

**Village Board Meeting  
January 6, 2020, 7pm  
Village Municipal Center**

Attendance: Village Board: Mayor Paul Labas, Deputy Mayor Gordon Smith Jr. (via teleconference), Trustees Dean Hyatt, Stephanie Munger, and Dan Brown

Village Key Staff: Superintendent of Public Works George Johnson, Ass't Sup't Scott Mackey, Police Chief Ernie Bassett Jr., Sgt. Ryan Pedone, Patrolman T.J. Zovistoski, Ass't Fire Chief Michael Zinn, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dee Scarlotta, Village Attorney Michael Martin, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Matthew Saari, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: Ms. Krystle Morey, Mr. Peter & Mrs. Louise Beyer, Mr. John Norton, Mr. Paul Garrone, Mr. Robert Tatko, Mr. George Demas, Mr. Charlie & Mrs. Mary King, Mr. Aaron Rollwagon, Eric Pekar, Town Historian, Mr. Scott McCullen, Mr. John & Mrs. Linda Freed, and 4 GHS Seniors seeking time credits for class and/or hours towards community service for graduation.

Mayor Labas called the Meeting to Order at 7:00pm and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Hyatt moved ratification of the Meeting Minutes of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 as circulated. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: The Mayor reviewed the following monthly reports with the Board: Fire Dept., Police Dept., Local Ordinance Officer, and Water Dept. (3 samples, all satisfactory). Deputy Mayor Smith moved acceptance of the reports as submitted. Trustee Munger 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:	\$54,315.26
Water Fund:	\$10,115.71
Sewer Fund:	\$32,319.58
Senior Shuttle:	\$1,272.22
Unaudited Vouchers:	\$7,689.36
 Total Claims:	 \$105,704.07

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

Final Report—Tree Lighting: Mayor Labas asked the Village Clerk for a final report on the Village Tree Lighting. The Clerk advised that a total of 284 children were seen by Santa in the Park, and that the program was executed well. Video of the parade and Grinch were live-streamed from Main Street into the Park on a large screen, and the blankets, hats & mittens that were collected through the season were distributed throughout the Park. Some 58 blankets and 250+ sets of hats & mittens were

provided. As per previous years, the Boy Scouts provided warming fires and chocolate, the American Legion and VFW Auxiliaries teamed with Revive Church to provide cookies and cocoa, and Dunkin Donuts provided cocoa and munchkins free of charge. Merritt Bruce provided horse & wagon rides, and live reindeer were on hand courtesy of Oakwood Farms. While the weather proved challenging (snow throughout the day, approximately 3-4"), the event was nonetheless successful, attracting some 1,500-2,000 patrons. The Village Clerk thanked the DPW, Police Department, and the volunteers of the Holiday Decorating Committee for their efforts in making things festive and in helping to keep everyone safe. The light shows in the Park commenced on December 7<sup>th</sup> and will continue through Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Resolution—No Village Registration Day: The Mayor asked the Board's pleasure concerning a formal registration day in conjunction with the Special Election to be conducted by the Village on March 18<sup>th</sup>. For many years, the Village has dispensed with hosting a formal registration day, as registration forms are available through the Village and Town Offices, and online through the Washington County and NYS Board of Elections. Per past practice, Trustee Hyatt sponsored a Resolution by motion to dispense with Village Registration Day for the 2020 Election Cycle. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Resolution—Set Date, Time & Polling Location: The Board briefly discussed the logistics for the upcoming Village Election. Following the period of discussion, Trustee Hyatt sponsored a Resolution by motion specifying that a Special Village Election will be conducted on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, from Noon to 9pm, and that the Village Municipal Center will be the sole polling location. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously via roll call vote.

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

- A. Appointment—Village Trustee: The Mayor advised that he had appointed Dan Brown to the position of Village Trustee on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Brown will fill the seat vacated by Heather Pauquette thru the Special Election to be conducted on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor welcomed Mr. Brown and thanked him for his past service to the Board. Mayor Labas stated that he feels that Trustee Brown's prior service will be an asset to the Board as the Village transitions to a new Municipal Center later this year.
- B. Review Budget Process: Mayor Labas briefly reviewed the Budget process for 2020-21. He will be working with Department Heads and the Village Clerk during January to formulate a working budget document for each Fund. The Working Copy will be circulated to the Village Board at the February Meeting and a Budget Workshop will be scheduled. At the March meeting, the Mayor will present the Tentative Budget for 2020-21, and that document will then remain static thru April 6<sup>th</sup>, when a Public Hearing will be conducted. Following the Public Hearing, adjustments can be made to the budget if necessary, prior to the Board's adoption of the same on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Coin Drop Requests: Mayor Labas reviewed two coin drop requests received for 2020: 1) A written request was reviewed from the Committee Managing the After Prom Party with a requested date of April 4<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Hyatt moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. 2) A written request was received from Mike Jones Jr., on behalf of the American Legion Baseball Team with a date of June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Mayor Smith moved approval of this request as submitted. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- D. Ratify Shared Services Agreement: Mayor Labas briefly reviewed a proposed Shared Services Agreement between the Village of Granville and Washington County. The Agreement pertained to the shared use of Village and County equipment in projects including paving, road work, special projects, and emergency response. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved that the DPW Superintendent be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Labas then opened the Meeting to public comment at 7:15pm.

Mr. John Freed expressed concerns about the recent purchase of the former TD Bank building on Main St. He questioned the Board regarding the origin of the idea to purchase the building, and expressed concerns relating to how quickly the process was proceeding. Mayor Labas advised that the property had been purchased through an online auction following consultation between himself and the Town Supervisor, and with the respective Boards.

Mr. John Norton advised that he felt that the present Village Municipal Center was in reasonable shape and expressed concerns as to where the Police Dept. would be housed. He also inquired if there were any environmental concerns associated with the present Municipal Center. The Mayor advised that the Police Department would likely be housed in the basement of the TD Bank property, with more space and larger areas suited for records retention. The Mayor advised that he was aware of absolutely no environmental issues with the present municipal center; he feels that this is a rumor started by those not in favor of the purchase of the former TD Bank property.

Mr. Robert Tatko spoke against the proposed purchase. He questioned if the Village would take on any new debt associated with the purchase, the closing date associated with the purchase, and what agreement existed between the Town & Village relating to expenses and maintenance associated with the property. The Mayor advised that the Village would likely take a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) to bridge the purchase and renovations to the sale of the existing Municipal Center. The closing is scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup>. The Agreement pertaining to expenses for Utilities, Insurance, Maintenance and Upkeep will be crafted by the Village and Town Boards, with advice from their attorneys per Mayor Labas.

Mr. Eric Pekar thanked the Village DPW and volunteers for their efforts in installing and maintaining the lights throughout the Village during the Holiday Season. He noted that the Village's relocation to its existing facility in the 1990s was dictated by space and maintenance considerations, and that the current property was donated.

Mr. Scott McCullen questioned what appropriations the Town had committed to pertaining to the shared Municipal Center—did their financial commitment mirror that of the Village? The Mayor responded in the affirmative to this question, and indicated that a spreadsheet had been created to detail the fiscal and financial implications associated with the transaction. The Mayor advised that this summary would be made available to anyone wishing a copy of the same.

Mayor Labas closed the public comment portion of the meeting at 8:20pm.

Trustee Hyatt moved that the Board convene an Executive Session at 8:20pm to consider a matter pertaining to the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, discipline, promotion, demotion, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation within the Police Dept. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *The Village Attorney accompanied the Board into the Executive Session.*

At 8:45pm, Trustee Hyatt moved that the Board return to regular session. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Munger moved the promotion of Jeffrey Daigle from Police Officer part-time to full time status effective January 7<sup>th</sup> with a salary of \$21.01/Hr. as per the present Collective Bargaining Agreement. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

By motion, Trustee Hyatt offered a Resolution that the Village appropriate up to \$75,000 towards the purchase of the former TD Bank property located at 6 Main St, and up to \$75,000 towards the renovation of the same. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Trustee Hyatt moved that the Meeting be adjourned at 8:45pm. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts  
Clerk-Treasurer