

The Yearend meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday December 28, 2023 at the Town Hall.

Present: Bill Devine, Supervisor; Sandra Bean, Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember; Amy Hunter, Councilmember; and John Macauley, Councilmember

Other Town Officials: Tanner Harvey, appointed Highway Superintendent

Absent: Steve Atterbury, Councilmember

Other in attendance: Bill Przysinda

Supervisor called the meeting to order @ 9:02 a.m. Supervisor Devine requested Bill Przysinda lead the pledge to the flag.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley the audited bills be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 308-317 for \$4,226.00; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 201-215 for \$33,177.73; Capital Fund Project voucher number 16 for \$420.00. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to accept the regular meeting minutes of 12/8/2022 with minor changes. Motion carried.

Information handed out/or acknowledged:

1. Organizational Meeting Thursday January 4, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.
2. 2023 Tax Bills mailed by ABS
3. Yearend Supervisor monthly budget will be presented at the regular January 2024 meeting

Old/New Business

TRANSFER TOWN FUNDS – RESOLUTION 69-2023 – Board members reviewed the proposed resolution to transfer funds that was prepared based on the draft year-to-date budget and tonight’s abstract. Accountant Terri McKerrow requested that resolution 68-2023 be void as there was an error in preparing and correcting the most recent transfer.

RESOLVED: That the Groveland Town Board members do hereby authorize LaDelfa Schoder & Walker PC to make the account transfers within the adopted budget with additional amendment line items mentioned.

*** Void resolution 68-2023**

Budget Transfer GF Budget as follows:

From- A1420.4 (Attorney Contractual)	\$385.00 proportioned as \$385.00 to A9901.9. (Interfund Transfer)
From A1450.4 (Elections Cont.)	\$2,200.00 proportioned as: \$2,200.00 to A1910.4 (Unallocated Insurance)
From A1990.4 (Contingency)	\$1,000.00 proportioned as: \$1,000.00 to A1910.4 (Unallocated Insurance)
From A7110.4 (Parks Contractual)	\$1,889.00 proportioned as:

\$1,889.00 to A1910.4 (Unallocated Insurance)

From A7550.4 (Celebrations) \$400.00 proportioned as:
\$400.00 to A1910.4 (Unallocated Insurance)

From A1110.4 (Justice Contractual) \$19.00 proportioned as:
\$19.00 to A1910.4 (Unallocated Insurance)

From A1410.4 (Town Clerk Cont.) \$28.00 proportioned as:
\$28.00 to A1460.4 (Records Management Contractual)

From A1410.4 (Town Clerk Cont.) \$946.00 proportioned as:
\$946.00 to A8020.1 (Planning Personal Services)

From A5010.4 (Hwy Superintendent Contractual) \$960.00 proportioned as:
\$960.00 to A8090.4 (Compact of Towns.)

From A5010.4 (Hwy Superintendent Contractual) \$400.00 proportioned as:
\$400.00 to A8090.41 (Watershed Inspector)

From A1440.4 (Engineer Contractual) \$147.00 proportioned as:
\$147.00 to A8090.41 (Watershed Inspector)

From A1420.4 (Attorney Contractual) \$1,628.00 proportioned as:
\$1,628.00 to A8810.4 (Cemetery Contractual- Lakeview)

From A8810.41 (Cemetery Contractual- Glenwood) \$38.00 proportioned as:
\$38.00 to A8810.1(Cemetery Services)

Budget Transfer HF Budget as follows:

From DA5110.4 (General Repair Contractual) \$306.00 proportioned as:
\$306.00 to DA5142.4 (Snow Removal Contractual)

From DA5142.1 (Snow Removal Services) \$8,534.00 proportioned as:
\$5,287.00 to DA5110.1 (General Repair Services)
\$3,067.00 to DA9060.8 (Medical Insurance)
\$180.00 to DA9060.81 (Medical Reimbursement)

The adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was duly out in vote on motion of Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter and the results were carried with 0 nay, 4 ayes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Deputy Supervisor & Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley, aye; Councilmember Atterbury, absent.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to authorize the transfer of \$385.00 to the Capital Water Fund from the General Fund to cover the cost of Attorney Fees. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 70-2023 TO VETO BILL SIGNING BY GOVERNOR HOCHUL FORCING LOCAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD WITH STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS – Board recently was notified of the Governor’s intentions of the signing of this bill and requested the resolution be prepared to have non restricted elections.

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO VETO A.04282B/S.3505B

WHEREAS, the Town of Groveland believes that increasing participation in the election process and reducing costs of government operations is good for our republic, and
WHEREAS, during the 2023 legislative session, Assembly Member Amy Paulin and State Senator James Skoufis reintroduced this legislation, which would move local elections to even-numbered years, and
WHEREAS, versions of this legislation were introduced in previous years and failed to reach the floor for a vote due to lack of support, and
WHEREAS, after the 2022 session concluded, the bill sponsor indicated that hearings would be held on the proposal through the Election Committee process, and
WHEREAS, no such hearings were held, and
WHEREAS, the proposed legislation circumvented the legislative committee process during the legislative session, limiting public input and understanding of the impacts, and
WHEREAS, there has been no financial analysis or operational analysis of the impacts on local Boards of Elections, and
WHEREAS, this legislation passed in the middle of the night on the last days of the legislative session, which is counter to the idea of an open and transparent government, and
WHEREAS, the Town of Groveland has many concerns with this bill, especially its diminishment of adequate attention to local issues and local voices, and
WHEREAS, by forcing local elections to compete against national and state-level campaigns, this legislation will decrease voters’ attention to important local issues and deprive local candidates of appropriate platforms to explain their stance on issues, and
WHEREAS, moving local elections to even-numbered years would increase the cost of campaigns for local office due to advertising prices being driven up by demand from national and state level campaigns, thereby reducing the ability of local campaigns to get their messages out, and
WHEREAS, this legislation excludes elections to offices in New York City and all other cities and villages in New York State, as well as certain offices within all counties and towns, thereby negating any possible savings to local Boards of Election, and
WHEREAS, this legislation usurps Home Rule powers reserved by local governments and protected by the

Supervisor Communication

Supervisor Devine wished everyone a Happy New Year.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. The next meeting will be the organizational meeting January 4, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. at the town hall.

Kimberly D. Burgess, Town Clerk
Town of Groveland
Dated: December 28, 2023