

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

Attendance: Village Board: 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, Sgt. Ryan Pedone, Local Ordinance Officer Curtis Pedone, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Denise Davies, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Krystle Morey and John Manchester, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: Town Supervisor Matt Hicks, Mr. Michael Zinn

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

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Hyatt moved the ratification of the Minutes of the Meetings of January 7<sup>th</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup> as circulated. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

General Fund: \$46,308.09  
Water Fund: \$5,897.63  
Sewer Fund: \$19,390.79  
Senior Shuttle: \$1,362.50  
Unaudited Vouchers: \$67,877.19

Total Claims: \$140,836.20

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

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a memo to the Board concerning two requested budget transfers within 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>
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>			
A16204	Buildings (C/E)	+\$2,000.00	Update, Lighting System
A19104	Insurance Premiums	-\$2,000.00	Cure above shortfall

A51104 Street Maintenance	+\$2,000.00	Hard winter/salt, fuel costs
A2280 Services to GCS	+\$2,000.00	Cure above shortfall

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

Present 2019-20 Tentative Budget: Mayor LaRose presented the Village's 2019-20 Tentative Budget. He reviewed the following details with the Board and those in attendance:

#### General Fund

- \*2.17% Levy Increase
- \*Tax Cap Compliant
- \*Use of \$9,624 of Fund Balance/Reserves to stabilize tax rate
- \*Approximately \$7,000 below maximum levy to remain tax-cap compliant—this bank can be used to aid/assure future compliance with tax cap
- \*Increase in Grant-Writing Line Item (\$3,000)
- \*Increase in Local Ordinance Officer Salary (\$2,500)
- \*Projected Increase in Taxes for a home assessed at \$100K: \$27.06/year

#### Water Fund

- \*\$10 Increase per household
- \*Future increases seen at \$5-\$10 per household per year
- \*Use of \$5,250 in Fund Balance to stabilize rates

#### Sewer Fund

- \*\$10 Increase per household
- \*Future increases seen in the range of \$10/Year
- \*No use of Fund Balance

The Mayor thanked the Dept. Heads and Board members for their diligence with the budget process. He feels that the Tentative Budget maintains village services while remaining tax cap compliant, which is a positive for Village constituents. He is hopeful that the Village is emerging from a period of fiscal stress and that future budget cycles will allow for similar circumstances—reasonable tax increases with all services maintained.

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

- A. NYSEG—Coal Tar Remediation Project: The Mayor reported that an informational meeting had taken place at the NYSEG facility on February 20<sup>th</sup> concerning the start date, proposed schedule, plan of work, etc. The Village was represented by Superintendent of Public Works George Johnson, Ass't Superintendent Scott Mackey, Police Chief Ernie Bassett, Fire Chief Ryan Pedone, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Denise Davies at the meeting. The proposed plan of work included a February 4<sup>th</sup> Start Date for the General Contractor, February-June work with excavation and backfill, and then late summer-early fall relocation of the Mettowie River. Excavation in and

around the existing riverbank will then commence before the bypass channel is relocated to the river's original proximity next winter. The plan of work targets an April 15, 2020 completion date per the Mayor.

- B. Engineering Grant—Conference Call—3/13: The Mayor advised that he had scheduled a conference call with the NYS DEC and Lamont Engineers concerning the Planning Grant for the WWTP Effluent Disinfection process.
- C. AIM Funding: The Mayor advised that he had authorized remittance of eight letters to various higher elected officials pertaining to the governor's most recent proposal concerning AIM Funding. The Governor proposes to shift the burden for AIM Funding from the state coffers onto the Counties in NYS. The Mayor expressed that he feels that this is a very poor idea, and yet another example of the present administration's stance towards smaller municipalities.

Coin Drop Request: The Mayor reviewed a written request for a coin drop received from American Legion Post #323 Legion Baseball Coach Michael Jones Jr. The request specifies a date of June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Following a brief period of conversation, Trustee Munger moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Veterans Park Account: The Mayor reviewed two requests pertaining to the Use of Veterans Park:

- A. Granville Ecumenical Council: An email request was received from Rev. Jim Peterson relating to use of the Park on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-7am for an Easter Sunrise Service and on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer. Trustee Hyatt moved approval of these requests as submitted. Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- B. Friends of the Pember: A written request to host bake sales at the Village Concerts of July 11<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> was reviewed. Trustee Hyatt moved approval of the requests as submitted. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Mayor opened the meeting to public comment at 7:20pm.

Trustee Munger thanked the Village DPW for lighting the flag in the North Street Park.

There was no further public comment.

At Mayor LaRose's request, Trustee Labas moved that the Board convene an Executive Session at 7:25pm concerning a matter of current, pending, or proposed litigation. Trustee Munger seconded the request and it carried unanimously. *The Village Attorney accompanied the Board into the Executive Session, and Deputy Sup't Mackey and Police Chief Bassett were called into the session separately for approximately 15 minutes each.*

At 8:35pm, Trustee Labas moved that the Board return to regular session. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Labas moved the hiring of Ryan Woodward to the position of Police Officer, part time, effective 3/5/19 at a rate of \$19.90/Hr. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Hyatt moved the hiring of Ronald Taylor Jr. as a Police Officer, part-time effective 3/5/19 at a rate of \$19.90/Hr. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Mayor closed by thanking the Village Staff, Departments, and Board for the team approach that has been employed during his term of office. He thanked the Board and Dept. Heads for their guidance, support and respect. Trustee Hyatt thanked the Mayor for his term of service to the Village as a Trustee and Mayor.

Trustee Munger made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35pm. Trustee Labas seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts  
Village Clerk-Treasurer