

**Village Board Meeting and Public Hearing
July 10, 2017, 7:00pm
Village Municipal Center**

Draft Form Pending Board Review/Ratification

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

Village Key Staff: Superintendent of Public Works George Johnson, Ass't Superintendent Scott Mackey, Sergeant Ryan Pedone, Patrolman T.J. Zovistoski, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Denise Davies, and Clerk Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Krystle Morey, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: Mr. Michael Hitchen & Mrs. Colleen Hooper, Mr. Dwayne Daigle, Mr. Jason Preisner, P.E., Lamont Engineers, Mr. Matt Hicks, Town Supervisor, Ms. Sandy DeLorme, Mr. Midge Bernard, Ms. Megan Long, Mr. John Griffith, Mr. Peter Lambruno, Mr. Daniel West and two others.

Mayor LaRose called the Public Hearing to Order concerning the proposed CDBG Grant Application pertaining to funding to address the NYS DEC's mandated upgrades to the WWTP. The Mayor explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to solicit input and opinions, particularly from persons of low and moderate income, pertaining to the potential grant application. The Mayor then reviewed the rules for public comment for all Public Hearings conducted by the Village and introduced Jason Preisner, P.E., from Lamont Engineers. Mr. Preisner reviewed the NYS DEC Mandate, the proposed means of compliance (UV Treatment), and the approximate perceived costs associated with the project.

Mayor LaRose then requested the sign in sheet pertaining to public comment and advised that no one wished to be recognized.

A period of discussion ensued between members of the Board, Mr. Preisner, and Chief WWTP Operator Scott Mackey. Following the discussion period, Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the Public Hearing be closed at 7:10pm. Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor LaRose called the Regular Session to Order at 7:10pm.

Authorize Mayor to Proceed with CDBG Grant Application: Deputy Mayor Smith moved that Mayor LaRose be authorized to proceed with a CDBG Grant application in the amount of \$600,000.00 in order to defray the costs associated with the NYS DEC Mandate regarding the effluent at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, with technical assistance provided as necessary from Lamont Engineers. Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Labas moved the ratification of the Meeting Minutes of June 5th as circulated. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: The Mayor reviewed the following monthly reports with the Board of Trustees: Village Court (2 reports), Water Dept., (3 samples, all satisfactory), Local Ordinance Officer, and Fire

Department. Deputy Mayor Smith moved the acceptance of the reports as submitted. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

General Fund: \$69,440.94
Water Fund: \$10,685.50
Sewer Fund: \$20,562.16
Senior Shuttle: \$867.76
Unaudited Vouchers: \$56,702.07

Total Claims: \$158,258.43

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

Resolution—Subdivision—Larry & Kathleen Roberts: Mayor LaRose reviewed a memo circulated by the Clerk-Treasurer concerning a request received from Mr. and Mrs. Roberts concerning the conveyance of approximately 0.1 acres from a parcel owned by the Village in the rear of their property. Mr. & Mrs. Roberts have a large garden in the rear of their property and they are concerned that it might encroach onto Village Property. The conveyance that they are seeking includes a steep, wooded bank that runs back to an open creek. It would not be a buildable lot (it would be subsequently combined into the parcel containing their home) and the parcel has little or no value to the Village. No infrastructure is located on the parcel in question—it is on the margin of a 53.8 acre parcel presently rented to Parkers Dairy and used as a corn field. In order to accomplish the conveyance, this parcel would have to be subdivided and a deed description crafted by a licensed land surveyor. The Village Clerk advised that Mr. & Mrs. Roberts have hired a surveyor and are willing to make a donation to purchase the parcel. They would also pay all legal and recording fees. Following a brief period of discussion between the Board and Village Clerk, Trustee Labas moved approval of the sale of 0.1 acres to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts as requested, subject to Planning Board review and approval, and a \$200 donation to the Veterans Park Fund. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ratify Trustees (3)—Pember Library Board: Each year, the Village Board is charged with the duty of appointing three Trustees to the Pember Library Board, each serving a term of three (3) years. The Mayor reviewed the recommendations of President Mary King with the Village Board. The candidates advanced for consideration were as follows:

Mary King
Mary Ann Carey
Nancy Labate Bixby

Following a brief period of discussion, the Board took the following actions: Trustee Labas moved the appointment of Mary King; Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Trustee Hyatt moved the appointment of Mary Ann Carey; Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Deputy Mayor Smith moved the appointment of Nancy Labate-Bixby; Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor's Reports: Mayor LaRose briefed the Board in the following matters:

- A. Report—Fireworks Display (7/6): The Mayor thanked The Town of Granville (Joint Sponsor), DJ Brent Tuttle (Music), Charlie & Mary King (Hosted Party), and Young's Fireworks for a terrific fireworks display set to music on July 6th. The Mayor advised that he had received many favorable reports concerning this year's show, and he felt that it was a good night for Granville.
- B. Letters of Support—CDBG Grant: Mayor LaRose advised of three letters of support received from regional representatives pertaining to the Village's pending CDBG Grant Application. Letters from NYS Senator Betty Little, NYS Assemblyman Dan Stec, and Washington County Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert Henke were reviewed, and the Mayor advised that the Village had also sought additional letters from US Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer, as well as US Representative Elise Stefanik. The Mayor thanked Lamont Engineers for their efforts in supporting the grant application and specifically for their work in aiding the Village to obtain the letters of support required.
- C. Report—Sanitary Sewer—Factory Street: The Mayor briefed the Board concerning the Sanitary Sewer on Factory Street. During a significant recent rainstorm (4"+) the sanitary sewer in proximity to Factory St. became overwhelmed and several homes were infiltrated with wastewater. In discussing this matter with our engineers, it appears that the issue stems from infiltration of groundwater into the sanitary sewer and sizing of the pump station on River St. (capable of handling 6.0 million gpd) relative to the capacity of the WWTP (2.7 million gpd). A possible solution that has been recommended by Lamont Engineers would be to install check valves in the lateral sewer lines located on Factory St./Rathbun Avenue. The check valves would activate only upon backflow into the lateral and would protect the individual residences during a high water event as observed recently. Easements may be required to perform this work per Mayor LaRose. Following a period of discussion between the Board, property owner Sandra DeLorme, Superintendent Johnson and Jason Preisner, P.E., Lamont Engineers, Trustee Labas moved the appropriation of up to \$5,000.00 to fund the DPW's installation of check valves to the property owners on Factory St. and Rathbun Avenue. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- D. Update—North St. Subdivision: Mayor LaRose advised that Washington County had held out the parcel containing the Sewer Pump Station in the rear of the North St. Subdivision as per the Village's request in June. This parcel has been subsequently transferred to the ownership of Washington County per the Mayor. The Mayor requested that the Village Attorney contact County Attorney Roger Wickes to investigate the process of transferring the parcel in question to the Village.

Following the Mayor's briefing, a period of discussion ensued between Mr. John Griffith, Mr. Peter Lambruno and the Village Board. Mr. Griffith expressed concerns about the roadway and the prior developers' failure to properly build and maintain the same. Mr. Lambruno advised that he had purchased some 27 lots at auction and that he shared concerns relating to the roadway. Mayor LaRose and Town Supervisor Hicks emphasized that the parcel of land containing the roadway known as "River Valley Drive" was just that—a parcel—and that said parcel was still in the ownership of Washington County. Until the parcel becomes Village property, the Village will be unable to make any determination as to what will happen, if anything, with the existing roadway or any of the proposed roadways as drawn in the previous

maps of the subdivision. Mr. Griffith did not agree with this line of thinking and he grew agitated, prompting the Mayor to call him to order. *Following the discussion period, Mr. Griffith and Mr. Lambruno exited the meeting.*

Request for Use of Veterans Park: Mayor LaRose reviewed a request received from the members of the Slate Valley Power Wagon Club who will be holding a rally on August 19th in Pawlet, VT. They would like to utilize the perimeter of Veterans Park and the parking lot adjoining All Saints Hall to display their vehicles (approx.. 15-20) at approximately 1:30pm. The vehicles would be showcased free of charge and the exhibit would be open to the general public. Following a period of discussion, Trustee Labas moved that the request be approved, provided that vehicles were not exhibited on the grass. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Mayor then opened the meeting to public comment at 8:15pm.

Mr. Jason Preisner, P.E., Lamont Engineers advised that the design pertaining to the current CDBG Grant had been completed (Trickling Filter Replacement/New Generator) and submitted to the NYS DEC for review. He advised that he expected to receive approval for the proposed design in the next few weeks and that the project should be sent out for bid within a month or so.

There was no further public comment.

There being no other business, Trustee Labas moved that the Board convene an Executive Session at 8:15pm concerning a matter of current, pending or proposed litigation. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At 9:05, Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the Board return to regular session. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Labas moved the appropriation of not more than \$900 to Sara Kelly Graphics to rebuild the Village website, and additional amounts totaling up to \$105 annually (to host the site) and up to \$270 annually (to maintain the site). Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Labas then moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15pm. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer