

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

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, Chief Ernest Bassett, Sergeant Ryan Pedone, Village Attorney Michael Martin, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Denise Davies

Press: Krystle Morey, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: Town Supervisor Matt Hicks, Charlie King

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

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Deputy Mayor Smith moved the ratification of the Meeting Minutes of July 10th as circulated. Trustee Hyatt 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), and Fire Department. Trustee Labas moved acceptance of the reports as submitted. Deputy Mayor Smith 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: \$35,919.33
Water Fund: \$7,298.61
Sewer Fund: \$49,238.59
Senior Shuttle: \$1,111.58
Unaudited Vouchers: \$33,512.87

Total Claims: \$127,080.98

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

Budget Transfers: The following transfers are recommended within the General Fund in order to avoid overdrawing any individual line item in the funding of this evening's appropriations:

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

A51102 DPW Equipment	+ \$28,500.00	Purchase of Used Plow Truck
A51101 Pers. Service-- DPW	- \$25,500.00	Cure Above Shortfall

Following a brief period of discussion Deputy Mayor Smith moved the approval of the transfers as recommended. Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

- A. Mayor LaRose thanked Kayla Nowicki for a wonderful job as the Recreational Director of this year's Summer Swim Program. The Village is looking forward to working with her for many years.
- B. The Mayor shared a letter he received from a resident of Rathbun Ave. The correspondence stated that due to vehicles parking on both sides of Rathbun Avenue his trash company was unable to enter from West Main Street to pick-up his trash. He feels that parking should be limited or eliminated completely as it impedes traffic flow making it difficult or impossible for emergency vehicles, etc. to enter and access Rathbun Avenue. The Board and Chief Bassett discussed various causes/remedies to the problem; Eco-cents bottle redemption customers park in front of and along their building to unload, users of The Pember Library's Wi-Fi are more long term users and park on West Main Street and Rathbun Avenue. The Board felt that removing two parking spots; one in front of the Pember by the Rathbun Ave. entrance and the other in front of the Eco-cents store by the Rathbun Ave. entrance could free up visibility. After lengthy discussion Trustee Labas moved the removal of both parking spots creating greater visibility for both entrance and egress, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith and unanimously approved.
- C. Update—Factory St.—Sewer Check Valves: The Mayor inquired of Attorney Martin as to the status of the easements for the Factory St./Rathbun Ave. check valve installation. Attorney Martin advised that there are 12 houses affected, the deeds should be complete by the end of the week. We have received pricing from Jason Preisner of Lamont Engineers, the work is scheduled to be complete before winter.
- D. Approve Fireworks Display Location: In conjunction with the Firemen's Carnival; Steve Smith (County Fire Safety Officer) has requested that the fireworks staging be moved to the Village well field for safety. Following a brief period of discussion, Deputy Mayor Smith moved approval of the Fireworks staging to the new location per the County's request. Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- E. Update—River Valley Drive: Mayor LaRose shared with the Board that the Village and County have been working together regarding River Valley Drive. Due to the location of the Village's

Pump Station we requested the County remove that parcel from the County's tax sale. In July, the Town entered into negotiations and with all three municipalities pooling their various resources, they were able to reduce the cost of upgrading the road from approximately \$50,000 to \$22,000. After a brief period of discussion it was agreed that there would be minimal cost and maintenance once the road upgrade is complete and that this negotiation process and favorable outcome can be taken to New York State for the Shared Services meeting. Trustee Labas sponsored the Resolution by motion that upon approval of Washington County Board of Supervisors and completion of the necessary upgrades to bring the road up to code the County will transfer ownership of the parcel to the Village with no consideration from the Village. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Authorize Attendance at NYCOM Conference: For many years, the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer have attended the Fall Training School sponsored by NYCOM. This year, the conference is in Saratoga from September 12-15. Trustee Labas made a motion that the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to attend the conference as per past practice. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Request for Use of Veterans Park: Mayor LaRose reviewed a request to hold a candlelight vigil in Veterans Park on Tuesday August 15th. Following a period of discussion, Trustee Labas moved that the request be approved, Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Mayor then opened the meeting to public comment. There was no input received from the public.

There being no other business, Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the Board convene an Executive Session at 7:47pm concerning a matter of current, pending or proposed litigation. Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At 8:17, Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the Board return to regular session. Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Labas moved the ad for the Local Ordinance Officer position be placed in the Granville Sentinel for another two weeks. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Labas then moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:18pm. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise J. Davies
Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer