

VILLAGE OF CAPE VINCENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES JULY 22, 2008

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 the previous meetings be corrected. He requested on the second page, paragraph 3 the word DANC be deleted and read the Town of Cape Vincent. Trustee Putnam then made the motion to accept the minutes with this change with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Coleman Hinckley, James Street, asked the Board what would be done about snow plowing during the winter months on Kelsey and James St. as he thinks the snow banks block the view of tractor-trailer drivers making deliveries to the local market. The owner of the local market complex was present and remarked he had not had any complaints from the drivers. Trustee Putnam suggested this topic had been discussed intensively and no more comments were needed and with this the Mayor declared the discussion closed.

Marty Mason, DPW Supt., gave the report of department activities as follows:

1. 550 feet of sidewalk on James St. has been completed and now installation will begin on Market.
2. Driveways on S. Market that were disturbed because of water line installation will be paved on July 23
3. Mowing and brush pickup continue and it is planned to start painting the Clinic Bldg. and then the Village Office building
4. Sludge removal has once again started at the sewer plant and is scheduled for pickup every two weeks
5. The DPW crew received a Thank You from the French Festival for all the work before and after

Thomas Strejlau, Officer in Charge, informed the Board French Festival weekend was relatively quiet in respect to problems. He feels the number of officers on duty-offset problems. One officer's field training is 50% complete. Trustee Doud inquired if the Town of CV had interest in a combined force with the Village but Officer Strejlau reported he did go to the Town of CV board meeting and as a result of the meeting he is scheduled to discuss joint policing with the Supervisor and a Village Board member.

Mayor Maloney read a statement from Barbara Steinhouse, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman, stating she has resigned immediately from the Board due to personal reasons. Paul Paventi has been designated Chairman of the Board by the members of the ZBA. Mr. Paventi reported he had meet with Mr. and Mrs. Rippeteau who have a case before the Board and there will be a public hearing in the near future. Mr. Paventi thought there was confusion about their request and a recent survey of properties should be handed in with future requests.

James Docteur, Code enforcement, informed the Board he has some residents who refuse to move junk vehicles after speaking with them and now a violation will be written. Mayor Maloney asked him to check an overgrown lawn of Esseltyne St., which a neighboring property owner has complained about. Mayor Maloney also advised the officer if he needs legal advice do not hesitate to contact the Village Attorney.

Mayor Maloney gave Board members signed water contracts between the Village and the Development Authority of the North Country.

The Village Board agreed to accept the resignation of Barbara Steinhouse as Zoning Board of Appeals member and chairman. Trustee Doud made the motion to advertise for a person to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a short resume to be returned by August 12th with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Doud made the motion to have all Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members' terms expire the first Monday in December beginning this year. Trustee Gould seconded the motion with all voting yes.

Trustee Putnam asked if word had been received from the NYS Department of Transportation about handicap parking spaces near Roxy's on Rte 12. Mayor Maloney will resubmit the request in writing and also resubmit a request for a no parking sign on the corner of James and Broadway.

Harry Landers, Center Street, asked how a single residential lot could house two homes, as he believes this is a violation of the code and why the permit was issued to permit this construction. Trustee Doud replied the permit was issued conditionally until paperwork is finalized to divide the lot. Mayor Maloney spoke with the Village Attorney who stated this is a common practice but the home cannot be occupied until the lot is divided. Mr. Landers felt the Village has previously allowed two homes on one residential lot and it took years to resolve. Mr. Landers feels the Village is lax in some code enforcement but hard in other areas.

The DPW Supt. will call the Village engineer for a test and study report for the DEC consent order. The Clerk will check with the County for the status of the Dreswick property on Bay Street. Trustee Putnam asked the status of the Village case against a builder for the East End Park and Mayor Maloney will check on the status of the case.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to enter into an executive session at 6:38 PM to discuss wages with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to resume regular session at 6:48 PM with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Doud made the motion to change the Village personnel policy to reflect employees will be paid in full for vacation time not used by their anniversary date with Mayor Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes. This is effective as of this date.

Mayor Maloney made the motion to adjourn at 6:59 PM with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp
Village Clerk

