

**Village Board Meeting  
December 2, 2019, 7pm  
Village Municipal Center**

Attendance: 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, Police Chief Ernie Bassett Jr., Sgt. Ryan Pedone, Local Ordinance Officer Curt Pedone, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dee Scarlotta, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Matt Saari, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: Town Supervisor Matt Hicks, Mr. George Demas

Mayor Labas called the Meeting to Order at 7pm and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Deputy Mayor Smith moved the ratification of the Meeting Minutes of November 4<sup>th</sup> as circulated. Trustee Hyatt 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), Police Dept., Local Ordinance Officer, and Fire Department. 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: \$138,924.91  
Water Fund: \$20,218.11  
Sewer Fund: \$31,078.73  
Senior Shuttle: \$769.15  
Unaudited Vouchers: \$20,199.19

Total Claims: \$211,190.09

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

Resolution—Pavement Maintenance—NYS DOT: The Mayor reviewed a proposed Resolution pertaining to the resurfacing of NYS Route 149 (Quaker/Main Sts.) in 2020. The NYS DOT proposes maintaining Water System Infrastructure (through raising the height of shut offs, etc.) as part of the paving project, at no cost to the Village. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Munger moved ratification of the Resolution as circulated. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Authorize Mayor to Execute Contract—South Granville Fire District: For many years, the Board has authorized the Mayor to execute the contract with the Town for provision of fire protection services to the hamlet of South Granville for the coming year (2020). These services are provided by the Granville Engine & Hose Company #1. The Mayor can seek review of the contract by the Village Attorney if this is deemed to be necessary. Trustee Hyatt moved that the Mayor be so authorized. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Request for Funding—Microenterprise Façade Improvement Program: Mayor Labas reviewed a request received from Susan Knapp, owner/proprietor of Slate Town Brewing Company pertaining to outdoor seating/service at the Brewery. The proposal totals \$1,333 for barriers, embroidered covers, tables, and chairs. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Munger moved the appropriation of \$1,455 towards this request, as this represents the funds remaining in the program. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Report—Holiday Tree Lighting: Mayor Labas asked the Village Clerk to update the Board concerning the Village/Chamber Tree Lighting Ceremony in Veterans Park. The Clerk advised that 95% of all decorations had been installed throughout the Village, with the finishing touches to be applied later this week. The weather looks favorable for the event. The Clerk thanked all who have worked on this expansive project—work commenced on September 28<sup>th</sup> and has continued for some eight weeks—the entire Main Street was upgraded and numerous other improvements have been fashioned as well. Mayor Labas thanked the Clerk, Trustee Hyatt, and the Holiday Committee for their dedicated efforts. He wished all in attendance a Merry Christmas, and a holiday season full of peace, love and joy.

Mayor Labas opened the Meeting to Public Comment at 7:25pm.

Mr. George Demas voiced concerns over the proposed acquisition of the former TD Bank property located at 6 Main Street. His concerns included taking this property off the tax rolls, the cost of renovations, etc. The Mayor advised that he was supportive of this joint effort for a number of reasons—shared expenses, inter-municipal cooperation, returning municipal services to Main Street, and the fact that the building's footprint is a good fit for both municipalities. A period of discussion ensued between several Board Members and Mr. Demas. The Board emphasized that an engineer had inspected the building and deemed it to be structurally sound, and the proposed investment (\$140K +/- to purchase and renovate) should be less than any proceeds from the sale of the existing Municipal Center. It was also pointed out that the existing Municipal Centers would presumably be returned to the tax rolls, resulting in little or no net change in assessed valuation. Deputy Mayor Smith emphasized that he felt that when the Municipal Center was removed from Main St. that this took quite a bit of foot traffic away and may have contributed to or exacerbated some of the decline seen there. He also expressed that the fiscal implications of this move had been carefully considered by the Board.

There was no further public comment.

Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the Board convene an Executive Session at 7:50pm to consider 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.*

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

Mayor Labas advised that no decisions were made or actions taken within the Executive Session.

Deputy Mayor Smith 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