

Village Board of Trustees July 24, 2012

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney opens the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Pam Youngs, Trustee Elisabeth Brennan, Trustee Douglas Putnam and Trustee Jerry Golden. The Mayor then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Putnam would like the previous meetings to show Trustee Putnam made the motion to approve the July 10, 2012 meeting minutes with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes. After spelling corrections, Trustee Brennan made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Youngs seconded the motion and all voting yes.

With these changes, Trustee Brennan made the motion to accept the minutes with these changes and Trustee Youngs seconded the motion with all voting yes.

Allen Walker, Bay Street, addressed the Board concerning French Festival Parking during the festival on July 14th. He stated festival goers parked on his lawn without his permission. He further advised the Board if this occurs in 2013 he will contact the police and have the vehicles towed. Mr. Walker just wanted the Board to be aware of this problem. The Board suggested he call the French Festival Chairman to advise him of the problem to which he stated he had done. Furthermore, Mr. Walker asked if something could be done about the dust on Centre Street which is caused by the wastewater plant construction.

Trustee Brennan had received a call from Paul Paventi, Joseph Street with complaints concerning Marcellus Construction and unfinished work in his yard. She advised him to put his complaints in writing but at meeting time no written report was received.

Thomas Strejlau, Officer in Charge, reported the Chamber of Commerce requested a pedestrian crossing sign at Broadway and James Streets due to heavy pedestrian traffic. Trustee Golden suggested they first contact New York State as it is a state highway. Officer Strejlau reported French Festival went well but was costly because of the costs of hiring officers just for the day and this cost was not budgeted for. This year he spent about \$4600.00 on police uniforms and salaries while a normal year would be \$2500.00. He had spoken with the chairman of French Festival about the increased costs but wanted to notify the Village Board and ask them also to notify the French Festival Board of the extra expense to the Village. Trustee Brennan suggested the Village request a financial report from French Festival as the committee may come to the Village Board and request a financial donation. Trustee Putnam asked the Supt. be notified to give a written report of all the work time Village employees dedicated to setting up and tearing down for French Festival.

The Village Clerk will do a survey of Village Offices for number of computers and operating systems for software updates.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the paperwork necessary in the amount of \$3500.00 for the portion of Village land Daniel Petzing used to build a section of his home

on. Trustee Golden seconded the motion with all voting yes. If Mr. Petzing accepts the purchase offer the land will be declared surplus.

The Clerk will give each Board Member a copy of the Village ethics law for review.

Trustee Brennan asked if the Geoff and Michelle Oswald, Real Street, were on the sidewalk list this season as the Board told them they would be. Trustee Putnam remarked the fence would have to be removed so the Village would be able to install the sidewalk. After discussion, Trustee Golden will personally inspect the area and speak to the Oswalds to see what their plan is and also inspect the sidewalk in front of the Post Office which is in need of repair.

Mayor Maloney reported to the Board about a conference call between the Village Attorney, himself and Watertown Savings Bank concerning the Hotel Roxy project. No decisions were reached.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to authorize Deputy Clerk Mary Rupp as an official signature for all accounts at the Citizens Bank of Cape Vincent. Trustee Golden seconded the motion with all voting yes.

Trustee Putnam informed the Board private homeowners are allowing crafters to sell crafts at their private residences and avoid registering with French Festival to avoid the fee involved. He felt this should not be allowed and will be discussed in the future.

Trustee Golden made the motion to approve the quote of Advanced Business Systems in the amount of \$3,237.00 for a print/scan copier machine and a standard network fax system per NYS contract with Trustee Youngs seconded the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to adjourn at 7:28 PM with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Knapp

Village Clerk