

VILLAGE OF CAPE VINCENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUGUST 22, 2006

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

Trustee Putnam would like the previous meeting minutes changed to reflect the Village was advised by the Village Attorney not to pick up refuse and recycling from businesses in the Village. Trustee Doud noted the street named be changed from Market to Broadway in regard to the Village placing utilities on a lot. With these changes, Trustee Putnam made the motion to approve the minutes with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney read correspondence from Joyce Hughes, former resident, which questioned where the park benches have disappeared to from the downtown area over the years and why some sidewalk has been removed from the end of Market St. The Board is not certain as the ownership of the benches with the Supt. stating the benches were removed at time of sidewalk replacement with Mayor Maloney directing the Supt. to place the benches back on the grass and notify the owner of Roxy's Bar of this plan. As for the removal of sidewalk for public access to the river, Trustee Putnam stated there are other streets in the Village which end with no sidewalk to the river for the public, only seeded areas.

Mayor Maloney read a letter from Shannon Cummings relaying she has resigned her position as Chamber of Commerce President due to time restrictions. The Village will write a thank you letter to her.

Marty Mason, DPW Supt., gave the report of the activities of his departments:

1. Ainsworth Lane will be paved next week as construction is completed
2. Asked if speed bumps could be removed at this time with the Board agreeing it is time to remove them as youth sports are completed for the season
3. Watering of the hanging flower baskets will be discontinued after Labor Day and flags will be removed from the light poles after Labor Day
4. Sewer installation to a new home on James St has begun. The plans have change because there is not enough cover for pipes but the pipes will now go on the row with a manhole on the opposite side
5. The supt. asked it be clarified the section of sidewalk to a house from the main sidewalk is private and the responsibility of the homeowner to repair. The Board agreed this is the proper procedure.
6. Supt. will schedule hearing tests for employees as required by PESH

Mayor Maloney had spoken with the sales representative for a proposed lift station that will be placed on Point St. who stated the order needs a four week lead time and the price remains the same. The Board agreed to go ahead with the above ground replacement station and the Mayor will inform the neighboring residences of the decision. Trustee Gould recommended the station be shifted away from the road surface. The above ground station is cost effective and would resolve some safety issues.

Trustee Gould made the motion to put out for bids the 1990 Village police car to be returned by September 26th with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes. The supt. was instructed to remove any gear that identifies it as a police vehicle. Trustee Ada brought up for discussion the need for housing for the winter months for the new police vehicle. Trustee Gould stated this could be a shared project that could qualify for the Shared Services Grant between the Town, County, and Village as the garage could also house a County Police car. Further discussion will be held on this with the DPW considering a parking space within the next month.

Trustee Gould made the motion to approve the long assessment environmental form (SEQR) for entering the water project and state the Village intent to become lead agency with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes. This is a thirty-day review process. Mayor Maloney brought correspondence from the engineer that there is no short term financing available so the Village must bond for the full amount. Trustee Doud made it clear the Village will be reimbursed from the Town and Development Authority by water contracts and water usage fees. The total proposed amount for the project is \$416,000.00. Trustee Gould made the motion to proceed with the BAN for financing with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Gould made the motion to decline the proposal of D. Sullier for a right of way through her property with a road that would lead to the Village owned Elm St. lot in exchange for the Village providing utilities to her lots. Trustee Ada seconded the motion with Mayor Maloney and Trustee Putnam voting yes while Trustee Doud abstained.

Trustee Doud questioned the Supt. if Laborer, K. Cataldo, had obtained a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) permit. The Supt. replied she does not have the permit. After discussion, it was decided Ms. Cataldo, will be notified in writing if at the time of her next review she will not receive an increase in her hourly pay unless the permit is obtained. Trustee Doud asked if employee's reviews were in their files and the Supt. replied reviews would be at the Village Office as soon as all are completed. Trustee Doud asked the Supt. if employees have been scheduled for training in water and or sewer programs. The supt. has been in touch with Dept. of Health and Rural Water officials to schedule a training class here in the Village but the date has not been confirmed. Trustee Doud feels senior employees should be offered training courses before newly hired are. Senior Employee, William Gippe will be asked if he has an interest in pursuing licenses for the water and or sewer plants.

Trustee Putnam has had complaints about the problem of barking dogs at the Rocker residence on Market St. that disturb the neighbors. The code officer has been to the residence but the owners say they are moving within the month. The dog control officer again will notified of the continuing problem. Mr. Putnam also contacted the mother whose daughter may be the owner of the Dreswick property on Bay Street. The mother will contact her attorney to explore the process of how her daughter may take ownership of the property.

Trustee Ada asked the Mayor if any new information had been received about the unsightly condition of the property owned by Ronald Trotter on Lee and Joseph Streets. The Mayor has not heard from him but will try to contact him.

Robert Adams, Real St., advised the Board Village residents who are not able to receive mail by the rural delivery carrier in the Village are entitled to a post office box free of charge.

Robert Scott, Market Street, addressed the Board on the issue of what he believes is a code violation. He stated his neighbor, Samuel Carrollo, has built up his lawn with topsoil that could affect his yard with water runoff. Mr. Scott had attended the recent Planning Board meeting for the purpose of a site plan review for a fence on his property. He was not satisfied with the Boards decision or with the conduct of the Board at the meeting. He feels his property will be “swamped” as excess water will be entering his yard as Mr. Carroll’s yard has been built up to accommodate a fence height. Mr. Scott further explained Mr. Carrollo had built the fence without a permit. After discussion, Trustee Ada made the motion to have Mr. Carrollo remove the fence that was erected without a permit and for every day it remains he will be fined accordingly. Mayor Maloney seconded the motion with Trustee Putnam and Doud voting yes and Trustee Gould abstaining.

Mayor Maloney reported he attended the Chamber of Commerce and French Festival meeting with both organizations committing to make an effort to recruit members to assist with the festival. Trustee Putnam also attended and he would like the Village to take more control with policing and street closings etc.

Mayor Maloney reported he talked with Officer Jerry Golden who has a Village owned gun. A discussion was held on whether or not the Village would like to sell the gun to Mr. Golden or have the gun returned to Village custody and then trades it in for the new officers weapon. It was decided the Village would get custody of the gun and use its value toward the purchase of the new weapon.

The Board agreed to place children playing signs on Garden Wall Drive at the request of Paul Robbins.

Trustee Doud made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 Pm with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp
Village Clerk