

**Village Board Meeting
November 3, 2008, 7:00pm
Village Municipal Center**

Attendance: Village Board: Mayor Jay Niles, Deputy Mayor Gordon Smith, Trustees Brian LaRose, Dean Hyatt and Frank Caruso

Village Key Staff: Superintendent of Public Works George Johnson, Chief WWTP Operator Dan Williams, Fire Chief Russel Bronson, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Denise Davies, Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Darrell Beebe, Editor, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: Mr. G. Wayne Shaw

Mayor Niles called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee LaRose moved the acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of October 6th as published. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: The following monthly reports were presented to the Board for review: Water (3 Samples, all satisfactory), Village Court, Police Dept., and Dog Control. Deputy Mayor Smith moved acceptance of the reports as submitted. Trustee LaRose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Appropriations: The following claims were submitted to the Board for review:

General Fund: \$32,272.96
Water Fund: \$13,388.30
Sewer Fund: \$17,462.99
Skatepark: \$1,162.12
Unaudited Vouchers: \$407.37

Total: \$64,693.74

The Board audited the appropriations and Deputy Mayor Smith moved their approval for payment as submitted. Trustee LaRose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a memo to the Board recommending several budget transfers in the Water and General Funds in connection with the funding of the above appropriations. The recommended transfers are as follows:

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

F83402	Equipment, Water Fund	+\$2,500.00	Purchase 3 new hydrants
F95509	Capital Projects	+\$22,500.00	Hydr. study as prev. approved
F599	Unrsved/Unappr. Fund Bal	-\$25,000.00	Fund above appropriations

General Fund

A51102	DPW Equipment	+\$2,000.00	Leaf Collection box per BOT appr.
A51104	DPW Contractual Expense	-\$2,000.00	Fund above purchases
A80204	Cont. Expense, Planning	+\$75.00	Training Costs > Bdgt.
A80201	Pers. Service, Planning	-\$75.00	PB did not meet in Aug. or Sept.

Trustee Caruso moved approval of the budget transfers as recommended. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayors Reports: Mayor Niles offered an update in the following matters to the Board of Trustees:

- A. Senior Shuttle: The Village has ordered a 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan through NYS Contract Pricing per Mayor Niles. The van is sandstone in color, with running boards and seven passenger seating. The Mayor advised that he had met with Loretta Moore, the Shuttle's present driver, and confirmed that she would like to continue in her present position. At the meeting with Mrs. Moore, other details including the van's schedule, storage, maintenance, etc. were also discussed. The Mayor has also confirmed participation from four of five individuals who will sit on the committee charged with managing the Senior Shuttle Program. Committee members include Patricia Oathout representing the Mettowie Valley Senior Citizens, Rev. James Peterson from the Ecumenical Council, former Town Supervisor John Cosey, and Deputy Mayor Gordon Smith. In addition to establishing procedures and managing the program, the Committee will also conduct fund raising activities to partially fund the van's continuing operation. The Mayor feels that this will be a strong committee and that all groups with a vested interest in the services provided will have good representation. Finally, the Mayor advised that he will be meeting with the Washington County Department of Social Services to discuss any potential additional revenue for the shuttle that could be obtained through Medicare reimbursement for transportation to Doctor's appointments and/or other health-related services. Signage has been ordered for the van and can be placed within a day or so. The Mayor will pass on any additional information concerning the shuttle to the press as soon as it becomes available.

- B. Rails to Trails/Trestle Bridge: The Mayor circulated copies of a letter that was transmitted to Governor Patterson following last month's meeting with NYS

Parks & Recreation Regional Chairperson Alane Ball-Chinian. The letter summarized the Village's concerns relating to the delays associated with the replacement of the Trestle Bridge. Copies of the letter were forwarded to Parks & Recreation Commissioner Carol Ash, Federal Representative Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand, NYS Senator Betty Little, and NYS Assemblyman Roy McDonald. Follow-up correspondence was also transmitted to the Governor in support of the Mayor's correspondence by the Village Board, the Granville Partnership for Economic Development, and the Mettowee River Revitalization Committee. Commissioner Ash responded to the Mayor's correspondence at the request of the Governor, and she has asked Deputy Commissioner Erik Kulteseid to meet with officials from the Village and Snowmobile Club in hopes of forging a solution to the problem at hand. The Mayor advised that this meeting has been set for Monday, November 17th at State Parks & Recreation headquarters in Albany—this meeting represents the next step in the process for the Trestle Bridge. Mayor Niles also advised that NYS Parks Engineer Jason Penge came to Granville last week and met with several representatives from the Snowmobile Club and Village Board. Mr. Penge provided several potential designs for the replacement bridge and confirmed that he had designed a new footing that was built into the south abutment when the reconstruction work was completed by Schulz Construction this fall. Mr. Penge reported that upon receipt of the necessary input from the Village and/or Snowmobile Club concerning the specifications for the bridge, he should be able to provide a cost estimate and/or spec. sheets for the bidding process by January 1, 2009. In general, the Mayor reports that we seem to be “on track” here; the goal will be to firm up the time line going forward with a mind toward continuing to press the State to honor its previous commitments to our constituents through various sources as we proceed through the process.

- C. School Speed Zones: The Mayor reported that signage had been installed on Potter and Rawson Avenue denoting a 15 MPH speed zone in these areas. However, input has been received through several sources indicating that the 15 MPH designation may be too slow. Mayor Niles contacted Reid Schultz from the NYS Dept. of Transportation concerning this issue and Mr. Schulz has stated that the normal posting for school speed zones is 10MPH below the standard Village speed ordinance. This would place the school speed zone at 20MPH. The DOT has agreed to place a flashing beacon on Quaker St. in proximity to the school and the school will assimilate the annual maintenance costs associated with the same. In order to increase the current speed zone on Quaker Street, a letter would be required from the School District and Village Board to request that the DOT affect the change. Following a period of brief discussion, Trustee Caruso suggested that the speed zone for Potter Avenue also be adjusted to 20 MPH, while a limit of 15 MPH should be maintained for South Maple Street and Rawson Avenue. The Mayor requested that the Village Attorney draft a Local Law that stipulated the speed zones as above to be considered at the December 1st meeting. Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to advertise a Public Hearing relating to this proposed legislation in the Village's

official newspaper. Trustee LaRose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Coin Drop Requests: Mayor Niles advised of the receipt of two coin drop requests for 2009. The American Legion has requested a date of April 18th, and the Haynes House of Hope has requested September 5th. The Board commenced a period of discussion concerning the appropriate time that coin drop requests should be received in advance of the actual date that the coin drop will occur. Following the discussion period, the Board agreed to consider a policy in the future that contains a defined period that coin drop requests can be received for future periods/years. Deputy Mayor Smith moved acceptance of the two requests as submitted. Trustee Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried 4-1 (Caruso).

Proclamation—Lung Cancer Awareness Month: Mayor Niles advised of a request from a Village resident concerning the promotion of November as Lung Cancer Awareness month. Lung cancer is responsible for more deaths in America each year than breast, prostate, colon, liver, and kidney cancers combined. Given that most individuals afflicted with this disease are diagnosed at a late stage, the five-year survival rate is only 15%, hence the desire to promote awareness and/or early detection of the disease. As a result, the Mayor has published a proclamation modeled on similar measures passed by the NYS Senate and Assembly to designate November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month locally. Deputy Mayor Smith made a motion to support the Mayor's Proclamation and requested that the Village's Official Newspaper provide appropriate coverage to this issue. Trustee LaRose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Election Reminder: Mayor Niles reminded those in attendance that the polls will be open tomorrow from 6:00am-9:00pm locally in conjunction with the national election. Village employees will park at the Hook & Ladder Fire Company to free up spaces for the public. A heavy turnout is expected, with as many as 900-1,000 voters participating here at the Village Municipal Center.

Mayor Niles opened the meeting to the public at 7:40pm.

The Mayor announced that on November 18, representatives with the Washington County HEAP Program will be at the Baptist Church from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Anyone with knowledge of a resident who could benefit from the assistance offered through HEAP was urged to contact them to encourage their participation.

Trustee Hyatt questioned Superintendent Johnson concerning street paving and the filling of potholes prior to the winter season. The Superintendent advised that paving should be completed in a 1-2 day period in the next few weeks, as there will be no milling required for this year's work. Mr. Johnson explained that the reason that the paving is being completed a little later this year revolves around the prices seen for asphalt and the size of the Village's job relative to other projects that the paving company has ongoing throughout Washington County.

The Dog Control Officer (DCO) supplied the Board of Trustees and Village Attorney with documentation to update the regulations for dogs within the Village limits. The DCO feels that the fines & fees should be increased as the present Village ordinance dates to 1977. In addition, an updated fee schedule would also standardize the fines charged for violations within the Town and Village. Following a brief period of discussion between the Board of Trustees and Village Attorney, Trustee Caruso moved that the Village Clerk be authorized to advertise for a Public Hearing relating to the proposed Local Law on December 1st. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There was no other public comment.

Trustee Caruso moved that the Board convene an Executive Session at 7:55pm for the purposes of considering a matter of proposed, current or pending litigation (Combs, Antonak). Trustee LaRose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Village Attorney accompanied the Board into Executive Session.

Trustee LaRose moved that the Board return to regular session at 8:30pm. Trustee Caruso seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There were no actions taken in Executive Session. Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the Meeting be adjourned at 8:30pm. Trustee Caruso seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer