

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

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

Village Key Staff: Police Chief Ernie Bassett Jr., Fire Chief/Sgt. Ryan Pedone, Ass't Fire Chief Michael Zinn, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dee Scarlotta and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Austin Crosier, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: None, Meeting closed to public attendance due to ongoing pandemic

Mayor Labas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Munger moved ratification of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 2nd as circulated. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: The Mayor reviewed the following monthly reports with the Board: Police Dept., Fire Dept., Water Dept. (3 samples, all satisfactory), Local Ordinance Officer, and Village Court (2 reports). 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:	\$145,696.21
Water Fund:	\$26,389.97
Sewer Fund:	\$38,349.23
Senior Shuttle:	\$805.34
Effluent Disinfection	
Cap. Project:	\$26,841.25
Unaudited Claims:	<u>\$6,050.09</u>
Total Claims	\$244,132.09

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

Budget Transfers: The Mayor asked the Village Clerk to review the proposed budget transfer. The Clerk briefly reviewed a memo requesting a single budget transfer within the Sewer Fund 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>
<u>Sewer Fund</u>			
G95509	Capital Project	+\$3,100.00	Final Billing, UV Dis. CP
G81304	Treatment/Disposal	-\$3,100.00	Cure above shortfall

Trustee Hyatt moved ratification of the transfer as recommended. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ratify Contract—South Granville Fire District: For many years, the Board has authorized the Mayor to execute a contract with the Town of Granville regarding the Granville Engine & Hose Company's provision of fire protection service to the South Granville Fire District. The Mayor conferred with the Fire Chief Pedone and he advised that there were no substantial changes proposed to the contract—just a change in the dollar amount for 2021. The Mayor asked the Board's pleasure in this matter. Trustee Hyatt moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Village, subject to review with legal counsel if necessary. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

- A. Holiday Tree Lighting: The Mayor thanked all those who worked to decorate the Village for the Holiday Season. He then asked the Village Clerk to provide a brief report concerning the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

The Village Clerk advised that the tree lighting went off well. A Kindergarten Student from MJT School was selected to light the tree this year based on some special circumstances that she is facing. The little girl was escorted to the Bandstand by her mother and sister. The Conductor from the Polar Express punched her ticket and provided a magic wand which she waved, causing Santa to appear on the Village float across the street. Santa then spent some time with Destiny and asked her to tour the Village on the float. This was all recorded and streamed live on Facebook, in order to avoid any mass gathering. After dropping Destiny back to her Mom, Santa later made his way to Slatetown Brewing Company on Main Street and recognized Nancy & Walt Bixby for their years of service to the Holiday Committee. The Holiday Committee decorated 29 new buildings in 2020, maintained all existing decorations, and added several clusters of trees and swags over the roadway. The Clerk thanked the Committee for their efforts, as well as the DPW, Trustee Hyatt, Mayor Labas, and Paul Garrone for their commitment to this project. The Mayor and Board commented that the Village is looking particularly festive this year and thanked the committee for keeping Granville bright, even in uncertain times.

- B. Proposed Work—Quaker Street Pump Station: The Mayor advised that during a recent half power/low power event, the lift station at Quaker experienced issues with its control panels. Parts are nearly impossible to get for this pump station as the technology dates to the early 70s. The Mayor advised that DPW Sup't Scott Mackey was seeking quotes to upgrade these panels and that this matter would likely be addressed at the January Meeting.

Mayor Labas opened the meeting to public comment at 7:20pm. He asked if any written or verbal input had been received through the offices of the Village Clerk. The Clerk advised that no input had been received.

The Mayor reported several incidents of vandalism with the holiday lights/decorations over the past few months. He advised that he would like the Board to consider local legislation that provides for charges/penalties for vandalizing public property when this occurs. The Board felt that this was a reasonable idea and agreed to take the matter up at a future meeting.

Police Chief Bassett reminded the Board that the Village needed to adopt a formal plan concerning Police Reform on or before April 1st. This Plan will require input from the public (through meetings or correspondence) and formal adoption by the Village Board. The Mayor stated that he would be meeting with Chief Bassett soon to initiate the process with this plan.

Trustee Hyatt commented that he would like to see the Village Board look at the process of issuing Vending Permits. Presently, the Village issues permits for up to six months for \$50. Trustee Hyatt feels that this fee is low and pointed out that many of these vendors are from out of town and do not pay any property taxes. Following a brief period of discussion, the Board agreed to revisit this issue in 2021.

There was no further public comment.

At 7:25pm, Trustee Brown moved that the Board convene an Executive Session regarding a matter of pending litigation regarding the Special Village Election conducted in September. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *The Village Attorney accompanied the Board into the Executive Session.*

At 7:50pm, Trustee Brown moved that the Board return to regular session. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Mayor announced that no actions had been taken during the Executive Session.

At 7:50pm, Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer