

# Municipal Resources

## VILLAGE GOVERNMENT



*Village Municipal Complex*

The Village of Granville was incorporated in 1885. The Village government consists of a Mayor, four Trustees, and a Village Justice, all of whom are elected to a two-year term. Village elections are held annually on the third Tuesday in March. All other positions within the Village are appointed by the Mayor and Board of Trustees, including the Village Clerk, Village Deputy Clerk/ Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Works, Code Enforcement Officer, Animal Control Officer, Chief of Police, Acting Village Justice, Sewage Treatment Plant Manager, and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Village Board of Trustees is responsible for all aspects of the Village government, with the exception of those delegated to other entities. In general, however, the Mayor and the Board of Trustees are responsible for the fiscal well being of the Village, along with the provision of all services to the residents and business owners.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), although appointed by the Mayor and Trustees, is an independent body commissioned with the authority to rule on appeals to the decisions of the Code Enforcement Officer. These decisions typically revolve around use and area variances. The ZBA only meets when an applicant requests a variance.

## MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Village's fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31. Among the Mayor's duties, is the preparation of a tentative budget to be presented to the Board of Trustees. The budget is made up of a General Fund, a Water Fund, and a Sewer Fund. The municipal budget must include all proposed expenditures and anticipated revenues, and is made available to the public for input at the required public hearing prior to adoption. The budget is used to determine what the necessary real property tax rate will be for the fiscal

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### *Police Protection*

year. After public review, the Village Board must approve the budget by April 15.

The Village of Granville provides a high level of emergency services for the community. The dedicated paid and volunteer personnel provide the Village with a highly trained emergency/mutual aid system. The emergency/mutual aid system is comprised of police, fire, and rescue personnel.

The Village of Granville has its own police force that provides twenty-four hour protection to the residents of the Village. The Village of Granville Police Department is paid through the Village's real property tax assessment on all properties within the Village. The Police Department has a staff that includes a Chief of Police, five Full time officers, seven part time officers, and one civilian crossing guard. The emergency calls are dispatched through the Washington County Sheriffs Department. The Village does not have any holding cells or jail; therefore, individuals must be transported to the County Sheriff Department in the Town of Salem. The Village of Granville Police Department works very closely with the Washington County Sheriff, the New York State Police, and the Vermont State Police when situations require assistance. Most police calls involve domestic family disputes, alcohol related crimes such as DWI, traffic enforcement, and youth related crimes such as loitering.

The Village has some pedestrian safety issues on Quaker Street, especially for the many elementary and high school students who walk to school. A civilian crossing guard helps to alleviate some safety issues, at the intersections of Rawson Avenue & Quaker Street and Quaker Street and Potter Avenue. The Village

### *Fire Protection*



*J.E. Norton Hose Company*

### *Emergency Medical Services*

also has a sidewalk program that is gradually helping to improve pedestrian safety in some areas.

The Village of Granville Fire Department encompasses three companies, the J.E. Norton Hose Company, the Hook & Ladder Hose Company, and the Henry Hose Company, which serves the Village and part of South Granville. The staff is made up of 50 well-trained, active volunteers. The department is financed through appropriations from the Village and Town. The Village's infrastructure provides an excellent system of fire hydrants and water yield.

The Granville Rescue Squad is a primarily volunteer organization of approximately fifty individuals and four paid EMT's that are on call during the day and stay on rotating schedules for night duty. The squad has well-equipped ambulances and up-to-date emergency equipment. As with the fire department, the emergency medical squad is always assisted by the Village of Granville Police Department.

Health Care and emergency treatment are provided by a number of area medical facilities depending on patient needs. Listed below are some of the area medical facilities that are available to Granville residents.

- Granville Family Health Center
- Mettawee Valley Family Health Center
- Rutland Regional Hospital
- Glens Falls Hospital
- Private Doctor & Dental Practices
- Indian River Rehabilitation & Health Center

### *Refuse Disposal*

The citizens of the Village of Granville contract with a private garbage hauler if they wish to have their trash picked up curbside. Some residents may choose to bring their trash and recyclables to the refuse transfer station operated by Washington County in the Town of Granville.

### *Waste Water Disposal*



*Village Waste Water Treatment Plant*

The Village of Granville has in place a wastewater collection system servicing every parcel within the Village. The 650,000-gallon wastewater treatment plant that handles the Village sewage and storm waste is located in the Northwestern corner of the Village off Mettawee Street. The main discharge for the plant drains to the Mettawee River while some storm water drains to the Indian River. The Village has extended sewer lines to some large businesses such as Price Chopper and Mc Donald's just outside of the municipal boundary on County Route 27.

Recently, the Village has undertaken major infrastructure improvement projects and has been very successful in securing financial assistance from the State. The Village recently completed a \$1.9 million wastewater collection system rehabilitation project which was funded by a \$1.7 billion NYS Environmental Bond Act grant and a \$200,000 zero% loan from the NYS Clean Water State Revolving Fund. In 1999-2000, the Village was also awarded a \$500,000 NYS Environmental Bond Act grant for yet more improvements to the treatment plant that will reduce phosphorous discharge to the Mettawee River and Lake Champlain.

### *Water Supply*

The Village of Granville has a public water distribution system that has been established since 1893 servicing every parcel within the Village. The Village has two water storage tanks, one is located off

High Street in the Northeastern corner of the Village, and holds 567,000 gallons and the other is located in the Town of Granville on Braymer Mountain, and holds 600,000 gallons. The pump house is located off Church Street on the Southeast side of Village. The system consists of 16 gravel pack wells that have an average depth of 10 to 16 feet. The water is treated with chlorine and soda ash for pipe corrosion control. The Village extended the public water supply lines about a half-mile down Route 149 in order to sell water to Vermont.

### *Energy*

Residents and businesses in the Village are provided electricity through the New York State Electric and Gas Company (NYSEG).

### *Other Utilities*

The local phone network is owned and maintained by Verizon. Cable television is provided by the Adelphia Cable Company, which also provides high-speed broadband Internet access.

### *Department of Public Works*

The Village of Granville Department of Public Works has seven full time employees and 1 summer part time employee. The DPW is responsible for the maintenance of the sewer and water lines and plowing of streets in the Village. They also repair potholes, sweep streets, and mow Village parks and other Village properties. Street paving is contracted out.

### Equipment

- Bobcat
- 3 dump trucks
- 1 ton dump truck
- 2 pick ups
- Back hoe
- Loader
- Sewer jack
- Storm drain cleaner
- Street sweeper

In addition to the above, the department takes on special projects as time permits to help reduce the cost of contracted services.

### *Street Lighting*

The Village of Granville currently provides street lighting through an agreement with the NYSEG. Over the next three years, the Village plans to replace the existing highway-style lighting with Victorian style luminaries. The new streetlights will be installed around the Village Park on Quaker Street and Morrison Avenue and down Main Street to Slocum Avenue.