

**Village Board Meeting  
July 11, 2022, 7:00pm  
Village Municipal Center**

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

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

Press: Austin Crosier, *NYVT Media*

Others: Mr. Eric Pekar, Mr. John Harney, Mr. Matthew Rollwagen, Ms. Mary Callahan, Mr. Robert Beckwith, Mr. David and Mrs. Kathy Juckett, Mrs. Molly Celani, and Mr. Matthew Hicks, Town Supervisor

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

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Brown moved the ratification of the Minutes of the Meeting of June 6<sup>th</sup> as circulated. Deputy Mayor Smith 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 taken, all satisfactory), Local Ordinance Officer, and Village Court. Deputy Mayor Smith moved acceptance of the reports as written. Trustee Ackert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

General Fund:	\$169,141.61
Water Fund:	\$10,683.80
Sewer Fund:	\$18,988.73
Senior Shuttle:	\$1,525.41
Unaudited Vouchers:	<u>\$9,437.03</u>

Total Claims: \$209,776.58

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

Appoint Trustees, Pember Library Board: Mayor Labas advised that he had conferred with Pember Library President Mary King and advanced the following candidates for appointment to the Pember Library Board of Trustees (3 Year Term):

Rev. Jerry McKinney  
George Demas

Trustee Hyatt moved approval of the candidates. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor's Reports: The Mayor advised that he had no specific items to report on this evening, but he advised that Slate Valley Museum President Molly Celani wished to be recognized. President Celani thanked the Mayor and Board for their longstanding support of the Slate Valley Museum's facilities. She advised that the Museum's air conditioning system had been repaired, and that they were in the process of replacing the furnace for the facility. Mrs. Celani also advised of the recent election of Trustees to the SVM Board. President Celani then asked if the Board would consider executing a renewal of the agreement that governs the relationship between the Village (as owner of the real property) and Slate Valley Museum (as the entity charged with managing the facility, its staff, and its programs). Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Brown moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village Board. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Mayor and President Celani then executed the agreement and exchanged copies.

Veterans Park Requests: Mayor Labas reviewed two written requests pertaining to the use of Veterans Park:

- 1) Granville Area Chorus: The Mayor reviewed correspondence seeking permission for a community concert on the bandstand on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Following a brief discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- 2) Phil Hoyt—Operation Adopt-A-Soldier: Mayor Labas reviewed an email received from Phil Hoyt requesting a benefit concert on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm to benefit Operation Adopt-A-Soldier. Trustee Brown recognized Mr. Hoyt for his years of dedicated service to this worthwhile cause, and moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Mary Callahan addressed the Board concerning traffic on West View Drive. She advised that many cars turn onto West View Drive thinking that it is a thru street to NYS Route 22. As a result, many cars end up turning around in her driveway, which is the last on the street. The Mayor asked DPW Superintendent Scott Mackey to address this concern. Mr. Mackey advised that the DPW will install signage at entrance to West View Drive indicating that it is a Dead End.

Mrs. Molly Celani commented that she would like to see Village Board Meetings live-streamed or otherwise available through electronic broadcast.

Trustee Hyatt advanced a proposal to upgrade the lighting at the Village DPW. The proposal was prepared by NYSEG, and would allow for the installation of high-efficiency interior and exterior lighting. The cost of the project is \$6,200, but it is anticipated that all costs would be recouped within 18 months. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Ackert moved that Superintendent Mackey be authorized to proceed with this project, and that \$6,200 be appropriated from the Village's ARPA funding to cover the costs associated. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no other business, Trustee Ackert moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25pm. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard H. Roberts', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Richard H. Roberts  
Village Clerk-Treasurer