

VILLAGE OF CAPE VINCENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES JUNE 12, 2007

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

Trustee Doud asked a spelling be corrected in the previous meeting minutes. Trustee Gould then made the motion to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting and accept them as written with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board reviewed abstract 1 as follows:

1. General	\$18,959.86
2. Water	20,487.87
3. Sewer	12,255.99

After review Trustee Gould made the motion to approve the Abstract and authorize the Treasurer to pay Abstract 1 with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

John Defrancesco, Local Development Corp. (LDC) Member questioned the Board minutes of May 8, 2007 and asked for clarification the perception of the Board not supporting the group, only the Mayor. Trustee Doud responded the only objection of the Board was the meetings were supposedly closed to the public. Mayor Maloney responded the meetings are open and the minutes available to the public. Mr. Defrancesco stated the minutes are available at the community Library and the Board agreed the minutes may be available at the Village Office for distribution during regular business hours. Another issue for discussion, Mr. Defrancesco questioned if the Village had notified other non-profit organizations, which receive Village funding, that their minutes should be available to the general public. Mayor Maloney will write to the organizations to ask the minutes of their organization be made available with a copy of the letter be forwarded to the LDC. Mr. Defrancesco then asked if the cost of water to produce to the Village is \$1.84 per thousand gallons why is the Village charging the Town of Cape Vincent and the Development Authority of the North County only \$1.74 per thousand. Trustee Doud explained the \$1.84 figure is the projected cost but some capital projects may not occur. A concern of Mr. Defrancescos was the increase to Village users would negatively affect business users. He then had questions about the sewer project to which the Mayor responded the Village is under a consent order from the DEC but is actively working with them to correct problems. His last question concerned the funding to the local fire department to which members of the Village Board who are also members of the fire department voted on the Village budget, which included a contribution of \$10,000.00 to the fire department. He believes NYS law states members of such organization cannot vote on a budget if funding is included to a organization to which they belong. Mayor Maloney will contact the Village Attorney for a legal opinion.

Linda Beerman, resident, brought forth a letter detailing the description of the property bordering hers with overgrowth of vegetation and possible breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Mayor Maloney had spoken with the owner who has plans to clean up the

property but no timeframe mentioned. Jeffrey Herpel, Planning Board Chairman states it is a violation of the Village Code and he will address the issue.

Mayor Maloney opened the public hearing at 6:00 PM for amendment to Local law 2-05, to promote orderly growth and development of the Village. The issue, which brought much comment, is the portion of the amendment that would allow an existing singlewide manufacturing home to be upgraded to a newer singlewide manufactured home. A member of the committee which wrote the amendment stated the committee all agreed the upgrade of single wide mobile homes would not be allowed and why was their recommendation changed by the Village Board. Trustee Doud, Chairman, of the committee advised the issue was brought before the Board and Board changed this section of the amendment. He also advised the language in all areas of the code was clarified and unregistered boats are now addressed. Mayor Maloney explained the amendment would clean up the Village and increase property values. Many negative comments were received and a few positive stating the pride in ownership plays a large part in the appearance of any home. Planning Board Chairman, Jeffrey Herpel, stated his opposition to the amendment to Local Law 2-05. Mayor Maloney thanked everyone for his or her comments, which were appreciated, and will be taken into consideration. Trustee Doud made the motion to close the hearing at 6:30 Pm with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mary Falcon, Improvement League president, advised the Board the money raised from Improvement League fundraisers this season will be used to purchase banners and possibly trash receptacles that would be placed around the Village. Trustee Putnam stated the Village has had problems in the past with abuse by both Village residents and out of Town residents by leaving trash outside the receptacles. The Board will consider these requests.

Marty Mason, DPW Supt., gave the Village report as follows:

1. Thank You to Dick Hodge for watering the Garden Club plantings
2. Thirteen trees have been planted and mulched
3. Preparation has been made for next week Village wide clean up days

A short discussion was held on the time and quantity the DPW is picking up each week pertaining to grass clippings and brush. The Supt. reported the DPW picks up about 2 and ½ days per week, which limits time on other projects. Residents are abusing the brush pickup, which originally designated for windstorm debris but now residents are removing trees and placing them curbside. The Village does offer a truck to residents for such removals. No decision was made about the status of future pickups of grass and brush. The Improvement League requested the leak in the community House roof be repaired with the Supt. replying the entire roof will be replaced during the summer of 2007. The Supt. noted a truck appears to be abandoned on Bay Street and action will be taken to remove the vehicle.

Planning Board Chairman, Jeffrey Herpel, stated an application had been received from Urban Hershey to re-open the former bait store on Gouvello Street for different purposes with a site plan review to be scheduled by the Planning Board.

Deb Sulier, resident, asked the Board about the Village interest in placing an entrance to Village lot off Elm Street. Her property across from the Village Park would provide access to the lot. The Mayor informed her the Village would contact her as soon as the Village is prepared with a definite plan.

A workshop for the Board will be held on Tuesday, June 19th at 5:00 PM to discuss the water contract language for the Town of Cape Vincent and Development Authority. Trustee Doud commented the DPW Supt., Marty Mason, is also a Town Board member and perhaps should not be present during these meetings. He feels people with vested interests should not have input at these meetings and the Village should consider carefully the proposed expansion at the Village water plant. He stated a priority of the Village should be the upgrading at the sewer plant, as future development in the Village cannot be accomplished until the plant is upgraded or rebuilt. The debt will be retired next year and as the Village is already under a consent order from the DEC the plant and sewer system should be a priority of the Village if future growth is expected.

Mayor Maloney reported he had met with summer job applicant, George Mingle, and he understands he will do various jobs as directed by the Village Supt. Trustee Putnam made the motion to hire George Mingle at the rate of \$9.00 per hour for summer employment with Trustee Gould seconding the motion. Mayor Maloney voted yes with Trustee Doud voting no. Motion carried. Trustee Putnam then made the motion to hire Todd Soluri for summer employment at the rate of \$9.00 per hour. Trustee Gould seconded the motion with all voting yes. Mr. Soluri will begin work June 18th and Mr. Mingle will begin work June 25th.

Trustee Doud made the motion to grant the request of the North Country All American Classics to hold a car parade on Sunday, July 15th with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes. The clerk will respond to the club and notify the Village Police of the event.

Trustee Doud told the DPW Supt. to inform his employees about the \$.25 per hour wage increase they received for obtaining water licenses. Trustee Putnam asked Jefferson County officials have posted the property on James Street as a health hazard. Trustee Putnam will follow up with the County. Mayor Maloney will contact an attorney for the Dreswick property to check the status of the property.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp
Village Clerk