

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees November 13, 2012

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

Trustee Brennan asked the previous meeting minutes to reflect that it was a unanimous vote by the Board to remove penalties from the Anchor and Ashton water bills. With this change, Trustee Golden made the motion to approve the minutes with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

As follow-up to the previous meeting minutes, Trustee Brennan asked if a resignation from Patrick Wiley had been received with Trustee Golden responding no. It was decided the Clerk will send a letter to Mr. Wiley about his possible resignation. Questions were also asked about the timetable for the audit with no answer at this time. Also if any new credit card information for payments of water/sewer bills had been received and this question will be directed to the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

Trustee Golden made the motion to approve the unpaid tax list in the amount of \$17,568.56 with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden asked if the DPW Supt, had contacted a fence company for an estimate to remove the Oswald fence and then place it back in its original location so sidewalk installation could be achieved. Mayor Maloney responded he had no new information on this subject. Trustee Golden did comment the budget has \$900.00 for sidewalk work and this work was promised possibly three months ago and there has been no action taken on this project.

Trustee Golden gave the police report in the absence of Officer Strejlau. He stated the light had been fixed at the Law building and asked if money had been received from French Festival or Jefferson County District Attorney's office to reimburse the police equipment account to which the Clerk replied not at this time.

Mayor Maloney gave the public works report as the DPW Supt. was not able to attend due to illness. The shoreline work on Real Street has begun, leaves and branches are picked up three days per week, and a corroded propane line will be replaced at the water plant. The DPW also assisted with the Town of Cape Vincent salt barn foundation work.

Trustee Golden made the motion to declare 6/1000 of one acre on Gouvello Street as surplus Village property with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes. The Board agreed to sell the property to Daniel Petzing in the amount of \$3500.00 previously.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to grant Trustee Jerry Golden the authority to execute the USDA Form E documents due to the absence of Trustee Putnam. Trustee Youngs seconded the motion with all voting yes except Trustee Golden who abstained.

Trustee Golden made the motion to designate the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Mary Rupp, as contact person for the workplace violence prevention policy with Mayor Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney reported on his conference call, concerning the Roxy project, with the Village Attorney, John DeFrancesco, and a member of the SDC. It was a positive call and now the Village must wait for the attorneys who are located in New York City and were affected by the recent hurricane for their input.

Mayor Maloney will contact Harold Hullier to request the amount he paid when he had a Village tree removed near his property on lower Market St. The Village will reimburse him the amount.

Trustee Youngs attended the British Petroleum informational meeting on Saturday. The map indicates the windmills are placed close to the local elementary school and Village boundary lines. She suggested the Village respond to Article X which is being implemented by New York State. She suggests the Village respond to Article X but not necessarily just to windmills but the broader picture it implies. Town Councilman John Byrne spoke to the Board and suggested the Village respond with their intentions to the Public Service Commission also. Mayor Maloney will contact the Village Attorney for advice and this matter will be tabled until the November 27<sup>TH</sup> meeting.

Trustee Golden made the motion to grant Mayor Maloney to authorize the letter of engagement from Bowers & Company CPA PLLC to audit the financial statements of the Village for the year to end May 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney informed the Board the sewer project is progressing well and the bids for Phase 2 of the water project will be opened on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The actual construction may begin in January of 2013. He further stated the Village will not be responsible to pay for this project as the Town of Cape Vincent and the Development Authority of the North Country are responsible for payment. The following bills were submitted for Phase 2 payment as follows:

Watertown Daily Times	\$80.80
Municipal Solutions	2267.00
Hrabchak Gebo & Langone PC	102.00

Trustee Youngs made the motion to pay the bills with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Code Officer, Jeff Call, asked the Board if he could install a thermostat to control the temperature in the zoning office as better to regulate the heat so Village employees do not have to reach under the desk to turn the heat on. The Board agreed.

Mr. Call, acting as French Festival Chairman advised the Board he does not believe the French Festival is in the position to reimburse the Village for Police officers time after 6:00PM. He stated the officer's

time after 6:00 PM is the responsibility of the Village as French Festival ends at that time. After Discussion, Mr. Call will contact the Town of Cape Vincent for additional financial assistance and he will go back to his committee to further discuss a larger donation.

Trustee Youngs made the motion to have Mayor Maloney sit in on employee's evaluation reports with the employee and the DW Supt. with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Village Clerk, Nancy Knapp, addressed the Board about an issue that was brought to the office's attention by Mary Lee Burmaster, Village insurance agent. Currently there is no health insurance policy in place for any employee that has the option to retire after twenty years of service and not yet 65 years of age. The Village Board will need to pass a resolution for employees that fall under these conditions to be covered by a policy of the Boards choosing. With this information, Trustee Brennan made the motion to have the Village provide health care coverage for these employees with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Maloney made the motion that all retired employees with over twenty years of service who have not participated in the Village health policy while working will be allowed to enroll in the health system at any time at no cost to them after retirement. Trustee Youngs seconded the motion with all voting yes.

Trustee Golden made the motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp

Village Clerk