

VILLAGE OF CAPE VINCENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES JUNE 27, 2006

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

Trustee Putnam made the motion to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Marty Mason, DPW Supt., gave a report of department activities as follows:

1. A combination of Town, Village, and DEC workers will fill in and level the DEC bass ponds next week with trees in the area not being displaced
2. The flow meter at the sewer plant needs to be replaced. Mr. Mason contacted the DEC for recommendations and Cyclops meter for \$3100.00 meets the Village needs and will also be compatible with the SCADA system. Mayor Maloney made the motion to purchase the meter with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes. Odor has been minimal because of the amount of rainfall.
3. A discussion was held on how to best the Village could provide water/sewer services to two lots on James. St. The Board agreed James Street should not be dug up and the contractor should bore under the road to connect to the Village systems. Mr. Mason will contact the contractor.
4. Fire hydrants will be flushed this week
5. Three youths will be working in the Village under the Jefferson County Employment and Training program.
6. The yearly refuse pickup was completed with letters being sent to residents whose refuse did not meet Village criteria for removal. The Village will charge an hourly labor rate, fuel charge, and tipping fees if the junk is not removed from curbside by July 6th
7. Water flows are down this year for water being shipped out with part of the decrease attributed to leaks being repaired

Trustee Ada asked if more input had been received concerning the above ground lift station on Point Street with Mr. Mason replying he would contact the supplier for more information. Trustee Putnam asked him to check the lower end of the East End Park for poison ivy and remove brush in one area. Trustee Doud reported there is swallowwort on a Pine tree near the Village wastewater treatment plant area that should be removed. Trustee Doud then complimented the DPW on a good job on the general refuse pick up.

Mayor Maloney reported the Village engineer is amending the study and report for the water system and expects to have it completed next week.

The Village engineer sent information for the apparent low bidders for the Welcome Center at the East End Park along with the construction budget. Due to the absence of Mr. Gould these will be reviewed at the next meeting and at the same meeting the amendment to the engineering agreement for inspections with Bernier/Carr will be reviewed.

French Festival Chairman, John DeFrancesco, asked if the Village would be removing piles of rubbish that were left for different reasons after the general clean up with Mayor Maloney replying this had been addressed earlier in the meeting.

Mayor Maloney reported on the meeting he had with the EMS coordinator for the County and they discussed different ways to recruit and retain volunteers for the fire department and ambulance services.

Mayor Maloney reported on the following:

1. The Department of Social Services is waiting for quote from a contractor for the repair of the sewage problem on James Street, as the department requires three quotes. The Department is assisting the family.
2. He met with officials of the Ferry Discretionary Grant program, which the Village applied for last year with the outcome the project was viewed as border security not transportation but Horne Transportation may be eligible for funding through the program to improve their property
3. He contacted the person in charge of Customs, Al Whitcomb, to ask if they had a problem with the change of locks so no unauthorized personnel could enter their offices if the Village chose to allow the a local development group to use the office. Mr. Whitcomb gave his consent and does not foresee a problem with the lock changes.
4. The Shoemaker case is currently adjourned as the yard material has been consolidated and placed and covered but the zoning officer will survey the property to assure the materials are kept neat.
5. The contract for the clinic and the intermunicipal water agreement has been forwarded to the Town of CV for their signatures.
6. Mayor Maloney will attempt to contact an attorney concerning the Dreswick property as new information has been received

Fred Wiley, addressed the Board informing them he had received a Certificate of Occupancy for his manufactured home on Bay Street. Barb Steinhouse, resident, asked if he had met the conditions of the permit issued by the local zoning officer. Mr. Wiley replied he had not because of financial hardships but he had a year to meet the conditions. Mayor Maloney asked the timeframe for the removal of the old home but Mr. Wiley could not give a direct answer. He would like the Village to show him where in the Village Code it states the old trailer must be removed. Mayor Maloney has had conversations with the Village Attorney who had spoken directly to Mr. Wiley's attorney who stated the old home would be removed promptly. Mr. Wiley stated he might have to sue the Village for legal expenses he incurred while obtaining the variance.

Daniel May spoke concerning the recent complaint of his business expanding into the NYS right of way. He explained he does place articles curbside three to six days per week four months of the year but the articles are removed at the end of the business day and covered with black tarp so they are not visible. He will remove a sign that advertises another business. The Board agreed this practice is not a violation of the code.

Mayor Maloney reported the Village had received notification from NYS Department of Labor, Public Employee Safety and Health Bureau, concerning violations at the DPW. The DPW Supt. has received the same information and will address the violations within the designated timeframe.

Trustee Putnam reported residents have complained to the dog control officer about a problem with dogs barking on Market Street and they were told it was not addressed in the leash law with the Mayor replying the issue is addressed and either the dog control officer or the police may issue citations.

Trustee Ada has had no response from the Town of Cape Vincent concerning a local law concerning parking on James St. and the Thousand Island School has notified him they do not have a problem with a change in parking. Mr. Ada recommended the Village proceed with this change. Thursday, July 13th was set for the time to interview applicants for the position of part time police officer.

Trustee Doud requested the Code Enforcement Officer contact a possible home business on Wiley Blvd. To ascertain if it violates the code.

Trustee Doud made the motion to enter into an executive session at 7:25 PM with Mayor Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes to discuss hiring a Laborer.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to resume regular session at 7:45 PM with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Putnam then made the motion to hire Floyd Ostmann as full time laborer effective in two weeks. Trustee Doud seconded the motion with all voting yes.

Trustee Ada made the motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp
Village Clerk