

**Village Board Meeting
February 7, 2022, 7:00pm
Village Municipal Center**

Attendance: Village Board: Mayor Paul Labas, Deputy Mayor Gordon Smith (via teleconference), Trustees Dean Hyatt and Lisa Ackert; absent: Trustee Dan Brown

Village Key Staff: DPW Superintendent Scott Mackey, Assistant Sup't Josh Hayes, Police Chief Ernie Bassett Jr., Local Ordinance Officer Curt Pedone, Fire Chief Ryan Pedone, Ass't Chief Michael Zinn, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Diana Scarlotta, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Austin Crosier and Timothy Farkas, *NYVT Media*

Others: Mr. Erik Pekar and Mr. George Demas

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 ratification of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 3rd as circulated. Trustee Ackert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: Mayor Labas reviewed the following reports with the Board of Trustees: Police Dept., Fire Dept., Water Dept. (3 samples, all satisfactory), Local Ordinance Officer, Village Court, and Granville Rescue Squad (Annual Report). 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:	\$58,583.64
Water Fund:	\$13,650.54
Sewer Fund:	\$36,902.73
Senior Shuttle:	\$890.35
Unaudited	
Vouchers:	<u>\$683.30</u>

Total Claims: \$110,710.56

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

Requests for Coin Drops (3): The Mayor reviewed three (3) coin drop requests with the Board:

- 1) Granville Youth Football: A written request was received from Matt James with a date of July 16th (rain date July 23rd). Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved approval of the request as submitted. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 2) Washington County Warthogs: A written request was received from Coach Michael Jones Jr. with a date of June 4th. The purpose of the coin drop is to provide for registration fees for team tournaments, Insurance, Umpiring costs, Uniforms, etc. This team formerly represented the Granville American Legion Post 323. Deputy Mayor Smith moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Ackert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- 3) Granville Little League: A written request was received from Little League Board Member Denise Davies with a date of April 30th. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved approval of the request as written. Trustee Ackert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

- A) DPW Scheduling: The Mayor advised that the DPW has been working diligently this past few weeks through some trying circumstances--there have been a total of six water main breaks and/or service line repairs due to the cold/frost, two staff members contracted covid while another was out with a back injury, and all of this was coupled with the significant snow/ice/rain event seen last weekend. Mayor Labas thanked the DPW for their dedicated efforts and professionalism through these difficult circumstances. He encouraged constituents to continue to let their faucets trickle through the evening hours to prevent any further freeze-ups.
- B) Circulate 2022-23 Budget (Working Copy): The Mayor circulated a working copy of the 2022-23 Budget to the Board. He indicated that there would be no tax increase for 2022-23, and no increase in Water/Sewer Rents. This is the first time in at least 25 years that this has been seen in the Village per the Mayor. He thanked the Dept. Heads and Village Board for their efforts to control expenses and keep things affordable for taxpayers. The Mayor advised that there would be no cuts in Village services and that all Departments will remain fully funded. Following a brief period of discussion between the Mayor and Trustees, it was agreed by unanimous consent that the Village would conduct a Budget Workshop on Thursday, February 17th at 6:00pm.

Mayor Labas opened the meeting to Public comment at 7:15 pm.

There was no public comment.

At 7:15pm, Trustee Ackert moved that the Board convene an Executive Session for the purpose of finalizing language/details pertaining to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Police Department. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At 7:30pm, Trustee Hyatt moved that the Board return to regular session. Trustee Ackert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Ackert moved that the Village Clerk be authorized to advertise for a Public Hearing on Monday, March 7th, at 7:00pm regarding a proposed change to the Village Zoning Law (Local Law #1 of 2008). The proposed change involves a Zoning reclassification for several parcels in the North Street Subdivision to allow for the placement of a childcare/daycare center there. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried 3-0, with Mayor Labas recusing himself.

There being no other business, Trustee Ackert moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30pm. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer