

**Village Board Meeting  
March 2, 2020, 7:00pm  
Village Municipal Center**

Attendance: Village Board: Mayor Paul Labas, Deputy Mayor Gordon Smith (*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, Sgt. Ryan Pedone, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Zinn, MEO Russel Bronson, Local Ordinance Officer Curt Pedone, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Diana Scarlotta, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Matt Sarri, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: Mr. John Norton, Mr. John & Mrs. Linda Freed, Mr. Steve Dougherty, Mr. Charlie and Mrs. Mary King, Mr. Michael Angiolillo, Mr. Robert Tatko, Mr. George Demas, Mr. David and Mrs. Kathy Juckett, Mr. Erik Pekar, Mr. Scott McCullen, Ms. Krystle Morey, Mr. Stewart & Mrs. Rebecca Dittmeier, Mrs. Mary Warner, Mrs. Linda Bergen, Mr. Lindsay Shaw, Mrs. Molly Celani, and two others.

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

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Munger moved the ratification of the Meeting Minutes of February 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Budget Workshop of February 24<sup>th</sup> as circulated. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: The Mayor reviewed the following monthly reports with the Board of Trustees: Police Department, Water Dept. (3 samples, all satisfactory), Fire Dept., Local Ordinance Officer, and Village Court. Trustee Brown 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: \$42,100.67  
Water Fund: \$8,846.09  
Sewer Fund: \$29,140.96  
Senior Shuttle: 1,241.44  
Unaudited Vouchers: \$798.07

Total Claims: \$82,127.23

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

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a memo recommending the following Budget Transfers 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>
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**General Fund**

A16204	Contractual Expense—Vill. Off.	+\$1,250.00	Roof Repairs
A36204	Contractual Expense—Code Enf.	+\$250.00	Fuel, Mowing costs > Higher Budgeted
A90608	Health Insurance	-\$1,500.00	Cure above shortfall

Trustee Hyatt moved approval of the budget transfers as presented. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Present 2020-21 Tentative Budget: Mayor Labas presented his 2020-21 Tentative Budget to the Board of Trustees. He highlighted the following areas within each Fund:

General Fund:

- \*The Tentative Budget is Tax Cap Compliant
- \*The Tentative Budget is balanced (No use of Fund Balance)
- \*The proposed Tax Levy increase is 2.20%; the proposed Tax Increase is 1.97%
- \*The largest line item increases pertain to Police Salaries and Police Retirement, due to the advent of the 6<sup>th</sup> Full Time Officer
- \*The Increase seen for a home assessed at \$100K (Median Value) is \$22.85 or \$1.90/mo

Water Fund:

- \*The Tentative Budget is balanced (No use of Fund Balance)
- \*Unmetered Rents will increase \$10/yr or \$0.83/mo

Sewer Fund:

- \*The Tentative Budget is balanced (No use of Fund Balance)
- \*unmetered Rents will increase by \$10/yr or \$0.83/mo

Total increases seen for a home assessed at \$100K are seen at \$42.85, or \$3.57/mo

Following the Mayor's presentation, Trustee Brown moved that the Village Clerk be authorized to publicize the Tentative Budget and advertise for a Public Hearing concerning the same on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, here at the Municipal Center. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Statement Concerning TD Bank Property: Mayor Labas read a statement concerning the acquisition of the TD Bank Property on Main Street. While the Mayor and a majority of the Village Board feel that this is a project that is in the public interest, he expressed concerns that there have been no substantial progress towards a closing since the online auction on December 12<sup>th</sup>. He also expressed disappointment with the manner in which some members of the community have tried to represent this transaction, implying that something nefarious or underhanded was taking place. Nothing could be further from the truth. However, based upon the lack of progress seen with the closing of this transaction and the general public sentiment, the Mayor advised that he would accept a motion to

withdraw the Village from the agreement pertaining to the sale if the Board was so inclined. Trustee Munger moved that the Village withdraw from the agreement, and that the both the authorizing resolution and bond resolution associated with the same be rescinded. The motion also provided authorization that the Village and Town Attorneys to seek the return of any earnest money deposit that had been remitted for this transaction. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Michael Angiolillo congratulated the Board on their decision regarding the TD Bank Property.

Mr. John Norton also congratulated the Board. He also questioned the Board concerning the former "Knotty Pine" Bar that adjoins the Church Street Bridge. Mr. Norton feels that the building is an eyesore. The Mayor advised that he would speak with the County Administrator and request that the County do what it could to improve the appearance of the building this spring. The structure is scheduled for demolition when the bridge is replaced in the spring of 2021.

Mrs. Kathy Juckett advised that she felt that certain members of the public were not concerned with the purchase/acquisition of the TD Bank property, and that they understood that the Village and Town Boards were proceeding with good intent. However, she did feel that some element of the public had expressed concerns with the process that was employed, and the lack of transparency with this transaction.

Mr. John Freed inquired if any citations had been written concerning the recently enacted Local Legislation pertaining to boarded up windows. The Code Enforcement Officer advised that he had written four letters to property owners who were not in compliance, and that compliance had been achieved with two properties, and that future compliance was expected for a third. He is continuing to follow up concerning the fourth property.

Mrs. Rebecca Dittmeier commented that she felt that the Board had made a good decision concerning the TD Bank property, and that she was pleased that the Granville Police Department would maintain their present station in close proximity to the Granville Central School.

There was no further public comment.

Trustee Hyatt moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:20pm. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts  
Village Clerk-Treasurer