

**Village Board Meeting  
June 5, 2017, 7:00pm  
Village Municipal Center**

Attendance: Village Board: Mayor Brian LaRose, Deputy Mayor Gordon Smith, Trustees Dean Hyatt, Paul Labas, and Stephanie Munger

Village Key Staff: Superintendent of Public Works George Johnson, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Scott Mackey, Police Chief Ernie Bassett, Fire Chief Ryan Pedone, Assistant Fire Chief Dan McClenning, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Denise Davies, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Krystle Morey, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: VFW Post Commander Butch Hurlburt, Mr. Edward Crandall, Town Supervisor Matt Hicks, Mr. Darryll VanDetta, Mr. Stephen Baker and Mr. Adam Ballard.

Mayor LaRose called the Meeting to Order at 7:00pm.

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Labas moved the ratification of Minutes of the Meeting of May 22<sup>nd</sup> as circulated. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: The Mayor reviewed the following reports with the Board of Trustees: Police Dept., Village Justice, Acting Village Justice, Water Dept. (3 samples, all satisfactory), Local Ordinance Officer, and Fire Department. Deputy Mayor Smith moved acceptance of the reports as submitted. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Appropriations: The following claims were submitted to the Board for review and in consideration of payment:

General Fund: \$127,747.45  
Water Fund: \$11,492.18  
Sewer Fund: \$16,238.09  
Senior Shuttle: \$1,067.80  
Unaudited Vouchers: \$674.00

Total Claims: \$157,219.52

The Board audited the claims as submitted and Trustee Labas moved their approval for payment. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a memo recommending the following budget transfers in order to avoid overdrawing any individual line items within the General and Water Funds in the accrual of the June 2, 2017 payroll:

| <u>Acct #</u> | <u>Account Title</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>Reason</u> |
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General Fund

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| A11101 Pers. Service, Village Court  | +\$100.00    | Small Over-run                   |
| A31201 Pers. Service, Police Dept.   | +\$14,000.00 | SRO Position not in 16-17 Budget |
| A33101 Pers. Service, Crossing Guard | +\$2.00      | Small Over-run                   |
| A2280 Aid from Other Gov'ts          | +\$14,000.00 | Show Revenue from GCS for SRO    |
| A90608 FICA Taxes                    | -\$102.00    | Cure Above Shortfalls            |

**Water Fund**

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| F83401 Pers. Service, Water Fund | +\$1,500.00 | Promotions for Water, WW Licenses |
| F2144 Water Service Charges      | +\$600.00   | Cure above shortfall              |
| F83404 Cont. Exp.—Water Fund     | -\$600.00   | Cure above shortfall              |
| F83304 Purification              | -\$300.00   | Cure above shortfall              |

Trustee Hyatt moved the approval of the transfers as recommended. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Request Washington County to Remove Parcel from Tax Auction (6/10/17): The Mayor reviewed a memo drafted by the Village Clerk pertaining to the upcoming County Tax Auction (June 10<sup>th</sup>) and asked that he brief the Board. Some forty seven (47) parcels contained in the River Valley Subdivision are expected to be part of the upcoming auction. One of those parcels (comprising approx. 21.7 acres) is known to include the roadway known as River Valley Drive. This private roadway has been a source of grievance for many property owners as the road was never constructed to specifications. As the roadway is on private property, the Village has not been able to repair, upgrade, or maintain it. Further, the Village owns a sewer pump/lift station located at the end of the roadway that requires weekly maintenance to function properly. For these reasons, the Village inquired of County Officials what might be involved to consider exempting this parcel from the auction. In conversations with County Real Property Director Laura Chadwick, County Treasurer Al Nolette, and County Finance Committee Chairman Brian Campbell, the Village Clerk has been advised that the exemption of a parcel such as this where a public interest is involved can be accomplished, upon the concurrence of the Village Board, County Officials, the Finance Committee, and the Town Supervisor. Following the Clerk's briefing to the Board, Town Supervisor Hicks provided additional information concerning the request for exemption (the amount of taxes due, the size of the parcel, etc.) and indicated his willingness to support this request if the Village Board requested that he do so. Following a period of discussion between the Board, Town Supervisor and Village Clerk, Trustee Labas made a motion that the Village Board formally request that the County remove the parcel containing the roadway known as River Valley Drive from the Tax Auction of June 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Village Attorney be authorized to work with County Officials to seek the transfer of said parcel to the Village of Granville, if possible. Trustee Labas also stipulated that if the Village were to subsequently subdivide the parcel and sell a portion of the same, that any proceeds from the sale be payable to the County up to and including the amount of outstanding taxes that would have been payable at the time of the auction. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried 4-1 (Munger).

Mayor's Reports: The Mayor briefed the Board in the following matters of interest:

- A. Purchase of Used Plow Truck: Mayor LaRose advised that the DPW had been the successful high bidder for a new Plow Truck formerly owned by the Village Of Sacket's Harbor located on Lake Ontario. The Board had authorized DPW Superintendent George Johnson to bid up to \$40K in

conjunction with the purchase of the truck, but the Village was the successful high bidder at \$33,400 (plus a 10% buyer's premium). The Truck is a 2005 Sterling S/A Dump, with front plow, side wing, and a Dickie-Johnson sander. Superintendent Johnson travelled to Sacket's Harbor to inspect the truck and test drive it, etc. The Truck has just 20,700 miles, and it is hoped/expected that it has at least 10 years of life/use remaining. The Mayor thanked Sup't Johnson for his efforts in researching, inspecting, and coordinating delivery of the truck. This is viewed as a fiscally sound alternative to a new truck/sander, which would run in the range of \$180K.

- B. Update—UV Treatment (WWTP): The Mayor advised of the receipt of correspondence from the NYS DEC seeking the disinfection of wastewater discharged by the WWTP by 2022. This is another mandated upgrade that had been expected through the State for some time. It is hoped that the Village can seek a second CDBG Grant to address the costs associated with this upgrade. Mayor LaRose reviewed correspondence received from Lamont Engineers concerning the grant process. Following a brief period of discussion between the Mayor and Board, Trustee Labas moved that the Mayor be authorized to proceed with a grant application for up to \$600K through the CDBG Program in order to address the mandate as presented. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- C. Report—Rail Trail 5K: The Mayor thanked Race Director Kerri Thomas for her efforts with Rail Trail 5K. A total of 90+ competitors participated, and the weather was favorable. Mayor LaRose thanked the volunteers who assisted Director Thomas, the Slate Valley Museum, and the Village DPW and Police Dept. for their efforts in supporting the event and keeping participants safe.
- D. Report--Memorial Day Parade: The Mayor thanked the American Legion and VFW Posts for their efforts in coordinating the Memorial Day Parade. Despite the inclement weather, the event was still a success and well-attended, with speakers hosted indoors by the Legion Post.
- E. Report—Meeting with Senator Little, Whitehall Mayor: The Mayor reported to the Board that he would be meeting with NYS Senator Betty Little and Whitehall Mayor Philip Smith on June 9<sup>th</sup>, targeting efficiency between the local Departments. Mayor LaRose also advised that he had previously met with Mayor Smith to introduce himself and offer assistance to help Mayor Smith to get acclimated. The Mayor stated that he looks forward to continuing to work with Whitehall in sharing services and ideas to allow each municipality to operate as efficiently as possible.
- F. Coin Drop Request—Granville Youth Football: The Mayor advised that the Coin Drop originally scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> to benefit American Legion Baseball was cancelled, as the Legion will not be fielding a team this year. He is in receipt of a written request from Granville Youth Football for a Coin Drop on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> to aid in defraying the expense in purchasing new helmets this year. Trustee Hyatt moved the approval of the request as submitted. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Requests for Use of Veterans Park (4): The Board received and reviewed the following requests pertaining to the use of Veterans Park:

\*A written request was received from a group on knitters in Granville to recognize “National Knit in Public Day” on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm in the Park. Trustee Munger moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

\*VFW Essay Contest: VFW Commander Butch Hurlburt submitted a request to use of the Park Bandstand at 9am on June 10<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Post’s essay contest. Participants would present their work and receive awards. Following a brief period of discussion with Commander Hurlburt, it was determined that there would be no conflict with the knitting group previously approved. Following the discussion period, Trustee Munger moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

\*The New Creation Church has sent correspondence requesting use of the Park on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4-8pm. The Church would like to recognize the graduating class of 2017 with food giveaways, lawn games, etc. Trustee Labas moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

\*Mr. Philip Hoyt requested use of the Park on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> in connection with his annual concert to benefit Operation Adopt a Soldier. This event has been held for several years and much goodwill surrounds it. Deputy Mayor Smith moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ratify Members—Granville Engine & Hose Company #1: Mayor LaRose reviewed correspondence received from Fire Chief Pedone requesting ratification of three new members and change in standing for one additional member. Trustee Labas moved ratification of the members and change in standing as per the Chief’s request. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor LaRose opened the meeting to Public Comment at 7:45pm.

There was no input received from the public.

Deputy Mayor Smith then moved that the Board convene an Executive Session at 7:45pm concerning a matter of current, pending or proposed litigation. Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *The Village Attorney accompanied the Board into the Executive Session.*

Trustee Hyatt moved that the Board return to regular session at 8:50pm. Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Labas then made a motion to hire Kayla Nowicki as Summer Swim Program Director at a salary of \$2,250.00. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Labas moved acceptance of the resignation of Patrolman Jeffrey Daigle, effective May 30<sup>th</sup>, with regret. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Hyatt moved the hiring of Keith Seebode to the position of Patrolman (Full-Time) effective June 6<sup>th</sup> with a salary as specified per the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no other business, Trustee Labas moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55pm. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts  
Village Clerk-Treasurer