

VILLAGE OF CAPE VINCENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES APRIL 25, 2006

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Alan Ada, Joseph Gould, Douglas Putnam, and Robert Doud present.

Trustee Putnam had a correction for the previous meeting minutes to reflect the Mayor reported drawings for the Welcome Center project would be revised and sent to the DOT. With this change, Trustee Gould made the motion to accept the minutes with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney explained the budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007. He reported the Board had a workshop the previous evening and finalized the figures. The tax rate will remain at \$7.07 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The total budget figure is \$561,607.00. Real property taxes and other revenues are expected to amount to \$468,929.00 and the Village will use \$92,678.00 from surplus monies to stabilize the tax rate. Trustee Doud made the motion to approve the budget with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes. The water fund budget appropriations and revenues are \$372,993.00 while the sewer fund budget is \$175,031.00.

Mayor Maloney informed the Board he had spoken with the dog control officer about the proper completion of time sheets and she explained she was confused about the format but will now use the sheets to report her time worked.

Harry Landers, Center St., questioned the Board if there is a restriction on how many vehicles, boats, or trailers may be placed on the boundaries of a property. He was referring to the neighboring property and why he must tolerate this practice. A court case is pending in Town court against the neighboring property and at this point the Village must wait for the resolution of the Court case. Mr. Landers expressed his concern with the timeframe of the case, which he estimates it has been ongoing for three years. He questioned if the Village code allows this type of vehicles on property and is the code specific to each type of vehicle. Mayor stated the code is general but boats are considered inoperable vehicles and addressed in the code as such. Mr. Landers ended with he would like to see an end to this problem.

Marty Mason, DPW Supt., updated the Board on his department activities as follows:

1. Refuse truck will be arriving next week
2. The Supt. would like to order 28 ton of salt for the 06-07-winter season before a price increase in July. The Village ordered salt for the previous winter but did not take delivery of the entire amount ordered because of the mild winter. The Mayor asked the Supt to make sure there is not a high storage fee for the salt before the fall delivery date.
3. No comments have been received from surrounding property owners near the area of new lift station on Point St. Mayor Maloney asked the Supt. to make the effort to contact the people and report at the next meeting
4. Supt. will purchase thirty meters at the price of \$110.81 per meter
5. Brush and compost pickup continues

6. Topsoil will be purchased to place six stumps and do shoulder work on Pine
7. Two hydrants will be replaced
8. Speed bumps will be placed on James

Mayor Maloney spoke with the Garden Club President and informed the Club the Village will provide equipment and manpower to water the hanging flower baskets. The Club will solicit monetary donations from Village organizations.

Mayor Maloney reported the Village received two post-dated checks for rent from Horne Transportation for 2006 with no mention of payment of late fees or utility costs due the Village. Trustee Gould made the motion not to allow use of the Law Building by Horne Transportation until all charges are paid in full. Trustee Putnam seconded the motion commenting the Village residents should know the true cost of operations of the Law Building. A discussion followed with residents objecting to the closing of the ferry due to the business it brings to the Village. Trustee Gould rescinded his motion and Trustee Doud made the motion to grant the Mayor the authority to contact Horne Transportation by phone and follow up with a letter notifying them of the legal rights of the Village. Mayor Maloney stated he is in favor of the resolution rather than immediate closure with Trustee Ada stating this is a workable solution. Mayor Maloney seconded the motion with all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney reported on the following:

1. Waiting for response for the James St. health hazard
2. Contacted DOT for possible placement of speed limit sign near Village limits on East end with no response at this time

LDC Representative, John Defrancesco, requested the Village order a computer for LDC use. Grant monies would reimburse the Village within three or four weeks. The Board authorized Mr. Defrancesco to make the purchase.

Jeffrey Herpel, Planning Board Chairman, reported a site plan review for Sharon Wiley was held and a site plan review for Antique and Rare Books store on Club St. will be held at the May meeting.

Trustee Putnam will forward necessary paperwork necessary for the \$100,000 grant at the East End Park to the proper authorities.

Trustee Doud made the motion to adjourn at 6:35 PM with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp

Village Clerk