

Village Board Meeting
August 4th, 2025, 7:00pm
Village Municipal Center

Attendance: Village Board: Mayor Paul Labas, Deputy Mayor Dean Hyatt, and Trustees Denise Davies, Heather Leaman, and Paul Garrone

Village Key Staff: Local Ordinance Officer Curtis Pedone, Village Attorney Michael Martin, DPW Superintendent Scott Mackey, Ass't Sup't Josh Hayes, Fire Chief Michael Zinn, Police Chief Ernie Bassett Jr., and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Peter Ward and Erik Pekar, *NYVT Media*

Others: Mr. Dan Williams, President, Slate Valley Museum; Mr. Matthew Rollwagen, Mr. George Demas, and Mrs. Kirstin Thomas

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

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved ratification of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 7th as published to the Village Website. Trustee Leaman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: Mayor Labas reviewed the following monthly reports with the Board of Trustees: Fire Dept., Police Dept., Water Dept. (3 samples taken, all satisfactory), Local Ordinance Officer, and Village Court. Trustee Davies moved acceptance of the reports as read. Trustee Garrone 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: \$27,666.92
Water Fund: \$16,245.42
Sewer Fund: \$19,578.07
Senior Shuttle: \$1,271.62
Unaudited
Vouchers: \$20,820.28

Total Claims: \$85,582.31

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

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a memo requesting a single budget transfer for the Sewer Fund in order to avoid overdrawing 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>
<u>Sewer Fund</u>			
G97137	BAN Interest	+\$160.00	Interest costs slightly > Budgeted
G81304	Contractual Expense, Sewer	-\$160.00	Cure above shortfall

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

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

- A. Meeting With New Superintendent, GCS: The Mayor advised that he and Trustee Leaman had met with the new GCS Superintendent Michael Hall. He reported that the meeting went well. In the meeting, the Mayor and Trustee Leaman had requested continued funding for the extra crossing guard in proximity to Stewarts. He also noted that he and the DPW Superintendent are continuing to work with the NYS DOT to obtain lighted beacon signs in proximity to the crosswalk that connects the Elementary and High Schools. The Mayor advised that certain School Board officials had attempted to speak with the DOT concerning this as well—he discouraged this practice. The Mayor stated that he was hopeful that the School Board would continue to fund the new/second crossing guard position, as she has been well received by students, parents, etc. and this has clearly improved safety in the area of Stewarts/Rawson Avenue; in addition, this second crossing guard served as a back-up for the Police Dept. in the event that they could not staff the crosswalk connecting the school campus at the time of opening or dismissal as a result of being dispatched for an emergency services call.

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

Mr. George Demas thanked the Mayor and Police Chief for their efforts in assisting him following the July Board Meeting. Mr. Demas reported taking a ride on the evening of July 7th and experiencing car trouble. He ended up staying in his car overnight and getting dehydrated. Subsequently, the Granville Police Department and Rescue Squad became involved as the vehicle was actually found to be off the roadway in a remote location. Mr. Demas reported being well, and thanked Chief Bassett for taking care of him, as well as his wife during his period of absence. Mayor Labas thanked Mr. Demas for his kind words and stated he was glad to see him back home and healthy.

The Mayor then asked the Village Attorney if he could brief the Board concerning the acquisition of property from the former St. Peter/Paul's Byzantine Catholic Church adjoining the Village well field. The Village attorney advised that the Church/Village are just awaiting the final approval from the Courts concerning the sale, but he expects that this will be forthcoming relatively soon, which will allow the transaction to be completed expeditiously.

Deputy Mayor Hyatt commented that the DPW had recently replaced a section of sidewalk upstreet following a water line replacement and that after the pouring of the new concrete someone had etched

"Drink Craft Beer" into the cement. He stated that he was disappointed with this and hoped that it could be remedied.

The Deputy Mayor also complimented the Summer Swim Program Coordinator and noted that she had expanded the enrollment from 27-28 students last year to 45 this summer. He noted that this program was very worthwhile for young students and families, and stated that the new Swim Coordinator was doing a good job.

There was no further public comment.

There being no other business, Trustee Davies offered a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 7:20pm. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer