

Greig Town Board

PUBLIC HEARING May 14, 2025 5:30 PM

Local Law to modify the Town Zoning Map showing a change in zone for a parcel recently merged from two abutting parcels, each having a different zone.

Attending are Mr. Michael Dolhof, owner of the subject parcel, and Megan Krokowski, Lewis County Community Development Specialist. Neither person chooses to speak.

Hearing no comment, Supervisor Johnson gavels Public Hearing closed and proceeds to the May 14th Town Board Meeting.

**Regular May Meeting
May 14, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 5:45 P.M.. Supervisor Johnson led Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: Councilmen Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher, Mallette and Mayhew are present. Also Town Attorney Gilbert, and Town Clerk Gunn were present.

MINUTES From Last Meeting

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

Motion 25-05-01 made by Councilman Bailey-Swisher, Seconded by Mayhew

Approve the April 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented..

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

Motion approved.

Supervisor Johnson discussed the pending local law change. He indicated there are approximately 88 parcels discovered with more than one zone declared on a single parcel. These were identified by Ms. Krokowski, who has been assisting the Town Board in the review of the Zoning Law. She will present the board a copy of suggestions she has documented that will correct definitions, and some ambiguous conditions.

Mr. Johnson called for a motion to make the zoning change to the subject parcel.

Motion 25-05-02 made by Councilman Olmstead

Change the Zoning Law Map to indicate the Zone revision on the subject parcel.

Supervisor Johnson called for a second to the motion. Hearing none, he ruled the motion closed.

Discussion followed and it seemed that the Board wished to work on all the properties having the condition of more than one zoning code on a single parcel at one time. It would not appear as a “spot” zoning change being made for an individual, rather a well thought out solution to a bigger need.

Ms. Krokowski spoke to the changes she was presenting at this point. The County Planning Board will be reviewing these comments at their May meeting. The Board decided it would be better if they met at a “workshop” rather than a regular board business meeting to work on the zoning issues.

The Board requested the Clerk to post a “workshop open meeting” for Wednesday June 4th at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall. Meeting will be posted on the website and a notice to be in the Journal Republican newspaper.

TOWN ATTORNEY

A resident on Partridgeville Rd had his case adjourned until May 27. He will be at a deposition at the Town Hall on May 30.

A resident along Long Point Rd had his case dismissed on an original charge, being served again today with a new charge.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Johnson reported we have received the AED from the grant. We will place it in the vestibule, between the two doors, at the Town Hall building. It will be available to anybody in need. The Town Park users and residents and visitors in the area may gain access with a code for the new door lock system we are planning to have installed. The AED unit has use instructions built in, so anybody may use it in an emergency. We have been told Sheriffs, State Police and Ambulance's have the same equipment, so in case of emergency please call 911 immediately.

Supervisor Johnson notes the Eatonville Bridge is not on the County action list for this summer. May make it next year. Mr. Johnson expects the State will go along with a caution flag on the bridge in the mean time.

Supervisor also described his attempt to improve building safety and security at the Town Hall, Library and Highway Garage. This would best be accomplished with a system of cameras and coded door entrance. Mr. Johnson has received proposals for Electronic door controls and cameras from a few sources and it is his judgment that we could accomplish what is needed for a sum of seven or eight thousand dollars. He is requesting Board approval to spend money within the Capital Reserve Fund for Building Maintenance to accomplish this request. Attorney Gilbert advises there is a permissive referendum requirement to spend money from this account. Clerk was requested to post notice for the referendum

Motion 25-05-03 made by Councilman Bailey-Swisher, Seconded by Mallette
Approve the creation of a resolution requiring a public referendum as follows:

A resolution to authorize the expenditure of funds, not to exceed \$8000.00 (Eight Thousand Dollars), from the Capital Reserve Fund for the Financing of Town Improvements/Repairs. Said funds will be used to purchase and install a new system of locks and cameras for the Greig Town Hall and Highway Garage Buildings located at 5186 Greig Road, Greig, NY 13345. The intent of the new equipment will be to increase security and safety on the premises. Security is important for the safety of all employees, but especially for the Justice Court and Library workers. Also for the protection and security of the equipment located within both buildings.

Said resolution shall take effect thirty days after adoption, unless there shall be filed with the Town Clerk a petition signed and acknowledged by the owners of taxable property situated in the proposed Town of Greig, as shown on the latest complete assessment roll of said Town, in number equal to at least five percent (5%) of the total number of such owners, or one hundred (100) of such owners, whichever is less, protesting against this resolution and requesting that the matter be submitted to the owners of taxable real property situated in said Town of Greig at a referendum in the manner provided by Town Law.

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

Motion approved.

Mr. Johnson informed the Board that the Comprehensive Planning Committee will be reviewing a community survey draft with a requirement to have comments submitted by May 19th. The group is planning an “Open House” in June. The Greig Community will be invited to attend and share their thoughts about the community and it's future.

Councilman Olmstead asks if the Highway workers could cut about 9 inches below the remaining areas of the park so wood chips could be placed to make the area safer. He reported he is waiting for a few nice weather days to get the base in place for the new piece of playground equipment. Supervisor Johnson noted he will have the grounds worker rake the wood chips already there back into place. Also the groundman will repair the team benches in the “dugout area” .

Councilperson Bailey-Swisher reported a need to transfer historical photo's from CD's onto some other digital media so she can have prints made of them. She plans on a “time-line” of photos from oldest times to newer days around the hall ways in the Town Hall Building.

The idea of Home Town Photo Banners was discussed. How to fund them was also discussed. Names of persons in the community who have asked about the project was given. Maybe we will see more on this in the future. Anybody with interest should contact the Supervisor or Councilman Bailey-Swisher.

Supervisor Johnson reported having conversations with Cemetery Sexton Robertson. She wishes to continue with the work, but indicates she needs more help and must spend much more time on the project than was originally discussed. Mr. Johnson suggested to the Board that he would appreciate a motion authorizing an increase in the stipend for the position.

Motion 25-05-04 made by Councilman Mallette, Seconded by Bailey-Swisher

Increase the stipend paid to the Sexton to \$1,000 per year. Stipend will be paid in two half years amounts of \$500 each payment.

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

Motion approved.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Johnson presented the fact that money needed to be moved between accounts to make a positive amount to cover checks written.

Motion 25-05-05 made by Councilman Bailey-Swisher, Second by Mayhew

Town of Greig Board grants the Supervisor permission move:

\$957.40 from Contingency Account A1990.4 to Unallocated Insurance A1910.4.

\$4000.00 from Contingency Account A1990.4 to Unemployment Insurance A9050.8

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

Motion approved.

Supervisor Johnson presented the current account status as published by the accountants. His review and explanations were aided by a computer presentation. He noted we received \$5000 in interest from the bank.

Motion 25-05-06 made by Councilman Olmstead, Second by Mallette

Accept the financial report as presented

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

Motion approved.

Supervisor Johnson requested the Board vote on the Mass Gatherings Application that was presented by the Brantingham Arts Council and asked to have the fee waived as usual for this group.

Motion 25-05-07 made by Councilman Mallette, Second by Bailey-Swisher

Approve the 2025 Mass Gatherings Application as presented by the Brantingham Arts Council and to waive the fee associated with the permit.

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

Motion approved.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supervisor Johnson gave the report for the absent Superintendent. The town sweeper had a failure due to broken parts. There has been a delay obtaining the replacement parts. The Highway Department had to borrow a sweeper from the Lewis County Highway Department. The Superintendent asked permission from the Board to make an attempt to purchase the County Sweeper Equipment when the County purchases a new one in the near future. He indicated the current sweeper the town is using is too large for many of the areas he maintains.

CLERKS REPORT

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

Town Collections

There were general fund collections of:

1 Certified Copy	\$ 10.00
8 Dog License	\$ 62.00
7 Zoning	\$ 575.00
Total Collections:	\$ 647.00

The expenditures were:

Town Supervisor as Revenue	\$639.00
State Department of Ag & Markets	\$ 8.00

Total Payments	\$647.00
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Tax Collections

April 2025 Total Collected	\$ 78,511.33
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Motion 25-05-08: made by Councilman Bailey-Swisher, Seconded by Olmstead

Approve Clerk's financial report as presented.

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

Motion approved.

VOUCHER REPORT

Highway Abstracts	\$ 40,653.11
General Abstracts	\$ 15,453.66

Total paid in March Abstracts = \$ 56,106.77

Motion 25-05-09: made by Councilman Mallette, Seconded by Mayhew

Approve Vouchers

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

Motion approved.

Supervisor Johnson reports the Lewis County Real Property Department will no longer be offering Assessing as a shared service. He has received resume's and bids from two professional assessors that he would like to present to the board at the next Town Board Meeting.

Being no further business brought forward,

Motion 25-05-10 made by Councilman Mallette, Seconded by Bailey-Swisher

Motion to adjourn 09:10 PM

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

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Gunn, Clerk/Collector