

VILLAGE OF CAPE VINCENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES JANUARY 8, 2008

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

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.

Abstract seven was given to the Board for review as follows:

General;	\$26082.11
Water:	34350.86
Sewer:	4964.51

After questions, Trustee Doud made the motion to pay Abstract seven with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Village Engineer, Mick Lehman, updated the Board on Village projects. He reported the Town of Cape Vincent has passed the SEQR resolution for a waterline extension project and may go forward with plans to extend the line. The line would extend down Stone Quarry and Valley and end at the Village plant. The Village may be able to reduce the size of the hylift pumps and install three rather than two large pumps. The replacement of pumps would reduce the pumps losing their prime at different times. Electrical upgrades would be done after the plants upgrades are completed. The present tower will be dismantled in April or May. Mr. Lehman commented the Bay Street water/sewer extension has been approved by the DEC but he is still waiting for NYS Department of Health to comment. The monitoring for the sewer correction active plan is continuing.

William Brownlie, resident, was present to ask the progress of his complaint he detailed to the Board at the previous meeting. Trustee Doud reported he met with the code officer but the officer had not contacted Mr. Brownlie. Trustee Doud will contact the code officer to advise him to contact Mr. Brownlie with the results of his findings.

Trustee Doud asked the Board for comments on the change in the personnel policy he distributed to the Board. After a short discussion Deputy Mayor Putnam asked if the policy changes should be voted on at this time considering two Board members were absent. Trustee Doud then made the motion to adopt the changes to the personnel policy with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and Deputy Mayor Putnam voting yes. Motion was carried.

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

1. Water meters are being read for billing
2. Christmas lights and decorations have been taken down
3. Two significant flooding events have taken place since the monitoring of the lift stations for overflows with no significant problems being noted
4. Water main on Bay Street was repaired

5. Lights have been installed at the Law Building, lights have been repaired at the water plant and DPW Buildings, with two new lights installed at the water plant
6. Tree trimming may begin in the next few weeks.
7. Furnace at library has been installed and will be functioning shortly

Officer in charge, Thomas Strelau, gave the Board a time sheet he revised to report police hours. The Board approved the new format. He is working with the Jefferson County Department of Human resources and with the NYS department of Criminal Services on Certification of police officers. He requested the times and dates for French Day, July 2008 activities so he may schedule officers. Trustee Putnam will have the Festival contact him directly with the activity list.

Trustee Doud addressed the changes in Vegetation Law 2-93, which are proposed. Only Section two has been modified. Trustee Gould asked Trustee Doud to consult with the Village Attorney on one change to which Trustee Doud replied he would do this. Trustee Doud then made the motion to conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 6:00 PM on the amendment to Local Law 2-93 with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes. A discussion was held on what is forever wild growth versus lawn.

Trustee Gould brought up for discussion the items the Police Department requested at the previous meeting. Officer Strelau needs a free standing gun locker and has checked at the Gander Mountain Store but the Village does not have a charge account there so may check Sam's Club. The DPW Supt. will contact the security agency to find out about the addition of a burglar alarm to the system at the Law Building. The interior renovations will be done with the assistance of the Village DPW workers. Officer Strelau has spoken with County officials concerning the radio frequency in this area, which is not good but may improve with a cell tower and was advised grants may be available to purchase equipment to improve radio contact in this area.

Deputy Mayor Putnam addressed the following issues:

1. Issue of refuse at Rocker residence- Mrs. Rocker informed the Mayor she is not living there but the refuse is generated at the home as she is cleaning out the house-The DPW was instructed to pick up the refuse
2. DC Builders-Village Attorney is requesting material in order to complete the case
3. Carollo building on Kelsey Lane has been moved and is causing a hole close to the roadway and may be a danger to cars and pedestrians. The Board decided to have the Village Attorney write a letter to the resident outlining the liability.

James Docteur, Code Officer, informed the Board the shed at the Oastmann residence, which is located on the property line, is in violation of the code and the owner informed him it is temporary but he may go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance. If he decides not to seek a variance the shed must be moved as soon as weather permits. Mr. Docteur also checked at cars in a parking area that may also be in violation of the code.

Trustee Putnam attended the French Festival meeting and was asked if the Village would have any suggestions on how to address the chairs that are placed near the parade route

prior to French Day. The Chamber of Commerce suggested placing articles in the local papers advising people this is inappropriate or should the Village issue a directive. After discussion, a solution was not reached.

Trustee Putnam brought the original signs, which were on the Village office building for many years. The signs have been refurbished at the cost of \$56.00. He had spoken with Mayor Maloney who agreed the signs were better suited for the building rather than the new sign Stewarts Signs created. The Board agreed to replace the Stewart Sign and pay the amount it cost to refurbish the original signs. This amount will be placed on the February abstract.

Trustee Doud made the motion to enter into an executive session at 7:07 PM to discuss personnel with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Deputy-Mayor Putnam made the motion to reenter regular session at 7:25 PM with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

As a result of the executive session, Planning Board members and Zoning Board of Appeals members will be notified their term as expired and if they wish to be on either Board they must reapply for the position.

Trustee Gould made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp
Village Clerk