

**Village Board Meeting and Public Hearing**  
**May 6, 2019, 7:00pm**  
**Village Municipal Center**

Attendance: Mayor Paul Labas, Deputy Mayor Gordon Smith Jr., Trustees Dean Hyatt, Stephanie Munger, and Heather Pauquette

Village Key Staff: Police Chief Ernie Bassett Jr., Sgt. Ryan Pedone, LOO Curt Pedone, Village Justice Roger Forando, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Fire Chief Michael Zinn, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Denise Davies, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Matt Sarri, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: Ms. Emily Walter--Glens Falls Hospital, Mr. George Demas, Mr. Charlie & Mrs. Mary King, Mr. John & Ms. Linda Freed, Ms. Krystle Morey, Mr. Matthew Rollwagon, Mrs. Kathy McIntyre—Washington County Public Health, Ms. Heather Thomas, Mr. Erik Pekar—Town Historian, Mr. Matt Hicks—Town Supervisor, Ms. Susan Knapp—Slatetown Brewing Co., Molly Celani—President, Slate Valley Museum, Todd Smith—Mandy Springs Farm Nursery

Mayor Labas called the Public Hearing to Order at 7:00pm concerning proposed Local Law #1 of 2019.

The Mayor asked that the sign-in sheet be retrieved for those wishing to be recognized. He was advised that no one had signed in.

Mr. George Demas asked to be recognized and he inquired if any resistance to the proposed legislation had been received. The Mayor noted the lack of public comment and advised that no written or verbal input had been received through the office of the Village Clerk. No public opposition was noted.

Mr. Matthew Rollwagon asked if the proposed legislation represented a noise abatement statute. The Mayor and Village Attorney advised that this was not the purpose of the legislation—rather, it was to address community input received relating to early-morning refuse pick-up. Trucks have been seen operating within the Village as early as 4-4:30am, and this motivated the Village response.

There being no other public comment, Trustee Hyatt moved that the Public Hearing be closed at 7:05pm.

Mayor Labas called the regular session to order at 7:05pm.

Consider Action—Local Law #1 of 2019: Mayor Labas asked the Board's pleasure concerning proposed Local Law #1 of 2019. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Pauquette moved adoption of Local Law #1 as written. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Hyatt moved ratification of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 1<sup>st</sup> as circulated. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: The Mayor reviewed the following reports summarizing the monthly activities in the following Departments: Police Dept., Fire Dept., Local Ordinance Officer, Water Dept. (3 samples taken,

all satisfactory), and Village Court. Trustee Munger moved acceptance of the reports as submitted. Trustee Hyatt 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: \$35,233.41  
Water Fund: \$13,148.92  
Sewer Fund: \$27,689.47  
Senior Shuttle: \$1,370.95  
Unaudited Vouchers: \$33,975.44

Total Claims: \$111,418.19

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

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a memo outlining several proposed budget transfers within the General, Water & Sewer Funds 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)	+\$2,500.00	New Phone, Lighting Systems
A36204	Local Ordinance Officer C/E	+\$200.00	Door Tags, Office Supplies
A51104	Street Maintenance (C/E)	+\$5,250.00	Hard Winter—salt, fuel costs
A51824	Streetlights	+\$2,950.00	Costs > Budgeted
A80101	Zoning (P/S)	+\$50.00	ZBA met 5X in 2018-19
A80104	Zoning (C/E)	+\$50.00	ZBA met 5X in 2018-19
A51101	Street Maintenance (P/S)	-\$2,500.00	Cure above shortfalls
A31201	Police & Constable (P/S)	-\$6,500.00	Cure above shortfalls
A1170	Franchise Fees	+\$2,000.00	Cure above shortfalls
<b><u>Water Fund</u></b>			
F90608	Medical Insurance (Vill. Share)	+\$750.00	H. Ins. Costs slightly > Budgeted
F95509	Capital Projects	-\$750.00	Cure above shortfall
<b><u>Sewer Fund</u></b>			
G90608	Medical Insurance (Vill. Share)	+\$2,300.00	H. Ins. Costs slightly > Budgeted
G95509	Capital Projects	-\$2,300.00	Cure above shortfall

Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved approval of the proposed budget transfers as circulated. Trustee Pauquette seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

- A. Year-End Appropriations Meeting: The Mayor inquired of the Board when they would like to meet in order to consider the year-end claims for the Village. Following a brief period of discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Board would convene a Year-end appropriations meeting on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.
- B. Ratify Fire Dept. Officers: The Mayor reviewed a memo from Fire Dept. Secretary Matt James concerning the recent Department elections. The following Officers were elected thru the annual vote of the membership:

Chief: Ryan Pedone  
Deputy Chief: Mike Zinn  
Ass't Chief: Keith Seebode

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

Request for Use of Veterans Park: Mayor Labas briefly reviewed a written request from Lindsay Schieffelin (A/G Church—Lighthouse Kids) to utilize the Park on June 29<sup>th</sup> from 11-2pm for a community youth program. Last year, this event attracted approximately 125 youth and was well received. This is an open date on the Park Calendar. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Munger moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Pauquette seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Request for Use of Veterans Park (Wedding): A written request was reviewed from James Simons and Tonya Shevil concerning their wedding ceremony to be held on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Mr. Simons & Ms. Shevil expect 75-100 guests and would like to use the bandstand for the ceremony. The Park calendar is clear for this date. Deputy Mayor Smith moved approval of this request as submitted. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rail Trail 5K Race: Mayor Labas reviewed an outline provided by Race Director Kerri Thomas concerning the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rail Trail 5K race. Mrs. Thomas is requesting the date of Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> for this year's race, and she has asked for support from the DPW, Police Dept., and Emergency Services as seen in the past. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved approval of this event as requested. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Request—Get Out & Go Granville: Mayor Labas introduced Emily Walter (Glens Falls Hospital) and Kathy McIntyre (WC Public Health) concerning a request to conduct an event focusing on fitness, recreation and outdoor activities this summer. Ms. Walter briefed the Board concerning a grant program called "Complete Streets". The Complete Streets program seeks to promote recreational use of Village streets through proper signage, markings, etc. and trying to facilitate pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic in harmony. Ms. Walter is seeking permission to demonstrate the Complete Streets concept in conjunction with a request from Washington County Public Health to conduct a "Get Out and Go Granville" event on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Granville Rescue Squad. The event would promote use of the Rail Trail, Bike Shops, Yoga, a Canine unit will be present from the Washington County Sheriff. This inter-agency event would focus on combating obesity and promoting healthy lifestyle choices for students and families in the Village. Following a period of discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved approval of

the “Get Out and Go Granville” event as proposed. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Update: NYS DEC Planning Grant—Jason Preisner, P.E., Lamont Engineers: The Mayor asked Jason Preisner, P.E., Lamont Engineers, to provide the Board with an update regarding the NYS DEC Planning Grant. Mr. Preisner presented the report that had been submitted to the DEC concerning the Effluent Dissolution project. He advised that the report will be reviewed by DEC Officials and the NYS EFC. Any edits or changes requested through these agencies can be incorporated into the plan per Mr. Preisner. The Board briefly discussed the report with Mr. Preisner, but there were no significant questions. Mayor Labas thanked Mr. Preisner for his efforts to date with this project and Lamont Engineers for their longstanding support of Village infrastructure needs.

Main Street Streetscape—Todd Smith, Mandy Springs Farm Nursery: The Mayor recognized Mr. Todd Smith, proprietor, Mandy Springs Farm Nursery, concerning conceptual ideas for the streetscape seen on Main Street. Mr. Smith circulated a diagram illustrating several alternatives. These alternatives included different types of trees—Columnar, Vase-shaded, Dwarf, etc. An extended period of discussion ensued between Mr. Smith and several members of the Board, as well as several members in the audience. Following the discussion period, Mayor Labas advised that he was considering forming a committee/focus group to study the various options for Main St. The Mayor thanked Mr. Smith for his time and effort, as well as everyone for expressing their thoughts on this subject.

Mayor Labas opened the meeting to public comment at 8:05pm.

Mr. John Freed inquired if the Board could consider legislation to address the issue of boarded up windows. He feels that the extended use of plywood to cover broken windows creates a blight on any district, but particularly the Main St. Business District. A period of discussion ensued between Mr. Freed, the Board, and several other attendees. At the conclusion of the discussion period, the Mayor advised that he would meet with Village Counsel to determine the best way to proceed with Mr. Freed’s request.

Ms. Susan Knapp inquired if there was a comprehensive plan that focused on the re-development of Main St. The Board advised that the Village does have a Comprehensive Plan that is available online or thru the Clerk’s Office, although it is not specific to Main Street. In addition, it was pointed out that the Mettowee River Revitalization Plan (2006) also had components relating to the development of business on Main Street.

Mr. Matthew Rollwagon expressed a concern pertaining to drainage where Granview Drive meets his driveway. Mayor Labas suggested that Mr. Rollwagon contact DPW Superintendent George Johnson concerning this matter.

There was no further public input.

There being no other business, Trustee Munger moved that the Meeting be adjourned at 8:20pm. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts--Village Clerk-Treasurer