

**Village Board Meeting
May 3, 2021, 7:00pm
Village Municipal Center**

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

Village Key Staff: DPW Superintendent Scott Mackey, Ass't Sup't Joshua Hayes, Fire Chief Ryan Pedone, Ass't Chief Michael Zinn, Local Ordinance Officer Curtis Pedone, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dee Scarlotta, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Austin Crosier, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: Mr. John Norton, Mr. Eric Pekar, Mr. Matthew Rollwagon, Mr. Steve & Mrs. Felicia Dougherty, Mr. John Freed, Mr. Michael Angiolillo, and Mr. Matthew Hicks, Town Supervisor

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 Hyatt moved the ratification of the Meeting Minutes of April 5th as circulated. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: The Mayor reviewed the following Monthly Reports with the Board: Water Dept. (3 samples, all satisfactory), Police Dept., Fire Dept., Local Ordinance Officer, and Village Court. Trustee Brown moved acceptance of the reports as submitted. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Appropriations: The following claims were submitted to the Board for review and in consideration of approval:

General Fund: \$29,613.02
Water Fund: \$8,082.27
Sewer Fund: \$17,870.99
UV Disinfection
Cap. Project: \$365.75
Senior Shuttle: \$851.33
Unaudited
Vouchers: \$5,811.40

Total Claims: \$62,594.76

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: In order to avoid overdrawing any individual line items in the funding of tonight's appropriations, the Clerk-Treasurer circulated a memo recommending the following Budget Transfers:

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reason</u>
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General Fund

A14504 Elections (Cont. Exp.)	+\$45.00	Two Elections in FY 20-21 (COVID)
A16204 Mun. Center (Cont. Exp.)	+\$1,000.00	Additional Cleaning, COVID
A36204 Code Enforcement (Cont. Exp.)	+\$5.00	Small over-run, toner
A90608 Health Ins. Premiums	+\$3,000.00	Retirement of DPW Sup't
A72700 Band Concerts	-\$4,050.00	Cure above shortfalls

Sewer Fund

G81302 Sewer Equipment	+\$1,250.00	Purchase of Used Bucket Truck
G90608 Health Ins. Premiums	+\$4,250.00	Health Ins. Prem. Slightly > Budgeted
G81304 Sewer Plant Contractual Exp.	-\$5,500.00	Cure above shortfalls

Trustee Hyatt moved acceptance of the Budget Transfers as recommended. Trustee Ackert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Schedule Year-End Appropriations Meeting: The Mayor inquired of the Board when they would like to schedule the annual year-end meeting to fund the final appropriations for 2020-21. Following a brief period of discussion, it was agreed by unanimous consent that the Meeting would be scheduled for Wednesday, May 26th at 6:00pm.

Ratify Fire Dept. Officers: The Mayor reviewed a memo received from Chief Pedone listing the Officers elected by the Granville Engine & Hose Co. #1 for the coming year: Fire Chief—Ryan Pedone, Deputy Chief—Michael Zinn, and Ass't Chief—Keith Seebode. Trustee Brown moved that the Officers be ratified as per the results of the election. Trustee Ackert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Request for Use of Veterans Park: Mayor Labas reviewed a written request received from the Assistant Pastor of the Granville Baptist Church to utilize the bandstand in Veterans Park on Sunday, June 27th. The Church would like to provide free music and serve hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. at the event. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved approval of the request, providing that the Church obtains a Vendor's permit if the intend to sell food. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion, noting that the Village has received similar past requests from the Church. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Coin Drop: The Mayor reviewed a written request received from the Haynes House of Hope seeking permission to conduct a coin drop on September 11th. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Brown moved that the request be approved as submitted. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Announce LARAC Grant: Mayor Labas reviewed an email received from LARAC advising of a \$2,500.00 grant in support of the Summer Concert Series. He thanked LARAC for their longstanding support of this event, and the staff in the Clerk's office for their time in preparing the grant application. The Mayor stated that he is looking forward to the return of the Summer concert Series to Veterans Park—it was sadly missed during the pandemic last summer.

Mayor's Reports: The Mayor reviewed the following matters with the Board:

- A. Rathbun Avenue Traffic Concerns: The Mayor reviewed a letter from Mr. Paul Mackey relating to thru traffic seen on Rathbun Avenue, sometimes at a high rate of speed. The letter requested that the Board consider taking actions to slow vehicular traffic to protect pedestrians and small children in the surrounding area. The Board discussed several options including signage, consideration of a One-Way designation, barriers, speed bumps, etc. As there is a business at the north end of Rathbun Avenue that requires truck access to Main Street, the One-Way option was dismissed. The concept of restricting access through barricades, etc. was also set aside, as two homes on Rathbun Avenue rely on that street as their only means of fire protection, and there is a dry hydrant on Rathbun Avenue as well. Following a period of discussion, the Mayor asked the DPW to consider installing appropriate signage on Rathbun Avenue, and to check into the installation of a mirror or mirrors near the intersection of Main Street in order to allow for better vision/sight lines for traffic there. The concept of speed bumps or speed humps may also be considered further.
- B. Acquiring Property Adjoining Village Well Field: Mayor Labas advised that he was still in contact with members of the Byzantine Catholic Church Diocese regarding the possibility of obtaining property that adjoins the Village Well Field and access to the same (to the south). While the representative for the Diocese has changed, the Mayor advised that he was still working on this matter, and hopeful that the property could be obtained in due time.

Mayor Labas opened the Meeting to Public Comment at 7:15pm.

Mr. Eric Pekar advanced a suggestion regarding Rathbun Avenue. He felt that signage indicating a "Narrow Road" and/or reducing the speed limit on the street might address the concerns advanced.

Mr. Matt Rollwagon suggested the use of Balusters/Barricades and "Narrow Road" signage to address the concerns raised regarding Rathbun Avenue. The Board advised that an outright prohibition or blockage of traffic would probably not be practicable, as two residences on Rathbun Avenue rely on that street as their only direct means of fire protection. The width of the street at the intersection of Factory Street was also seen as insufficient to allow for the passage of larger fire apparatus.

Mr. John Norton commented that he was opposed to Board members participating in meetings via teleconference. He also stated that he would like to hear reports from each Trustee at Board Meetings, as this was the way meetings were conducted when he was the Mayor.

Mr. Michael Angiolillo inquired if the State would be returning to pave Main Street at a later date. The Mayor advised that it was his understanding that this would be the case, and that it was not being completed at this time due to the large number of handicap-accessible curb cuts that were required to be upgraded. Mr. Angiolillo also announced that the Granville Masons would be holding a celebration of their 225th Anniversary on August 7th that included a rededication of their Lodge on North Street. The Mayor thanked Mr. Angiolillo for the Lodge's invitation to attend the event.

Mr. Austin Crosier inquired if there would be a Memorial Day Parade this year. The Mayor advised that the Village had sought counsel through the State if a parade could be permitted, but that the COVID/pandemic screening requirements will likely be seen as too restrictive to allow for a standard parade. The Mayor did indicate, however, that he would defer the final decision in this to the Veterans Service Organizations.

There was no further public comment.

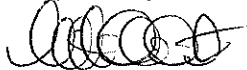
At 7:25pm, Trustee Hyatt sponsored a motion to convene an Executive Session to consider matters pertaining to the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation relating to the Zoning Board of Appeals. *The Village Attorney accompanied the Board into the Executive Session.*

At 7:40pm, Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the Board return to regular session. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Mayor reviewed a letter of resignation received from Planning Board Chairwoman Christina Haldt. Trustee Brown moved acceptance of the resignation, with thanks for her years of service. Trustee Ackert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no other business, Trustee Hyatt moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45pm. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Richard H. Roberts', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer