

VILLAGE OF CAPE VINCENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES JAN. 24, 2006

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

Mick Lehman, Village Engineer, was present to clarify the contribution amount of \$50,000.00 per year for thirty years the Village would commit to the Town of Cape Vincent for the joint water project. He was asked to clarify the August 2005 figures with a fifteen-year payoff versus thirty using revised operation and maintenance costs. If the Village proceeded to remove the asbestos, paint the present water tower and replace a section of water main the Village water rate would increase to \$196.00 per year. If the Village proceeds with the joint project the water rate could possibly increase to \$241.00 but with increased benefits to the Village. The pumps would be upgraded and the Village would no longer be responsible for the maintenance of a water tower. The Village would also benefit as the larger tank would keep storage steady and peaks of significant drops in pressure in the Village would be alleviated. Also, if the Village does not move forward with the Town the engineer believes the Town may go over the State Comptroller recommendations for water charges for water district users which would prompt a review by the Comptrollers office and possibly put the project in jeopardy for grant monies. Trustee Doud asked the Supervisor, Thomas Rienbeck, if the Town would consider removing and disposing of the present Village water tower. The Supervisor would not commit to this at this time but would relate this to the Town Board for discussion. A discussion was held on whether or not the Village rate could decrease if additional grants monies became available. Mr. Lehman commented he does not foresee additional grant monies becoming available. Mr. Rienbeck believes the increased development in water districts would help stabilize Town, School, and Village taxes in future years. A deadline of October 26, 2006 has been set for the project to be finalized and submitted for funding. After discussion, Trustee Gould made the motion for the Village to commit \$50,000.00 annually for thirty years to the Town of Cape Vincent for the joint Town/Village project with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Gould 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.

Jeffrey Herpel, Planning Board Chairman, reported the Board had referred two issues to the County Planning Board for review and welcomed Richard Hodge to the Planning Board.

Mayor Maloney reported he had spoken with the Village Attorney concerning increasing the Zoning Board of Appeals to five people and this would require a Local Law. Mr. Gebo will forward information to the Village.

Trustee Putnam reported the Village engineer is in the process of responding to DOT questions for the Welcome Center Project.

John DeFrancesco, LDC representative, requested the Board to name him contact person for the Small Cities grant to which the Board agreed.

James Docteur, Zoning Officer, was questioned whether or not he had authorized the canopy over the door on the William St. side for an entrance to a Pizza Shop. He had not authorized this section of the project but will make an inspection.

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

1. Environment Protection Agency representative will inspect the sewer overflows in March.
2. Request the Village notify Vera Fitzgerald the Village will not cover her claim for the flooded cellar during November 2005. The Mayor will reply.
3. A storm drain has been replaced and repiped on Bay Street.
4. A signed easement has not been received from A. Morreta concerning placing pipe on her property for storm sewer upgrades. The Clerk will forward portions of the building code for her review as she requested
5. The storm sewer project will begin on Ainsworth Lane
6. The police car is at the DPW garage for repairs
7. Trustee Putnam made the motion to authorize a five percent wage increase for Laborer William Gould, retroactive to Dec. 8, 2006 with Mayor Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes. The Supt. is working on employee evaluations.

Trustee Ada made the motion to approve the requirements for attendance for Planning Board members with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Gould informed the Board the Jefferson County Fireman's convention will be held in Cape Vincent August 24, 25, 26, 2006. He requested NYS Rte 12 E be shut down in front of the fire hall at different times on these days so events may be held. Mayor Maloney made the motion to approve the shutdown with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes except Trustee Gould who abstained.

Trustee Putnam reported he had met with NYS representative, James Noon, on the waterfront grant. The State requests the sign be replaced at the East End Park announcing the project for a possible cost of \$116.00. Trustee Putnam, Village representative for the project, will forward paperwork necessary for the project to proceed to Mr. Noon.

Mayor Maloney will consult the Village sewer use law as it pertains to a problem on James Street.

Trustee Doud made the motion to adjourn at 8:12 PM with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp, Village Clerk

