

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees April 24, 2012

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Pam Youngs, Elisabeth Brennan, Douglas Putnam and Jerry Golden present. Mayor Maloney welcomed everyone and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes were reviewed with Trustee Youngs requesting the minutes be changed to reflect the indebtedness for the water Project. Trustee Golden made the motion to authorize the Village to provide for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost for the installation of the fourth filter at the water plant in the amount of \$2,695,000.00. Trustee Youngs seconded the motion with Trustees Brennan and Putnam voting yes with Mayor Maloney abstaining. Mayor Maloney then asked to have the minutes reflect he will pick up the engineer plans for the Roxy project as soon as they are completed. Trustee Brennan then made the motion to accept the minutes with the corrections with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Three members of the Cape Vincent Housing Authority Board of directors attended the meeting. They were Neil Mason, President, Lester Phillipson Secretary/Treasurer and Don Perkins, Board member. Mr. Phillipson was spokesman and informed the Village Board they were there in attempt to resolve an issue they feel is detrimental to the Housing at Aubrey Courts specifically the Unit C building and Unit B Building. The issue is that of the earth and debris fill placed adjacent to the housing and maintenance buildings on Village property. He related to the Board the Housing Authority is under strict rules and guidelines from the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development. The Board had received complaints from tenants as follows:

1. Restricted view
2. Snow drifting up to and against buildings
3. Water Run off
4. Trees dying as a result of fill build up on the trunks
5. People using hill to sled/play on
6. Apartments becoming undesirable to future tenants
7. Original specs for project require the area to be returned to its original condition or as close as possible or better. Was that a condition of the project?

Questions for the Village Board were as follows:

1. Who ordered the fill to be placed at the location
2. How much more fill is to be placed there
3. How is site to be finished off
4. Could fill be removed and placed elsewhere
5. Could fill have been utilized better elsewhere
6. Is the "breather vent" pipe a health or comfort concern and what if it becomes a health or comfort concern in the future
7. Is drainage for water runoff to be installed and if so will it be an uncovered ditch or buried pipe

8. If contractor or Village refuse to remove existing fill can a compromise be reached to settle complaint and the Housing Board believes a fair compromise would be to remove the North East end of the fill pile

With further discussion, the Housing Board feels four wheelers and sleds would be drawn to the hill for recreational purpose and they are concerned with insurance liability. Pictures of before and after of the area in question were reviewed. They feel they must answer to the USDA especially over the breather pipe which could be harmful to the residents. Mayor Maloney will check with the engineers on any problems that could be associated with a breather pipe. Trustee Brennan suggested the Village plant shrubbery that would beautify the grounds. The president showed a letter stating the Village requested it be put there while Mayor Maloney stated he was not aware of this. After discussion, Mayor Maloney invited the Board to the May 8th meeting to allow time for the investigation of this matter to which the Housing Board members agreed to.

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

1. Law building floor is finished up with US Customs moving in April 25
2. Crew working on sander
3. Summer Laborer, Dustin Cooley, will return for summer the 2nd week of May
4. Advised the Board New York Rural Water is having a training session at the Turning Stone for three days, May 21-24. This session would allow Mr. Mason to take courses with credits that are needed to renew his water/sewer license. Trustee Golden made the motion to expend \$750.00 for the training session with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.
5. Mayor Maloney and Mr. Mason met with DEC representatives on Village property at the end of Real Street to discuss the permit the Village needs to repair the shore wall. The DEC is adamant no concrete be used but suggested using stone on the river side using a six inch step with a small wing wall to be poured while leaving the concrete wall in place. Trustee Brennan suggested the neighboring residents should be advised and shown diagrams of work to be done. Mayor Maloney agreed to this.
6. The Town of Cape Vincent has agreed to pick up two buoys as soon as their truck is repaired. The buoys will be placed at the East End Park.

Trustee Brennan asked if an inspection was done at the Roxy Project with the Supt. replying many items on his list have been done but there are still items to be corrected. Trustee Brennan asked if electrical poles would be placed by National Grid on Bay St. for electrical service to the wastewater plant and the Supt. replied yes.

Thomas Strejlau, Officer in Charge, wanted the Board to understand there may be a problem with police staffing for the French Day Festival weekend in July. The Jefferson County Fair is scheduled for the same weekend and the Sheriff Deputies will be assigned overtime to at the Fair. The Deputies are usually called upon to work the Festival. The Officer will contact other Villages to see if perhaps they would have personnel that would be available to work the weekend. The speed trailer is working well and he

thanked the DPW for placing the trailer in different spots around the Village. There is no new information about a generator from the Sheriff's Department or Customs officials.

Mayor Maloney and Town of Cape Vincent Supervisor met with officials from Carthage Area Hospital concerning the status of the local health clinic. The hospital is studying the financial condition and looking to possibly attract other health care providers such as a dentist and or physical therapist. The Town and Village will promote the clinic and would like to dispel any rumors of it closing while the financials are studied.

Mayor Maloney had spoken with resident William Gippe who has a concern with the restoration on Pine Street and his property. Presently the road drains onto his lawn and if the road is built up the situation will worsen. Mayor Maloney will contact the engineer.

Trustee Golden will contact the assessor for a monetary value for the Petzing land.

Trustee Brennan brought before the Board the logos that were submitted to the Village for a Village logo. The Board reviewed all and made a decision pending a minor change to the submitted logo. Trustee Brennan made the motion to accept the logo of Nicholas Roes with a minor change with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Brennan will contact him and request the change and will notify the Board at the next meeting of his response. The next items submitted were different slogans for the Village. After much discussion, two slogans were chosen as follows:

1. Life on the St. Lawrence River
2. A St. Lawrence River Community

Trustee Brennan will contact Mr. Roes and ask him to redo the logo with each slogan for the Board's review.

The Board reviewed Amendment number 2 to the Engineering agreement for the water supply improvement project. The amendment update revises the fees for basic services, resident project representative services and additional services as defined in the 2012 Basic Design Report due to budget increases associated with the changes in scope and inflationary increases from the original project. After a lengthy time of review, Trustee Golden made the motion to approve the amendment with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and Trustees Young and Putnam voting yes with Mayor Maloney abstaining.

Trustee Youngs made the motion to allow the Treasurer to transfer excess monies to the following accounts:

A1410.4 \$1345.00

A1010.4 335.00

A3170.4 310.00

A1640.4 1270.00

A7410.4 4123.00

A7520.4 2696.00

After an explanation of why the accounts were overdrawn, Trustee Brennan seconded the motion with all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney announced the reed beds at the wastewater plant have been approved with more information in the near future.

Trustee Youngs made the motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp

Village Clerk