

**Village Board Meeting
February 4, 2019, 7:00pm
Village Municipal Center**

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

Village Key Staff: Superintendent of Public Works George Johnson, Ass't Superintendent Scott Mackey, Local Ordinance Officer Curtis Pedone, Sgt. Ryan Pedone, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Denise Davies, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Krystal Morey, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: Mr. Michael Zinn, Mr. Robert Tatko—Treasurer, Pember Library, Mr. George Demas, 3 GCS Students

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

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Hyatt moved ratification of the Minutes of the Budget Workshop of January 23rd as circulated. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: The Mayor reviewed the following monthly reports with the Board: Police Dept., Fire Dept., Water Dept. (3 samples, all satisfactory), Local Ordinance Officer, and Justice Court (2 reports). Trustee Labas moved acceptance of the monthly reports as submitted. Deputy Mayor Smith 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: \$45,809.95
Water Fund: \$11,215.73
Sewer Fund: \$16,717.91
Senior Shuttle: \$1,415.68
Unaudited Vouchers: \$1,083.91

Total Claims: \$76,243.18

The Board audited the claims and Trustee Munger moved their approval as submitted. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a memo to the Board recommending two budget transfers in the General Fund in order to avoid overdrawing any individual line items 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

A36204	Local Ordinance C/E	+\$250.00	Small Over-run, Lawn Maint.
A80204	Planning (C/E)	-\$250.00	Cure above shortfall
A51122	Street Paving (CHIIPS)	+\$11,350.00	CHIPS Funding > Expected
A3501	State Aid/CHIPS	-\$11.350.00	CHIPS Funding > Expected

Trustee Hyatt moved acceptance of the transfers as recommended. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Resolution—NYSDEC Planning Grant: The Mayor reviewed a draft Resolution provided by Lamont Engineers pertaining to the \$24,950 Planning Grant received to address the Effluent Disinfection Mandate at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Resolution provides that the Mayor will be authorized to execute documentation on behalf of the Village, and that the Village will authorize an appropriation of \$4,990 to fund the local match portion. In addition, the Resolution specifies that this project is a “Type II Action” in terms of SEQR, with no known negative environmental impacts. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Labas sponsored the Resolution by motion. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Ratify Election Inspectors: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a memo to the Board recommending the following candidates as inspectors for the 2019 Election:

Denise Davies, Chair
Nancy Labate-Bixby
Nancy Hughes
Lois Warner

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

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

- A. LARAC Grant: The Mayor advised that the Village had received a \$2,500 grant from LARAC for the 2019 Summer Concert Series. The Mayor thanked LARAC for their longstanding support and stated that their contribution allowed the Village to provide a greater number of high-quality acts to our constituents.
- B. AIM Funding: The Mayor provided an overview of the Governor’s proposed Budget for 2019-20, and advised that one of the proposals that the Governor has advanced is the elimination of AIM Funding for Villages/Towns/Cities where this revenue comprised less than 2% of the Budget. The Mayor feels that this proposal represents another threat to smaller municipalities by the present administration. He advised that two letters had been sent to the Village’s higher elected representatives (NYS Senator Betty Little and NYS Assemblyman Dan Stec) opposing the Governor’s proposal.
- C. Budget Update: The Mayor reported that the Board had convened a Budget Workshop on January 23rd and reviewed the working copy of the 2019-20 Budgets for the General, Water & Sewer Funds. The Board has been diligent in this process and several changes were made as a result of the Workshop. The General Fund Budget remains tax cap compliant, while the Water

& Sewer Funds each propose a \$10/HH increase per year. The Mayor advise that he also expects that the Village will emerge from fiscal stress when the reporting becomes available pertaining to our fiscal stress score. A period of discussion followed between the Mayor and Trustees and it was agreed that a second Budget Workshop would be convened on February 20th at 6pm.

- D. NYCLASS Update: The Mayor reported that the Village had earned an additional \$289 through our NYCLASS account in the month of January, bringing our total to over \$1,200 year to date. This compares favorably with the total interest earned through the first six months of the fiscal year (\$350).

Coin Drop Request: The Mayor reviewed a written request received from the Haynes House of Hope relating to a coin drop. The request specifies a date of September 7th. The Board discussed the request briefly and Trustee Hyatt moved approval of the request as submitted. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor LaRose opened the Meeting to public comment at 7:30pm.

Mr. Robert Tatko briefed the Board concerning the status of the Elevator project at the Pember Library & Museum. He stated that the addition is 98% complete. Trustee Hyatt inquired if a Geological Survey had been completed to reflect the composition of the soil/earth under the elevator. Mr. Tatko advised that a Geological Survey had not been completed for this project.

Mr. Tatko sought the Board's approval to seek a second SAM grant (in the amount of \$70,000) associated with this project for purposes of resurfacing the driveway/parking lot, installing a new sewer line to the Carriage House, and other infrastructure upgrades. The Board commenced a period of discussion in this matter and Trustee Hyatt moved that Mr. Tatko be authorized to proceed with the SAM grant application on behalf as requested. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There was no further input received from the public.

Trustee Labas moved that the Board convene an Executive Session at 7:40pm concerning a matter of pending, current, or proposed litigation. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *The Village Attorney accompanied the Board into the Executive Session, and Ass't DPW Sup't Scott Mackey was called into the Executive Session from approximately 7:55-8:05pm.*

Trustee Hyatt moved that the Board return to regular session at 8:05pm. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Labas moved that the Village Attorney formally request the Village's release/termination from the Inter-Municipal Agreement relating to the Washington County Sewer District. He proposed that the Mayor be authorized to sign any and all documentation pertaining to the Village's execution of a contract with Casella Waste Management concerning sludge removal going forward, upon withdrawal from the District and review/concurrence of Village counsel. The pricing with Casella is expected to be \$85/ton, a 24% decrease from our present average cost of \$112/ton. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no other business, Trustee Labas moved adjournment of the meeting at 8:10pm. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer