

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees January 24, 2012

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Jerry Golden, Douglas Putnam, Elisabeth Brennan and Pam Youngs present.

Mayor Maloney would like the previous minutes to reflect Trustee Golden made the motion to accept the resignation of Jeri Mason as Planning Board Secretary effective immediately with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes as this was omitted in the January 10, 2012 minutes. With this correction, Trustee Brennan made the motion to accept the minutes with Trustee Golden seconding the motion with all voting yes while Trustee Putnam abstained as he was absent.

Perry and Cathy Golden, Independent Marketing Consultants for Ambit Energy gave a presentation on a program for savings for energy costs if the Village switched to a different supplier of energy. Mr. Golden advised there would be no cost, no fee, and no contract to change to Ambit Energy. Mayor Maloney asked why this company was able to produce savings to the Village with Mr. Golden explaining the company developed a patent on their software and advertising fees are minimal. The Village would not have time invested as the consultants do all the work. One question was asked as Village plants are on demand meters would the plants still be eligible for the program. This question will be researched.

Board President, Cape Vincent Community Library, addressed the Board concerning shortfalls in the Library budget. The Library Board will cut summer staffing in 2012 with a possibility programming and staff an hours may be reduced in the fall. A construction grant was discussed for a new roof with New York State contributing 75% and they asked the Village to contribute the 25% needed. It was mentioned if fundraising was successful the Library may be able to contribute a portion of the 25%. They also expressed a need for a new front porch and steps along with new gutters. Mayor Maloney questioned what figure the Board considered reasonable to which the President suggested \$3,500.00. Trustee Putnam expressed if the Village gave a donation and the Village taxpayer contributes thru their school taxes this could be considered "double dipping" for funds. The President explained if they do not get donations from local non profits, businesses, and local governments they would be forced to increase the amount to be raised on the school tax bill. Mayor Maloney thanked them for the presentation and was appreciative they attended the meeting as it has been some time since they have been to a Board meeting.

Trustee Putnam made the motion for the Rochester Bass Club to use the Village boat launch on August 11 and 12 for a bass tournament. There would be about twenty boats that could leave at 5:00 AM and return around 3:00 PM for a short weigh in. Trustee Golden seconded the motion with all voting yes.

Trustee Golden made the motion to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012 at 6:00 PM for Local Law 2-12 which would override the 2% cap levy with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

1. The DPW has done very little plowing and salting

2. Tree work is continuing for the remainder of the week
3. Assisting Village of Chaumont in their refuse pickup due to the breakdown of Chaumont truck
4. The Supt. would like to purchase two wheel drive pickup to replace one that cannot pass inspection
5. A microbiologist has inspected the flooring at the Customs building and will have a report by 1/27/12. Air tests have been conducted and the problem seems to be the masonite flooring in the holding cells which was wet and the dampness spread out under the floor in the Customs area which resulted in mushrooms growing between the crevices of the tile floor in the office space.
6. Jefferson County Sheriff's department is inquiring where a sheriff's car could be stored in the Village or Town DPW facilities. Mr. Mason will refer them to the Town of Cape Vincent
7. The Petzing property will have three sewer lines installed on the edge of the property near his home.

Trustee Brennan asked the Supt. about the chimney at the Library to which he replied it is scheduled. The generator for the clinic may be able to come from the new lift station but the voltage would have to be reduced which could cause problems. Trustee Golden suggested contacting the owner of the property for a financial contribution. The generator stored at the fire hall could be used if plugs are purchased to fit the connection. Trustee Brennan also asked about the permit for the shore wall at the end of Real St. to which Mayor Maloney replied he permit is nearly finished and there has been no action on the buoys at the East End Park.

Trustee Brennan questioned what authority the Mayor and DPW Supt. had to hire Trevor Robbins on January 13th. She asked the Mayor to check with the Village Attorney just to justify the hiring without advertising in the event she or any Board member was questioned by a citizen. Mayor Maloney agreed and will contact the Village Attorney. After discussion Trustee Putnam made the motion to pay Mr. Robbins \$9.00 per hours with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney reported no new information on the Sovie property. He also reported there could be an issue for the Village as the Village needs to show ownership in order to transfer land on Club Street to Mr. Petzing.

Robert Doud, sent written correspondence to the Board questioning how the Village Board could sell land to the property owner on Club St. so he could avoid costs for moving his structure that was built on Village right of way but the Village could not sell property to him at the Pine Street location so he could avoid paying several thousand dollars to move his house. It was discussed the Village would have given Mr. Doud a variance if he would have applied to the Planning Board. Secondly, why the Village is installing a man hole in the middle of his front yard at 1071 Pine instead of the roadway. The DPW Supt. will contact Mr. Doud to discuss the Village right of way for manhole location in that area. Mayor Maloney will call Mr. Doud to discuss his first issue.

Trustee Youngs reported the tourism project with Wolfe Island, Town of Cape Vincent, and Kingston, Canada is working well and a workshop will be held on Feb. 7th.

Mayor Maloney reported there is no final plan for the Club St. project after Trustee Brennan asked how a two story building would fit into the area.

Trustee Brennan will have another meeting with the website committee next week.

The Village will inform Patricia Hinckley, who requested the Village to inform a individual who continually places recyclables in with hers at curbside to quit this practice but the Board determined this is not a Village issue.

Due to the recent resignation of the Planning Board Secretary, Mayor Maloney made the motion to advertise for the position with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes. The deadline for applications is Feb. 13th and the rate of pay is \$10.00 per hour.

Mayor Maloney will arrange for a work session on February 28th after the regular Board meeting with the Village Attorney to finalize some Village work.

Trustee Golden reported in the absence of the Police Officer the holding cells at the Municipal Law Building have been decommissioned by New York State but he is not sure of the Federal requirements for the cells but will check.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp

Village Clerk