

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees April 10, 2012

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

Mayor Maloney welcomed those in attendance and then the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Trustee Golden made the motion to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes with the exception of Trustee Brennan who abstained.

Abstract 11 was given to the Board for review as follows:

General: \$29,986.53

Water: 96,652.07

Sewer: 3,776.95

After questions, Trustee Brennan made the motion to pay the abstract with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney opened the public hearing for the 2012-2013 fiscal year at 5:45 PM. The budget calls for a tax rate of \$7.70 per thousand, an increase of 9 cents per thousand. He explained the increase in retirement expense, health insurance expenses, along with the cost of fuel and electricity all attributed to the increase in the tax rate. Trustee Brennan asked the Treasurer if \$25,000.00 had been budgeted for the Deputy-Clerk position with the Treasurer replying yes. With no Village residents in attendance, Trustee Golden made the motion to close the hearing at 5:50 PM with Trustee Putnam seconded the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden made the motion to adopt the tentative budget as the budget for the 2012-2013 Village fiscal year with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

1. All snow equipment has been removed and stored
2. DPW crew is spending two days per week picking up brush and compost
3. Water meters have been read for the May billing schedule
4. One Village truck has been used by the County for the past three weeks along with a driver some days
5. Crew spent one day at the East End Park resetting areas in the stone wall and filling in holes
6. Flooring for the Law Building is still on the wait list
7. The part time laborer will be available a few days a week to assist in the DPW department
8. The Supt. is still searching for a used pickup

Trustee Youngs asked the Supt. if he had compiled a list of items to be completed at the Roxy Project with him replying he discussed items with the manger. Mayor Maloney will pick up the completed engineer plans for the project next week. Trustee Putnam suggested a boat ramp at the Village Park needs a light next to the sheet piling for safety reasons. The Supt. will check this.

Trustee Brennan asked if blasting had occurred with the sewer project to which the Supt. replied yes. He reported National Grid may start placing poles on Friday in conjunction with the sewer project and he asked if the Village would like street lights placed on the poles for security reasons. The Board suggested he speak with the National Grid planner for costs. CO Falter Construction is in the process of digging for the wastewater plant and Marcellus construction is testing pipes along with the restoration of sidewalks and plans are being made for paving.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to accept the proposal from National Grid in the amount of \$28,836.55 to place power poles for the sewer project and install 3-phase electric overhead service lateral with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the contract of Atlantic Testing for testing and inspection services at the wastewater plant in the amount of \$21, 994.00 with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes. The funding agency requires an independent testing lab on site.

Trustee Youngs asked if the Village had received more information for a proposed pavilion and bath house at the East End Park. She had heard thru the Local Development Corporation they had received a cost estimate of \$170,000.00 with the Village and Lions Club sharing costs. No word has officially been received by the Village.

Trustee Youngs reported on the Cross Border meeting with representatives from Kingston, Wolfe Island, Town of Cape Vincent and Chamber of Commerce met for the purpose of tourism development. The group made the decision to place a billboard on I-81 south of Watertown for one year. The total cost would be \$12,500.00 with Kingston paying \$6,250.00 and the remainder shared by possibly two or three of the remaining groups. Along with this each community is encouraging bicycling events and possible small businesses dealing with bicycles. Trustee Brennan made the motion for the Village to commit an amount not to exceed \$2,100.00 for the billboard with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Youngs will follow up with the Town of Cape Vincent.

The Board discussed the possibility of expanding the search for the position of Village Clerk/Treasurer or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer outside the Village limits. In the interest of obtaining candidates for the position, Trustee Youngs made the motion for the Village to expand the search for Clerk/Treasurer or Deputy Clerk/ Treasurer to the Town of Cape Vincent with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden made the motion to increase the hourly wage to Robert Curtis to \$13.40 according to the pay schedule and the increase will be retroactive to his first year anniversary March 9<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Putnam seconded the motion with all voting yes.

Trustee Young made the motion to enter into an executive session at 7:25 PM to discuss personnel with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to resume regular session at 8:00 PM with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes. There were no results of the session.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp

Village Clerk