

August 28, 2012 – Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with Trustees Pamela Youngs, Elisabeth Brennan, Doug Putnam and Jerry Golden present. Mayor Maloney welcomed attendees and then led them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the August 14, 2012 meeting were reviewed and the following changes are required:

1. Sharon Briggs had requested that the Village place a “Tenant Parking Only” sign in front of Sharon Wiley’s garage apartment. The Board forwarded the issue onto Marty Mason.
2. The Joint Comprehensive Plan that was adopted was the Updated 2003 Joint Comprehensive Plan that was already in place.
3. Mr. Paul Paventi had been in contact with Mayor Maloney, not Trustee Brennan about the Anchor Marina and the number of excess unregistered boats.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes with the above changes and Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Joanne Paula Bourquin addressed the Board about the tree at her 173 N. Pointe St. property. The tree and root system have begun to heave the driveway and the sidewalk. According to letter read by Ms. Bourquin, the roots have caused damage to the sewer drain and resident has a very difficult time being able to successfully drive in and back out of the driveway. Ms. Bourquin provided photos for the Board to review and also requested that all Board members to visit the residence and see the issues first hand. The Board will discuss at next meeting once the visual inspections can be done.

Mayor Maloney addressed the Workplace Violence Prevention Program Guidelines. The clerk will email or make copies for all Trustees to review for the next meeting as so a resolution can be adopted and the training can be set up for all Village employees to attend.

Mayor Maloney also addressed the Ethics Policy and it is to be reviewed by Trustees and discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the O’Brien Tree at 139 n. James Street. Trustees Golden, Putnam, Youngs and the Mayor have all viewed the property and the trees in question. The trees appear to be very healthy trees and would like to be able to maintain as many trees as possible as they are very much a part of the character of Cape Vincent. No vote was held on the status of tree removal.

Mayor Maloney informed the Board that the Clerk’s Office had received no response from Jeff Call from the letter that was sent in regards to the Zoning Officer position and required hours that need to be held. Mayor Maloney will contact Jeff Call after meeting for his intentions with the position.

Trustee Putnam questioned as to why Jeff Herpel had been attending to give status of planning board meetings. It was suggested that the Clerk email Jeff Herpel to request a monthly status report for Board to view.

Trustee Putnam stated that following:

1. The Village buildings are to have GIS survey for the water/sewer grant program on August 29, 2012.
2. DANC will conduct the survey and also will be digging the light pole bases on Wiley Blvd. Once DANC has completed the light bases, National Grid will be able to attach necessary equipment.
3. The Buoys at East End Park are to be set before Mr. Marty Mason's vacation.
4. Trustee Putnam also gave the Mayor a phone number in which to contact for the crosswalk notification signs.
5. Trees and bushes behind community house have been attended to.
6. Sewer project is progressing positively
7. The engineers are still responding to the Health Department comments on the water project
8. Jim Hill's mailbox issue has been addressed and a second seeding of the grass will take place in front of his residence

Mayor Maloney stated that there has been no change or information to pass along from Petzing. George Cookson has been in contact with the Army Corps of Engineers about the breakwater. His report is that the Army Corps would like more information to study and a letter from Metalcraft has been requested to explain the positive impact the breakwater would have upon their business.

Mayor Maloney and Trustee Youngs will be attending the longer meeting on September 11th on Wolfe Island.

Mayor Maloney had no new information on the East End Park project.

Trustee Youngs spoke about the new website training that is scheduled to begin Friday August 31st. The training will be done via conference call with Mary Rupp and Trustee Youngs attending. Trustee Youngs also asked Mayor Maloney to create a welcome message to add to website.

Richard Schmitt, Cape Vincent resident, then addressed the Board with a question on the billing cycle of the last water billing. He was informed of the technical difficulties of the meter reading equipment. He then questioned the right of the police to enforce usage at Village dock when no signage is present. The Board informed him of the current situation at Village dock. Lastly, Mr. Schmitt questioned why the website had not been updated with the Village Board minutes in a year. The Board informed him that the past website had malfunctioned and a new site will be launched within the next month with all past minutes.

Deb Suller then stopped in the meeting room and asked if it was still a law that no bicycles were allowed along Village sidewalks. She had witnessed two adults riding along the sidewalk and she has not seen any signage that states that bikes are not allowed along the sidewalks.

Trustee Youngs then also requested that the Mayor check the Active Programs section located on the website so we can assure that all the information is accurate before the launch of the site.

Chris Russo, TI Sun reporter, then introduced herself and informed Board that she will be covering meetings for the Village now.

At 6:35 pm Trustee Golden made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Rupp, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer