

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees April 14, 2009

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

Trustee Doud made the motion to dispense with the reading of the March 10, 2009 meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes with the exception of Trustee Gould who abstained as he was absent on that date.

Trustee Doud made the motion to dispense with the reading of the special meeting April 7, 2009 and accept them as written with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Abstract eleven was presented to the Board for review and payment as follows:

General	\$ 16,601.29
Water	184,788.62
Sewer	104,406.36

After review and questions, Trustee Putnam made the motion to pay the abstract with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Timothy Maloney opened the public hearing for the 2009-2010 budget year at 5:40 PM. Mayor Maloney explained due to the present economic conditions the Board worked very hard not to raise the tax rate. The general fund budget was reduced by 11% water budget reduced by 1.4%, and the sewer budget reduced by 10%. One seasonal laborers position was not funded in the general fund. The laborer was present and informed of this development. With no questions from the public, Trustee Doud made the motion to close the hearing at 5:45 PM with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Doud made the motion to accept the budget as submitted with a \$7.25 per thousand tax rate which will generate \$266,553.79 in revenue with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Marty Mason, DPW Supt. gave his report as follows:

1. Valves have been rebuilt on water filter
2. Water meters have been read for May billing
3. New truck has been completed with accessories
4. Twelve new trees will be planted
5. Snow equipment has been removed from vehicles
6. New flooring has been installed at Law Building
7. Both bathrooms are operational at the Law Building
8. Questioned if the Village would sell axles from the Law Building to which the Board would consider this

Mayor Maloney opened the Public Hearing for the Restore NY Grant for the Roxy Hotel Bar and Restaurant. John DeFrancesco, Local Development Corporation, advised the Board the grant would be vital to revitalize the downtown area. The Roxy's first floor is usable but the second and third floors are unstable. He further explained the grant paperwork must be completed by May 4th. The grant amount applied for would be between two million and two and one-half million dollars for the restoration project. The grant money would possibly stabilize the Roxy building and create living spaces on the 2nd and 3rd floors. This restoration would restore the tax base of the building which in turn would help the Village. Trustee Doud made the motion to approve the project as it is in compliance with the Local Development Revitalization Plan with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Maloney thanked the LDC for their efforts that assist local property owners in revitalizing their properties. Trustee Doud made the motion to close the hearing at 6:15 PM with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Officer in Charge, Thomas Strelau, informed the Board he had purchased a printer and camera for the police office with monies given to the Department by French Festival.

Trustee Putnam reported on the water project meeting. He gave the Board the following bills for review:

1. B-S Industrial Contractor \$144,380.23
2. Bernier Carr Group 37,790.69

After review Trustee Putnam made the motion to pay the bills from the Village Special water project account with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes except Mayor Maloney who abstained.

A discussion was held on Village owned Parcel Numbers 49.25-1-76.2 and 49.25-1-77 on James Street which housed the water tower which is now dismantled and removed. Mayor Maloney has provided the Village Attorney with deed copies for review. Trustee Doud made the motion to declare these parcels and equipment from the Real St. plant surplus and proceed with the selling of each with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes. The proceeds from both will be placed in the water fund. The Dpw Supt. will dismantle the equipment at the Real St. plant and sell at auction with a minimum bid required.

Trustee Gould made the motion to declare a negative impact for SEQR for the sewer project with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes. Part 2 will now be completed.

Mayor Maloney had no further information concerning private properties which the Village is interested in purchasing which are in foreclosure.

Trustee Gould made the motion to adjourn at 6:39 PM with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Knapp, Village Clerk

