskys generosity of offering another classroom to make it happen. The teens will have access to the teen room 2 days a month for now and if it is a success then i will add more days. Teens will be able to come hang out with their friends,play video games, read, board games, game tables,have snacks and drinks while still following safe covid procedures. Details to follow. I am also looking for gently used preferably free couch/love seats, game tables(already have ping pong and air hockey)gaming systems , tv, snacks and drinks.

Thanks  
Noelle goyer

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CITY OF GRAFTON



**ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS ANNUAL MEETING  
DELEGATION:  
RESOLUTION # 49 of 2021  
AUTHORIZATION FOR DELEGATE TO ANNUAL  
MEETING OF ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS**

Motion made by Supervisor Gundrum, second by Councilman Lewandusky, To Wit:

WHEREAS, Town Supervisor Ingrid Gundrum, as Delegate, and Councilman Frank Lewandusky, Jr., as Alternate Delegate, attended the Association of Towns (“AOT”) Annual Meeting and Training Session on February 14– 17, 2021, and

WHEREAS the Town of Grafton benefits from having a delegate vote on the election of AOT officers, AOT’s legislative platform and operating bylaws, and

WHEREAS the New York State Comptroller’s Office and courts in New York State have stated that a town board may ratify an action nunc pro tunc after the fact so long as they had the authority to do so in the first instance, and

WHEREAS the Town of Grafton has the authority to designate a delegate, and Alternate Delegate, for the Association of Towns Annual Meeting; Now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Ingrid Gundrum, Town Supervisor, be designated, nunc pro tunc, as a delegate for the Town of Grafton, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that in the absence of Supervisor Gundrum, Councilman Frank Lewandusky, Jr. be designated as the delegate for the Town of Grafton.

**Roll Call:**

Councilman Beaudry – Yes

Councilwoman Deschaine – Yes

Councilman Wagar – Yes

Councilman Lewandusky – Yes

Supervisor Gundrum – Yes

Carried:  Not Carried:

Adopted: March 8, 2021



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**Resolution # 50 of 2021** – It is the responsibility of the Town Clerk to maintain and operate the Town of Grafton Website.

Motion made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Wagar

Roll Call:

Councilman Beaudry - Yes

Councilwoman Deschaine - Yes

Councilman Lewandusky – Yes

Councilman Wagar - Yes

Supervisor Gundrum - Yes

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**Resolution #51 of 2021** – Authorizing the Town Supervisor to obtain a credit card for the Highway Department to use for purchases of tools, parts, and equipment at businesses that the Town of Grafton does not currently have charge accounts with. The credit limit on the line of credit is not to exceed \$1000.00.

Motion Made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilwoman Deschaine

**Roll Call:**

**Councilman Beaudry - Yes**

**Councilwoman Deschaine - Yes**

**Councilman Lewandusky – Yes**

**Councilman Wagar - Yes**

**Supervisor Gundrum - Yes**

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**Resolution # 53 of 2021** – Rescinding Resolution # 45 of 2015 adding a second Public Comment session to Regular Town Board Meetings.

**Roll Call:**

**Councilman Beaudry - Yes**

**Councilwoman Deschaine - Yes**

**Councilman Lewandusky – No**

**Councilman Wagar - Yes**

**Supervisor Gundrum - Yes**

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**Resolution # 54 of 2021** – Allowing Spectrum to up-grade the town internet speed to 200 Mbps with no increase in cost.

Motion made by Supervisor Gundrum, seconded by Councilman Lewandusky

**Roll Call:**

**Councilman Beaudry - Yes**

**Councilwoman Deschaine - Yes**

**Councilman Lewandusky – Yes**

**Councilman Wagar - Yes**

**Supervisor Gundrum - Yes**

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