

**Village Board Meeting and Public Hearing
November 3rd, 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: Fire Chief Mike Zinn, Police Chief Ernie Bassett, DPW Superintendent Scott Mackey, Ass't Sup't Josh Hayes, Local Ordinance Officer Curt Pedone, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dee Scarlotta, and Village Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Erik Pekar, *NYVT Media*

Others: Mr. Matthew Rollwagen, Mr. George Demas, and Mr. Paul Felice

At 7:00pm, Mayor Labas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the Public Hearing to Order concerning proposed Local Law #1 of 2025.

The Mayor briefly reviewed the rules for public comment for all Public Hearings conducted by the Village. He advised that the text of the proposed Local Law had been published to the Village website, and available at the Office of the Village Clerk for the last ten days. He then opened the floor to public input.

Mr. Erik Pekar inquired as to how the proposed adjustments seen in the hours for the winter parking ban would affect local businesses—for instance, if a café were operating on Main Street, would they have to prohibit on-street parking from 5am-8am to maintain compliance with the Local Law? The Mayor advised that the free parking lots at either end of the street would be maintained by the Village DPW and consistently available. He noted that in addition, Main Street (as part of NYS 149) was plowed by the County—not the Village—and thus enforcement there would not be a pressing priority. This said, he encouraged patrons to use good judgement in times of inclement weather—the main point behind this legislation is to allow Local and State DPW's to efficiently remove snow & ice from the roadways and sidewalks in the interests of public safety.

Mr. Matthew Rollwagen inquired if any language was contained in the proposed legislation concerning E-bikes? The Mayor and Police Chief advised that New York State already had statutes concerning the operation of E-bikes and thus local legislation was not necessary to address any concerns. The Mayor advised that he had asked the Police Department to enforce the existing regulations if violations were noted in the interest of public safety.

There was no further public comment.

At 7:05pm, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved that the Public Hearing be closed. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Labas called the regular session to order at 7:05pm.

Consider Action—Local Law #1 of 2025: The Mayor inquired of the Board if they had any further comments concerning proposed Local Law #1 of 2025. Hearing none, he inquired as to how the Board

wished to proceed. Following a brief discussion, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved adoption of Local Law #1 of 2025 as written. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Leaman moved ratification of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 6th as posted to the Village website. 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: \$42,730.04
Water Fund: \$11,124.35
Sewer Fund: \$21,545.37
Senior Shuttle: \$1,295.53
Unaudited
Vouchers: \$28,529.49

Total Claims: \$105,224.78

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

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer offered the following Budget Transfers for the General 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>Water Fund</u> | | | |
| A51102 | DPW Equipment | \$10,000.00 | Show purchase of Lift |
| A51134 | Street Paving | -\$6,000.00 | Paving < Budgeted las summer |
| F95509 | Capital Projects | -\$4,000.00 | Cure above shortfall |

Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Garrone moved approval of the budget transfers as proposed. Trustee Leaman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Holiday Committee Update: Mayor Labas asked the Village Clerk to provide an update concerning the Holiday Decorating efforts/Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Clerk advised that the Holiday Committee had conducted its annual service of the Holiday Decorations last Thursday with good results. The first installation last Saturday was also successful, and the decorations are just over 50% installed. The Holiday Committee has also met twice and selected a theme (*Santa Claus is Coming to Town*) and has worked on many logistical details. Overall, the process of decorating and preparing for the Tree Lighting Ceremony is on track/schedule—the Clerk thanked all of the volunteers, the DPW, and the Deputy-Clerk for their efforts to date. He noted that things looked favorable for another Festive Holiday Season in Granville this year. Similarly, the Tractor Parade Committee has reported that 16 entries have already been received and that they are off to a good start for 2025—the Clerk closed by noting that these events provide a great deal of goodwill and community pride locally.

Mayor's Reports: Mayor Labas advised that he had just two matters with which he wished to update to the Board/Public:

- A) Purchase of Used Lift: The Mayor noted that the Village had made the decision to acquire a used man lift in October to aid in servicing the Veterans Banners, Install Holiday Decorations, trim trees, and paint/service Village Buildings. The unit purchased is a 2006 Genie 45' Lift with a two-man basket and solid rubber tires. It has approximately 1,550 Hrs. service. The Mayor noted that the lift was delivered yesterday and that it would be equipped with a strobe light and additional safety features by the Village DPW. The Mayor feels that this will be a versatile piece of equipment for the Village, saving many man hours and allowing the Village to provide better service to its constituents. It is a clean unit with low hours and no known mechanical issues.

- B) Reiterate Comments Regarding E-Bikes: Mayor Labas stated that he wanted to remind those who owned/operated E-Bikes that New York State does have regulations regarding their use and that he has instructed the Police Chief to enforce the same. The Mayor asked that operators watch their speeds when operating in close proximity to vehicles, pedestrians, and other bicyclists. He also noted that helmets are required for minors/youth, and that bikes were not permitted on sidewalks, but rather should be operated on the shoulder of the roadway, riding with traffic.

Mayor Labas then opened the Meeting to public comment at 7:20pm.

There was no input received from the public.

This, at 7:20pm, Trustee Garrone moved that the Board convene an Executive Session concerning a matter pertaining to Contract Negotiations/Employee Relations. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *The Village Attorney accompanied the Board into the Executive Session in its entirety.*

At 7:45pm, Trustee Leaman moved that the Board return to regular session. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Mayor advised that no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

There being no other business, Trustee Davies moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45pm. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer