

**Village Board Meeting
March 5, 2018, 7:00pm
Village Municipal Center**

Attendance: Mayor Brian LaRose, Deputy Mayor Gordon Smith Jr. (via teleconference), Trustees Paul Labas, Dean Hyatt, and Stephanie Munger

Village Key Staff: Superintendent of Public Works George Johnson, Ass't Superintendent Scott Mackey, Police Chief Ernie Bassett Jr., Sgt. Ryan Pedone, Village Attorney Michael Martin, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Krystle Morey, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: Dan McClenning, Fire Chief—Granville Hook & Ladder Co., Robert Tatko, Treasurer—Pember Library & Museum

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

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Munger moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of February 5th and the Budget Workshop of February 19th be approved as circulated. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: Mayor LaRose reviewed the following monthly reports with the Board: Police Dept., Fire Dept., Water Dept. (3 samples, all satisfactory), and Village Court (2 reports). Trustee Hyatt moved that the monthly reports be approved as submitted. Trustee Labas 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: \$41,877.26
Water Fund: \$6,776.16
Sewer Fund: \$18,328.76
Senior Shuttle: \$873.69
Unaudited Claims: \$3,320.53

Total Claims: \$71,176.40

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

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a memo recommending a single budget transfer within the Sewer Fund in order to avoid overdrawing any individual line items in the funding of tonight's appropriations:

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

G90608 Medical Insurance	+\$16,000.00	Transfer of EEs between funds
G81304 Treatment/Disposal (C/E)	-\$16,000.00	Cure above shortfall

Trustee Hyatt moved approval of the budget transfer as circulated. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

- A. Present 2018-19 Tentative Budget: The Mayor presented the 2018-19 Tentative Budget to the Board/Public. He presented a summary/highlights as follows:

General Fund: 1.82% Levy Increase, 1.99% Tax increase; Budget is Tax-Cap Compliant.

Average Tax Increase per median assessed HH: \$21.91; \$1.83/mo

The primary reasons for the levy/tax increase are seen in health insurance costs, and continued high rates seen in the ERS/PFRS Retirement Systems.

Water Fund: \$20 increase per HH Unit (from \$250/HH to \$270/HH annually)

The primary reason for the cost increase is the debt associated with then new Water plant (Debt service totals \$161K, or 39% of total appropriations).

Sewer Fund: \$25 increase per HH Unit (from \$360/HH to \$385/HH annually)

The primary reasons for the rate increase are the debt service associated with the WWTP Upgrades and the low level of reserves seen in the Sewer Fund.

The Mayor advised that the Tentative Budget would now remain static through April 2nd when the Board would convene a Public Hearing in order to accept input concerning the Tentative Budget before considering the adoption of the same as presented or with edits/changes. He thanked the Board and Dept. Heads for their collective efforts in formulating a fiscally responsible and practical budget on behalf of the Village Constituents.

- B. Discussion—Slate Valley Drive: Mayor LaRose reviewed a memo received from the Washington County Real Property Tax Director Laura Chadwick concerning Slate Valley Drive. Mr. Kenneth Thomas has purchased 30 parcels in the former North St. Subdivision and filed paperwork to combine the lots and abandon the subdivision. Within the subdivision, the Village owns a 21+ acre parcel containing River Valley Drive and Slate Valley Drive and acreage in the rear containing a Sewer Pump Station. The Real Property Director has suggested that the Village consider the abandonment of a portion of Slate Valley Drive that adjoins the lots to be combined, as Mr. Thomas intends to apply for an agricultural exemption and plant corn on the parcel (corn has been planted on the parcels for 8-10 years). The Board commenced a period of discussion concerning the request as presented. There were some concerns expressed with the abandonment of the street as requested, and also how farm machinery would access the parcel(s) in question. Following the discussion period, Trustee Hyatt moved that the request be tabled to a future date, pending a meeting between Mayor LaRose and Mr. Thomas. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Request for Use of Veterans Park (8/18, 3pm—Wedding Ceremony): The Mayor reviewed a written request received from Melissa Bailey and Jeffrey Muise pertaining to the use of Veterans Park for their

wedding ceremony on Saturday, August 18th at 3:00pm. The Mayor asked that the Village Clerk check the calendar for the Park and the Clerk advised that this date was available. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor LaRose then opened the meeting to Public comment at 7:35pm.

No public input was received.

Trustee Hyatt moved that the Board convene an Executive Session at 7:35pm concerning a matter of current, pending, or proposed litigation (within the Police Dept.). Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *The Village Attorney, Police Chief, DPW Superintendent and Asst. Superintendent accompanied the Board into various portions of the Executive Session.*

Trustee Hyatt moved that the Board return to regular session at 8:40pm. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Labas moved the hiring of Curtis Pedone to the position of Local Ordinance Officer effective June 1, 2018, at a salary of \$5,000/yr. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Munger moved the ratification/renewal of the Personal Service Contract between Police Chief Bassett and the Village for a period of Five (5) years. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Labas moved that the Police Chief be authorized to purchase a 2018 Dodge Charger V8 Police Cruiser through Foster Motors via a three year lease purchase not to exceed \$26K. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no other business, Trustee Labas moved that the Meeting be adjourned at 8:45pm. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer