

Village Board Meeting and Public Hearings (2)
October 5th, 2026, 7:00pm
Village Municipal Center

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

Village Key Staff: Police Chief Ernie Bassett Jr., Fire Chief Michael Zinn, Local Ordinance Officer Curtis Pedone, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dee Scarlotta, and Village Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: E.J. Conzola II, *NYVT Media*

Others: Mr. Dan Williams, President, Slate Valley Museum; Ms. Krystle Morey, co-chairperson, Granville Lighted Tractor Parade; Ms. Becky Ricard, Mr. Matt Rollwagen, and Mr. George Demas

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

Public Hearing—Mobile Home Application—River Valley Drive (Dougherty): Mayor Labas called the Public Hearing to Order at 7:00pm concerning the placement of a new Double-wide Mobile Home on River Valley Drive. He briefly reviewed the rules for public comment for all Village Public Hearings and then requested the sign-in sheet from the rear of the room. No one had signed in to be recognized. The Mayor then asked those in attendance if anyone wished to comment concerning the application.

There was no public comment.

Hearing no comment from those in attendance, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved that the Public Hearing be closed at 7:01pm. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Hearing—Moratorium—Data Centers, Certain Solar Applications, and Battery Storage Facilities: The Mayor called the second Public Hearing to Order at 7:03pm concerning a potential moratorium concerning the above topics. He asked if anyone had signed in to be recognized. The Deputy-Clerk Treasurer advised that no one had done so. Mayor Labas queried those in attendance to ask if anyone wished to be heard.

There was no public comment.

Hearing no public comment, the Mayor noted that there were a few changes in language that he felt that the Board would like to see concerning this Legislation. These changes/corrections were viewed to be significant enough that the legislation will need to be edited and recirculated to the Board for review. Noting this, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved that the Public Hearing be adjourned to Monday, November 2nd at 7:00pm. Trustee Leaman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Consider Action—Mobile Home Application: The Mayor inquired if the Board was prepared to take action concerning the Mobile Home application for River Valley Drive. Deputy Mayor Hyatt noted that the Building Permit associated with this request appeared to be in order. The Board also noted the lack of public comment/participation seen at the Public Hearing. Following a brief period of discussion with the Local Ordinance Officer who noted no concerns with the application, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved approval of the placement of the Mobile Home as requested. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Consider Action—Moratorium: Mayor Labas inquired as to the Board's pleasure concerning the proposed Moratorium relating to certain Solar applications, Data Centers, and Battery Storage Facilities. Noting several issues with content seen in the proposed Moratorium, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved that the pending Legislation be tabled until the November Board Meeting (11/2, 7pm). Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Leaman made a motion to ratify the Minutes of the Meeting of September 14th as posted to the Village website. 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: \$42,756.39
Water Fund: \$18,009.17
Sewer Fund: \$86,715.19
Senior Shuttle: \$1,925.89
Unaudited
Vouchers: \$381.05

Total Claims: \$149,787.69

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

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a single requested Budget Transfer 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>
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General Fund

A16202 Equipment, Mun. Center	+\$1,500.00	Roof Repair, Police Dept.
A31204 Contractual Expense, PD	-\$1,500.00	Cure above shortfall

Trustee Leaman moved ratification of the Budget Transfer as recommended. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Request to Sponsor Lighted Tractor Parade: Mayor Labas reviewed a written request received from the co-chairs of the Lighted Tractor Parade event. He noted the proposed date and time (December 12th,

5:30pm), entry fee (\$15), and requested Police/Fire Dept./EMS/DPW participation. A permit from Washington County has been issued for this event. The Committee hopes to honor two families who have participated in the parade for years, each of whom recently lost family members unexpectedly. This will be the 9th Annual Tractor Parade event. A Founders/Hometown Spirit award is also planned. The Board discussed this event as proposed with co-chair Krystle Morey. She also answered several procedural questions. Following the discussion period, Deputy Mayor Hyatt made a motion that the Village continue its sponsorship of this event. Trustee Leaman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Request for Use of Veterans Park (Community Prayer Service): The Mayor reviewed a letter received from A.J. Scarlotta representing St. Mary's Church. The Church is seeking to convene a Prayer Service on Sunday, October 11th in Veterans Park. The service would be open to all denominations. Following a brief discussion, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Request for Police Coverage—Trunk or Treat Event: Mayor Labas reviewed a written request from the Granville PTO concerning their Trunk or Treat event scheduled for Friday, October 30th from 4:00pm-7:30pm at the Granville Elementary School. The Board reviewed the request with the Police Chief and he advised that the Department should be able to provide traffic control/a presence at this event in the interests of public safety. Following the discussion with Chief Bassett, Trustee Leaman moved that the PTO's request be approved as submitted. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor's Reports: The Mayor updated the Board in the following matter:

Eagle Scout Project—Mettowee Park: Mayor Labas advised that Max Withrow had completed his Eagle Scout Project recently in Mettowee Park. The project involved the placement of steps near the swimming area and various riverbank improvements. He thanked the DPW for their support of Max's project and noted that everything looked great upon completion. The Mayor emphasized that he was pleased with the development seen in the Park—the Pickleball courts get a lot of use, the swimming area is well maintained along the river, people are observed to be fishing there frequently, use of the horseshoe pits, barbeque grills, and picnic tables, etc. More broadly, the Mayor thanked the DPW and Police Departments for maintaining the Village streets in good repair and keeping the community safe this summer. He feels that the community has been well-served and expressed his appreciation to the Departments for their support of our constituents.

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

Mr. George Demas inquired concerning the current composition of the Board, noting several changes. The Mayor advised that all present members of the Village Board had been duly elected in 2023 or 2025.

There was no further public comment.

At 7:20pm, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved that the Board convene an Executive Session regarding a matter involving potential litigation. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *The Village Attorney accompanied the Board in to the Executive Session for its entirety.*

At 7:40pm, Trustee Davies moved that the Board return to regular session. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Mayor advised that no decisions had been made in the Executive Session.

There being no other business, Trustee Davies moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40pm. Trustee Leaman seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer