

Village Board Meeting & Public Hearing
September 9, 2019, 7pm
Village Municipal Center

Attendance: Village Board: Mayor Paul Labas, Deputy Mayor Gordon Smith Jr., Trustees Dean Hyatt and Stephanie Munger; absent: Trustee Heather Pauquette

Village Key Staff: Ass't Superintendent of Public Works Scott Mackey, Ass't Fire Chief Michael Zinn, Sergeant Ryan Pedone, Patrolman T.J. Zovistoski, Local Ordinance Officer Curtis Pedone, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Matt Schuette, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: Mrs. Mary King, President, Pember Library & Museum, Mr. John Norton, Mr. Matt Hicks, Town Supervisor, Mr. Robert Tatko, Mr. George Demas, Mrs. Dale Bucciero

At 7:00pm, Mayor Labas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Labas then called to Order the Public Hearing concerning proposed Local Law #2 of 2019 at 7:00pm.

The Mayor asked if anyone had signed in to provide input concerning the pending legislation. No one had signed in to be recognized. The Mayor then inquired if anyone wished to be acknowledged in the audience:

*Mr. John Norton spoke in favor of the proposed legislation. He inquired if the legislation were passed, could a property owner then be cited for a violation? The Mayor advised that once the Local Law was filed, violations could be written at the Local Ordinance Officer's discretion. A period of discussion ensued between Mr. Norton and the Local Ordinance Officer concerning several properties that might not be in compliance.

*Mr. George Demas questioned the date of adoption for the Local Law. The Mayor advised that the date of adoption would be amended from August to this evening's date if the legislation is passed.

*Mrs. Dale Bucciero spoke in favor of the legislation, but expressed concerns about the proposed fines and/or imprisonment for lack of compliance. Several members of the Village Board advised that the fines/incarceration are standard procedure for violations, but that broad discretion with these remedies is provided to the Village Justice, who would handle/adjudicate cases involving violations. Several Board members expressed that they felt that any law needed to contain some provisions with "teeth" in order to elicit compliance, but that in practice these provisions were seldom applied to any non-repeat offenders.

*Mr. Robert Tatko spoke in favor of the proposed legislation and expressed that he felt it should be passed.

There was no other public input. Trustee Hyatt moved that the Public Hearing be closed at 7:20pm. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Labas called the Regular Session to Order at 7:20pm.

Consider Action—Proposed Local Law #2 of 2019: Mayor Labas inquired as to the Board's pleasure concerning the proposed local legislation that was reviewed at the Public Hearing. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved ratification of Local Law #2 of 2019, with corrections to syntax and the date of adoption only. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Munger moved ratification of the Minutes of the Meeting of August 5th as circulated by the Clerk-Treasurer. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: Mayor Labas reviewed the following monthly reports with the Board of Trustees: Fire Dept., Local Ordinance Officer, Water Dept. (3 samples, all satisfactory), and Village Justice Court (AVJ Paul Manchester). Deputy Mayor Smith 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: \$37,516.13
Water Fund: \$12,273.49
Sewer Fund: \$14,162.11
Senior Shuttle: \$1,433.00
Unaudited Vouchers: \$35,571.00

Total Claims: \$100,955.73

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

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a listing of proposed budget transfers within the General 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>
<u>General Fund</u>			
A51134	Street Paving	+\$4,250.00	Additional Paving 2019-20
A35104	Dog Control	+\$250.00	Nuisance Wildlife Removal > Expected
A2280	Services to Granville Central	+\$4,500.00	Cure above shortfalls

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

Resolution—Village Court Audit: The Village Board reviewed an audit of the Justice Court's financial activity for the 2018-19 fiscal year as performed by Deputy Mayor Smith. Deputy Mayor Smith, Justice Forando, and Justice Manchester utilized the checklist provided by the NYS Justice Court in completing

the audit. No substantial abnormalities were noted, and the Court's finances were deemed to be in satisfactory condition. Following review of the checklist, Trustee Munger sponsored a Resolution to accept the audit as submitted. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Ratify Fall Leaf/Brush Collection Schedule: Mayor Labas circulated the proposed schedule for Fall Leaf and Brush Collection for the Village. The scheduled dates of collection were proposed as September 30th through November 18th. There are two holidays that fall on a Monday during this period—in those cases, the DPW will conduct leaf pick-up on Tuesdays. Trustee Hyatt moved approval of the schedule as drafted, and the authorization for the Village Clerk to advertise the same in the Official Village newspaper. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Authorize Attendance at NYCOM Conference: For many years, the Village Board of Trustees has authorized the DPW Superintendent to attend the Public Works School conducted by NYCOM. This year's Conference is being held October 21-23 in Ithaca. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Munger moved that Superintendent Johnson and Ass't Superintendent Mackey be authorized to attend. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Request Use of Veterans Park, Benefit Concert: Mayor Labas reviewed a written request received from Robert Tressler regarding a concert to benefit the Haynes House of Hope on October 13th from 2-6pm in Veterans Park. This will be a free concert, with donations to be solicited to benefit the Hospice facility. After checking the calendar to assure there were no conflicts, Trustee Munger moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Labas opened the meeting to public comment at 7:35pm.

Mrs. Dale Bucciero commented that it would be nice to see the former Pember residence adjoining Veterans Park rehabilitated. The home is a private residence at present, and the owners do not reside locally, but she expressed that she thought restoring the structure would be a good thing for Granville. Mrs. Bucciero also inquired as to the procedure to change a street name. The Mayor advised that the authority to name or re-name Village streets was vested with the Village Board.

Town Supervisor Matt Hicks thanked the Mayor for allowing the use of the Municipal Center for a Public Meeting on September 16th hosted by Washington County District Attorney Tony Jordan. The subject of the meeting will be to brief law enforcement personnel, Village Officials, and the public concerning changes in the Bail/Arraignment procedures associated with the prosecution of criminal cases based upon changes seen in State Law that occurred with the passage of this year's NYS Budget. The Town Supervisor stated that many of the changes will be substantial and might prove costly for local municipalities. He encouraged Village Officials and the public to attend this session if at all possible.

There was no further public input.

At 7:40pm, Trustee Munger moved that the Board convene an Executive Session concerning a matter of pending, current, or potential litigation involving the Police Dept. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At 8:20pm, Trustee Munger moved that the Board return to regular session. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Mayor advised that no decisions were made during the Executive Session. Deputy Mayor Smith then 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