

**Greig Town Board
Public Hearing
October 08, 2025 – 5:30PM**

Public Hearing on Local Law 2025-06 Authorize Town Ability to Exceed State Tax Cap called open by Supervisor Johnson. No persons indicating a desire to comment at this time. Supervisor Johnson indicates the Public Hearing will remain open and run concurrent with the regular October Town Board Meeting.

**Regular October Town Board Meeting Meeting
October 8, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 5:35 P.M.. Supervisor Johnson led Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Roll Call: Councilmen Olmstead, Mallette, Bailey-Swisher and Mayhew are present. Also Town Clerk Gunn, and Attorney Ian Gilbert were present.

Highway Superintendent Mike Alfano was Absent

MINUTES From Last Meeting

Supervisor called for a motion from the Board to accept the minutes from the September Town Board Meeting. These minutes have been emailed in advance to the Council members.

Motion 25-10-01 made by Councilman Mallette, Seconded by Olmsread

Approve the September 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented..

Vote: Mayhew, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher and Mallette - Yes

Motion approved.

PB and ZBA REPORT

Supervisor Johnson reported the ZBA did not have any appeals to review. Business took place within the Planning Board, however it appears some of the duties of the Board Clerk are still in question. Mr. Johnson is having a meeting between the Board Clerk, Chairman of the Planning Board and Town Clerk soon.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Gilbert is clearing up the date for the Valenti hearing. It should be next Tuesday.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

ZBA Membership Supervisor Johnson reported he has reviewed the appointment dates for each of the ZBA members and feels confident that if the Board appoints Michael Bush tonight to serve till 12/31/2029.

The Board should now have the following dates:

Name	Appointed	Expires
Bush, Mike	01/01/2025	12/31/2029
Bauer, Justine	01/01/2024	12/31/2028
Moore, Aaron		12/31/2027
Hunzicker, Aaron	01/01/2022	12/31/2026
Stratton, Jim		12/31/2025

Motion 25-10-02 made by Councilman Bailey-Swisher, Seconded by Mayhew

Appoint Mike Bush as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending 12/31/2029.

Vote: Mayhew, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher and Mallette - Yes

Motion approved.

Mr. Johnson indicates the work is continuing on the membership dates for the Planning Board.

Town Hall Security: Mr. Johnson noted the camera installation. Training for the ability to view the “tapes” and maintenance of the equipment is still to come.

The Locksmith indicated he has just received the hardware and should have the implementation completed soon.

Financial Stress Scores Supervisor Johnson reviewed the “Financial Stress Scores” as provided by the Department of State for the Town of Greig. These are financial indicators of a Town's financial condition as taken from the Annual Financial reports submitted by Townships each year. In 2023, the Town of Greig was at the bottom of the list of Towns in Lewis County. Our rating is now in the middle of the towns and trending strong with signs of improvement. The last score issued to the Town of Greig indicates we are in about in the middle of all the Townships in Lewis County.

Dam Maintenance Discussions were conducted about the maintenance plan for the dam at Brantingham Lake. The engineering recommendation is completed. The plan is to fabricate a stainless steel box and place it within the dam after the water level is reduced. The lowering of the lake will start on October 12th. Councilman Olmstead will oversee the fabrication and installation process.

Building Insulation The Engineering study of the heat loss during winter months at the Town Hall Building is finished. The plan is to spray foam along the interior section where the walls and roof come together. Then there will be regular insulation material blown in to bring the designed levels into place. Some areas require as much as six more inches. The estimated cost for this effort is \$7400. Supervisor Johnson asked the Town Attorney about the process of having the Reserved Capital Fund be used to pay for this repair. Attorney stated a Public Hearing should take place

Public Hearing on Funds Transfer Supervisor Johnson calls for a Public Hearing prior to the November 12, 2025 regular meeting of the Town Board at 5:30pm. Public Hearing will be on moving money from the Reserved Capital Fund towards repair of the insulation of the Town Hall Building. All Board members are in favor.

Comprehensive Plan Mr. Johnson noted the recent public presentation and comment opportunity did not draw a large number of attendants, so the committee planned another opportunity at the Pine Tree Restaurant on October 14 at the Pine Tree. This will precede a “card playing” night and draw a much larger group of local people.

Update Zoning Law Grant Mr. Johnson informed the Board that Grace Metzler , Lewis County Grant Coordinator, is in the process of submitting Greig's Grant Application.

Supervisor Johnson declared the **Public Hearing on Local Law 2025-06 closed**. No members of the public appeared to speak. 6:20 PM.

Motion 25-10-03 made by Councilman Olmstead, Seconded by Mallette
Town of Greig adopts Local Law 2025-06 which allows the Board to pass a 2026 Greig Town Budget which exceeds the State Tax Cap amount.

Vote: Mayhew, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher, and Mallette - Yes

Motion approved.

Eatonville Bridge Rebuild Supervisor Johnson informed the Board that the design work phase of the project has begun. Lewis County Highway Department will be the lead agency on the project and they have Barton and Loguidice working on the design phase now.

Assessment Data Collection Supervisor asked the Board for authority to sign an Inter Municipal Agreement between Lewis County and the Town of Greig to make use of the County “Shared Service” Assessment Data Collector. The Data Collector will work under the direction of the Town Assessor. for the work needed to bring the Town Data Inventory up to date. This will be a contracted service valued at \$8000 for the year of 2026..

Motion 25-10-04 made by Councilman Bailey-Swisher, Seconded by Olmstead
Town of Greig wishes to have an IMA with Lewis County for use of the County Data Collector for one year at the rate of \$8000.

Vote: Mayhew, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher, and Mallette - Yes

Motion approved.

Budget Workshop As the Budget Director, Mr. Johnson guided the Board through the 2026 Tentative Budget that was presented to them by the Clerk at a special Board meeting held on October 1, 2025. Following a detailed review of proposed revenue and expense items, the Board, having made adjustments, agreed on a Preliminary Budget that was less than the Tax Cap given by the State.

Motion 25-10-05 made by Councilman Bailey-Swisher, Seconded by Olmstead
Town of Greig Board adopts the modified Tentative 2026 Budget as the 2026 Preliminary Budget. This budget will be available for Public view at the Town Clerk's Office and will be presented at a Public Hearing November 5, 2025 at 5:30 PM as required by Sate Law.

Vote: Mayhew, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher, and Mallette - Yes

Motion approved.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The process of screening sand at the Fish Creek Rd sand pit has begun. Sand will be put up at the sand pile behind the Town Highway Garage on Greig Road.

The shoulders of some roads have been cut and cleaned in preperation for paving next summer.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Johnson discussed the status of the 2025 budget and some of the events that are ongoing with the power bill from National Grid. He gave a complete review of expense accounts on a projected screen. All Board members have received a copy of the financials prior to this meeting on their laptops.

Motion 25-10-06 made by Councilman Olmstead , Seconded by Mallette

Accept the Supervisors Financial Report as presented

Vote: Mayhew, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher, and Mallette - Yes

Motion approved.

CLERKS REPORT

Clerk Gunn distributed the September 2025 report by email. Report contained details of the following financial actions:

Town Collections

There were general fund collections of:

1 Marriage License	\$ 40.00
16 Certified Copies	\$ 160.00
2 Donation	\$ 40.00
1 Misc Revenue Cemetery	\$ 165.00
23Dog License	\$ 341.00

Total Collections: \$ 746.00

The expenditures were:

Town Supervisor as Revenue	\$676.50
Animal Population Control	\$ 47.00
Health Department	\$ 22.50
Total Payments	\$746.00

Motion 25-10-07: made by Councilman Bailey-Swisher, Seconded by Mallette
Approve Clerk's financial report as presented.

Vote: Mayhew, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher, and Mallette - Yes

Motion approved.

VOUCHER REPORT

Highway Abstracts	\$31,743.14
General Abstracts	\$ 9,656.22
Trust & Agency Abstracts	\$ 884.96
Total paid in August Abstracts =	\$42,284.32

Motion 25-10-08: made by Councilman Mallette, Seconded by Bailey-Swisher
Approve Vouchers

Vote: Mayhew, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher, and Mallette - Yes

Motion approved.

Motion 25-10-09 made by Councilman Olmstead, Seconded by Bailey Swisher
Motion to adjourn 08:17PM

Vote: Mayhew, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher, and Mallette - Yes

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Gunn, Clerk/Collector