

VILLAGE OF CAPE VINCENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES JULY 24, 2007

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 asked the previous meeting minutes be corrected to state the DPW Supt. had been instructed to clear the east end of the park of unwanted debris. With this change, Mayor Maloney made the motion to approve the minutes with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes except Trustee Ada who was absent for that meeting.

Richard Schmitt, resident, asked the Board to address the appearance and condition of the vacant house on Point Street, address the appearance of the boathouse on Club Street, check the fence at the end of Market Street on private property as it obstructs views from the public portion of the street, and asked storage trailers be regulated. Mayor Maloney advised the Village will check the fence issue, boathouse issue, and the house condition was referred to the Zoning Officer. Storage trailers are addressed in the amendment to Local Law 2-05.

DPW Supt gave the Village report as follows:

1. Raw water plant had lightning damage to equipment which has been repaired and bill will be forwarded to the Village insurance carrier
2. Sidewalk work is progressing
3. Bypass completed with two four-inch valves replaced on Point St.
4. Contractor for pipe replacement on south Market will start in the next week
5. Two employees will be absent due to medical reasons
6. Residents thanked the Supt. for his department's sidewalk work & work at the bass ponds

Trustee Doud reported he had been meeting with the Zoning Officer to develop procedures and forms for vegetation citations, and absentee landowner lawn issues. Mayor Maloney asked if these changes had been done through the Village Attorney as part of the local law to which Trustee Doud responded no but these forms would help clarify problems. A problem area at Joseph and Lee Streets was discussed between property owners who were present. Trustee Doud was thanked for all of his assistance to address the problem.

Jeffrey Herpel, Planning Board Chairman, reported a six-foot fence had been approved on Point Street and a sixty-day temporary permit for a multi use on Club Street. The later will be sent to the Jefferson County Planning Board. Mr. Herpel questioned if any action had proceeded with the Bescher property while the Mayor responded he would contact the Village Attorney regarding this situation.

James Docteur, Code Officer, reported he had investigated the Yates property on Bay Street and he did receive an application for a fence at the end of Market Street and granted a permit but has had no information about a dock. Mayor Maloney asked him to check the house at the corner of Gouvello and Point for violations while a resident asked him to check the sign at the corner of Market and James as she saw a printed sheet of hours had been added to the sign while the sign is just directional and addition signage would be a violation of the code. Mayor Maloney will clarify with Jefferson

County the Sovie process. Trustee Ada asked about the “pallet” fence at the corner of Bay and Joseph and the officer will try to contact the owner.

Mayor Maloney reported the Village has no ongoing negotiations with owners of the proposed subdivision off Broadway as the Village has no sub-didivision laws. The project would go before the Planning Board and forwarded to the County.

Trustee Doud made the motion to allow the local fire department to close Broadway between Point and James on September 15th from 1:00 PM to approximately 7:00 PM for the purpose of holding a waterfall tournament with Mayor Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes except Trustee Gould who abstained.

A representative of Premier Wireless requested to place an aerial on the water tower for the purpose of supplying high-speed Internet to the surrounding area. As the conversation progressed the company explained the towers location and the Board advised him the Town of Cape Vincent is the owner of the tower involved.

Trustee Doud explained the website is not functioning but he will keep the Board informed of the situation.

Jean Thompson, County Rte 6, requested the Supt. to trim the hedgerow that borders her property as it obstructs the view when she backs out of her driveway. Trustee Gould remarked at the time the property was purchased the Village agreed to keep the area forever wild. She also reported a grate by the Historical Museum on James Street is in need of repair while Trustee Putnam reported one on Club also needs repair.

Trustee Ada stated he has not received written confirmation from Part time Officer Golden on his resignation. Trustee Ada made the motion to advertise for one part time officer with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Putnam would like to see increased communication between the Police and Board. Trustee Doud has received reports of increased speeding on James Street while Trustee Ada will contact the police to attend the 8/14/07 Village Board meeting.

Mayor Maloney reported legal proceedings against D. C. Builders are proceeding. The Mayor will notify Department of Transportation of the plans at the East End Park.

Trustee Doud made the motion to set Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at 6:00 PM as the time for a public hearing for the amendment to Local Law 2-05 with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Gould made the motion to adjourn at 7:14 PM with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Knapp
Village Clerk

