

**Village Board Meeting
December 5, 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: Superintendent of Public Works Scott Mackey, Ass't DPW Sup't Josh Hayes, Local Ordinance Officer Curtis Pedone, Fire Chief Ryan Pedone, Ass't Fire Chief Michael Zinn, Sgt. Josh Whitney, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dee Scarlotta, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Doug Larocque, NYVT Media

Others: Mr. George Demas and Mr. Matthew Rollwagen

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

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Brown made a motion to ratify the Minutes of the Meeting of November 7th as circulated. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: The Mayor reviewed the following monthly reports: Police Dept., Fire Dept., Water Dept (3 samples, all satisfactory), Village Court (2 reports), and Local Ordinance Officer. 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: \$150,383.20
Water Fund: \$17,875.78
Sewer Fund: \$41,756.59
Senior Shuttle: \$4,772.32
Unaudited
Vouchers: \$3,324.91

Total Claims: \$218,112.80

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

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a memo recommending a single budget transfer for the General Fund pertaining to the sidewalk replacements previously approved by the Board utilizing ARPA Funding. This transfer would avoid 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

A4960 Federal Aid, ARPA	+\$1,000.00	Show Federal Aid, ARPA
A95509 Capital Projects (Sidewalks)	+\$1,000.00	Appropriation per Board Authorization

Trustee Brown moved approval of the Budget Transfer as recommended. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Authorize Mayor to Execute Contract, South Granville Fire District: Each year, the Board is asked to consider authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Contract with the Town of Granville in order to allow the Granville Engine & Hose Company #1 provide fire protection services to the hamlet of South Granville. The Board's authorization is generally accompanied with a provision for legal review, if the Mayor is so inclined. Following a brief discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved that the Mayor be so authorized, in keeping with past practice. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

- A. Final Holiday Committee Report: Mayor Labas asked the Village Clerk if he would provide a brief report concerning the Village/Chamber Tree Lighting on Friday Night. The Village Clerk thanked the Holiday Decorating Committee and Village DPW for their efforts in making the Village and Veterans Park look so festive and bright. The Tree Lighting was well attended, with favorable weather and easing concerns relating to the pandemic. Crowd estimates ranged from 2,000-3,500 attendees. Some 240+ children visited with Santa, and all received gifts. All vendors reported heavy turnout, with all cookies, cocoa, cider donuts and brownies/goodies being consumed. The parade contained 7-8 floats, and the characters (including the Grinch, Frozen Characters, Frosty and the Conductor from the Polar Express) were all very well received. The Mayor reiterated the Clerk's comments regarding the Holiday Committee and DPW, and expressed his thanks to them for a job well done. He reminded those in attendance of the Holiday Light shows in the Park hourly from 5pm to 10pm through Monday, January 16th.
- B. Reminder—Lighted Tractor Parade (12/9): The Mayor advised that entries have continued to pour in for the Lighted Tractor Parade. As of today, nearly 50 entries have been received, and more are expected. The Mayor cited the favorable forecast for the upcoming week and indicated that attendance of 5,000+ is to be expected along the parade route. The Mayor thanked co-chairs Krystle Morey and Paul Garrone for their efforts in coordinating the Parade.
- C. DASNY Funding Received: Mayor Labas advised that the final funding for the UV Disinfection Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant had been received as of last Friday. This will allow the Village to close out the project at a cost of less than \$2,500 to local taxpayers. Given that total project costs were in the range of \$475K, the Mayor feels that this was a very favorable outcome for Village constituents. The Mayor thanked Lamont Engineers, the Staff at Senator Dan Stec's office, and the staff in the Village Clerk's office for their efforts in seeing this funding through—at times dealing with large State Agencies can be frustrating, but the results seen with this project will serve the Village well for many years to come.

Mayor Labas opened the Meeting to public comment at 7:10pm.

There was no public comment.

At 7:10pm, Trustee Brown moved that the Board convene an Executive Session to consider a potential hire for the Village Police Department. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *The Village Attorney accompanied the Board into the Executive Session.*

At 7:20pm, Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the Board return to regular session. Trustee Ackert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Hyatt moved the hiring of Mark Nelson to the position of Police Officer (full time), effective December 14th, at the 10-year pay rate per the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement. Trustee Ackert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no other business, the Mayor wished everyone the best for the upcoming Holiday Season and called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Brown moved that the Meeting be adjourned at 7:20pm. Trustee Ackert seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer