

**Village Board Meeting
December 4th, 2023, 7:00pm
Village Municipal Center**

Attendance: Village Board: Mayor Paul Labas, Deputy Mayor Gordon Smith Jr., Trustees Dean Hyatt and Denise Davies; absent Trustee Dan Brown

Village Key Staff: Police Chief Ernie Bassett Jr., Fire Chief Michael Zinn, Assistant Chief Keith Seebode, Village Justice Roger Forando, Local Ordinance Officer Curtis Pedone, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dee Scarlotta and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Matt Sarri, *NYVT Media*

Others: Mr. Matthew Rollwagen, Mr. Matt Hicks, Town Supervisor, Mr. Steve and Mrs. Felicia Dougherty, Mr. George Demas, Mr. Dan Williams, Mr. David and Mrs. Kathy Juckett, Mr. John and Mrs. Linda Freed, Mr. Connor Hoagland, Mr. Peter Kischak, and Mr. Nate Lewis

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 November 6th as posted to the Village website. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: The Mayor reviewed the following reports with the Board: Fire Dept., Police Dept., Village Court, Water Dept. (3 samples taken, all satisfactory), Dog Control, and Local Ordinance Officer. Deputy Mayor moved that the reports be accepted as read. Trustee Davies 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: \$184,471.10
Water Fund: \$17,990.64
Sewer Fund: \$42,167.62
Senior Shuttle: \$1,493.92
Unaudited
Vouchers: \$5,468.56

Total Claims: \$251,591.84

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

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a memo requesting a single budget transfer in the General Fund to address the recent billing from the NYS Retirement System:

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

A90108 Retirement Costs (ERS)	+\$27,100.00	Reinstatement of Village Attorney
A31201 Police Dept. P/S	-\$27,100.00	Cure above shortfall

Deputy Mayor Smith moved approval of the transfer as presented. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Authorize Mayor to Execute Contract—South Granville Fire District: For many years, the Board has authorized the Mayor to execute the contract with the Town of Granville to allow the Granville Engine & Hose Company to provide fire protection to the South Granville Fire District. The Mayor generally consults with the Village Attorney and/or Fire Chief if there are any changes seen beyond dates, syntax, or the contract amount. Subject to these parameters, Trustee Hyatt moved that the Mayor be so authorized in keeping with past practice. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

- A. Holiday Committee—Final Report: the Mayor asked the Village Clerk to brief the Board concerning the Village/Chamber of Commerce's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Clerk provided a report detailing the number of children served (314), approximate attendance (1,250-1,500), and various logistical details. He thanked the DPW, Police Dept., and Fire Dept. for their support, as well as the Volunteer Committee, Chamber, Great Meadow Federal Credit Union and others. The Mayor and Board commented that the Village decorations looked nice this year and wished everyone in Granville a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.
- B. Tractor Parade Update: Mayor Labas advised that the Tractor Parade was next up on the Village Calendar. It is scheduled for Saturday night (December 9th) and he noted that some 67 entries had been received to date. The Mayor commented that this was always a fun family event that is well attended. The early weather forecast looks favorable. The Mayor thanked Tractor Parade co-chairs Paul Garrone and Krystle Morey for their efforts, and wished all entrants well. He expects that this event will be a great time.
- C. Ratify New Member—Granville Engine & Hose Company #1: The Mayor advised that he had received a memo from Fire Dept. Chief Mike Zinn this morning requesting that the Village ratify a new member previously approved by the Company's membership. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved the ratification of Robert Dienst as recommended by the Department. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- D. Authorize DPW Superintendent to Execute Contract—Casella Waste Management: The Mayor advised that the DPW Superintendent had been negotiating proposed terms for Casella Waste Management to haul sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to a landfill in Franklin County. The proposed contract term is for a period of three years. The Mayor advised that the price would be increasing by \$5/ton, but that he felt that this was acceptable in the present inflationary environment. Trustee Hyatt agreed and sponsored a motion to allow the DPW Superintendent to execute the contract as requested, subject to

review of legal counsel as necessary. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- E. Reminder—Parking Ban in Effect: Mayor Labas reiterated that the Village Parking Ban had taken effect on November 1st. He thanked constituents for doing a good job in respecting the parking restrictions to date, and reminded those in attendance that this was an important consideration pertaining to public safety.

The Mayor opened the Meeting to public comment at 7:15pm.

Mr. Dan Williams advised that the Slate Valley Museum had hired a contractor who will place additional electrical outlets to avoid having to use extension cords, etc. as noted in a recent insurance inspection. He advised that the necessary upgrades would be completed before Christmas. The Board thanked Mr. Williams for his report and for getting this issue handled.

Justice Forando asked if the Board would be making any appointments pertaining the Village Court this evening. Mayor Labas advised that the Board would be discussing this matter in Executive Session and that he would discuss it with the Judge following consultation with the Board.

There was no further public input.

At 7:20pm, Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the Board convene an Executive Session to consider several potential applications for employment. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At 8:00pm, Trustee Hyatt moved that the Board return to regular session. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Hyatt moved the hiring of Walter Bixby to the position of DPW Laborer part-time at a rate of \$20/Hr. The hire would be conditional on passage of a localized background check. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Smith moved the hire of Norman Bogart to the position of Crossing Guard at a rate of \$15/Hr., subject to a localized background check. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Labas extended Holiday Greetings to all in attendance. He also recognized Town Supervisor Matt Hicks for his many years of service and noted that Granville had been well-served during his tenure.

At 8:05pm, Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the Meeting be adjourned. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer