

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees March 26, 2013

Deputy Mayor Pamela Youngs opened the meeting at 5:06 PM with Trustees Elisabeth Brennan, Jeff Call and Jerry Golden present and then led them in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Maloney arrived moments later and welcomed the attendees.

LeAnn West from the Wladis law firm based from Syracuse, NY presented the Board with a detailed list of what the Wladis law firm has done to benefit the Village of Cape Vincent from the beginning of the contract with the firm. The current contract is due to expire April 9, 2013. At this point in time, the Village Board can choose to do a three month contract extension to have more time to assess the costs associated with the contract during the budget preparations.

Trustee Call excused himself from the meeting.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes and accept them with the words "Village Green" being added in the beginning of the sentence in reference to the removal of a shut-off fee with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

- Upon meeting with National Grid, the flagpole on the corner of James and Broadway will be left up at the current height of 42 feet and will fly a 4 x 6 flag. It has been proposed to find another location for the Village flag.
- The buoy's in East End Park have been repaired. Mayor Maloney stated that he has been asked to have a formal ceremony to dedicate the buoy's. Trustee Brennan also inquired about the plaques that have been asked to be placed upon the buoy's. The issue has been tabled at the current time.
- The DPW crew has been working throughout the Village on hydrants. Fourteen have been fixed and two need to be replaced.
- The front of the old DPW garage building has been finished.
- The generator start up on the Sewer plant has begun. The lift stations are due to start next week.
- Davis Tree Company was in the Village last week and a tree on Esseltyne St. was removed due to disease.
- An email was received from Radiosoft. The email stated the FCC radio license is current and the new billing was received.
- A picnic table was rebuilt.
- Jim Lawrence from Jefferson County met with Marty in reference to the shared services paperwork with the county.
- Marty asked the Board to review a packet from HESS that is for electricity delivery. The company offers a lock-in price for 24 months. The Board will review and research other options.
- The DPW crew also has removed and painted all the snow plow equipment.

- Marty also requested that the Board allow Trevor Robbins to return to DPW on a part-time as needed basis. After a discussion, Trustee Golden made the motion to bring Trevor Robbins back on a part-time as needed basis for \$9.00 per hour with Trustee Youngs seconding it and all voting yes.
- Marty also informed the Board that there have been many issues with the recycling. The DPW will be leaving reminder notices and from here on out, all residents that are not complying will not have the recycling picked up until they do comply with the separating policy.

Attendees Mr. and Mrs. Edsall then addressed the Board about the work that was done at the end of Real St. They feel that the DPW did a fantastic job and they would like to see the Village bring some sand to that end of the street for the children to play. Mr. Edsall said that if the Board does not have the money in the budget, he would entertain paying the cost to have sand brought in. Marty informed them that the Town has sand and he will get a cost to Village Board.

Officer in Charge, Thomas Streljau, gave his report as follows:

- He spoke to Marty about the flooring of the men's bathroom of the Law Building. The floor seems to be rotted by the toilet and needs to be fixed.
- The ammunition was purchased and the department will now have enough for the next few years.
- The department will be applying for a grant for a new police vehicle. The department does not expect to hear anything until late summer on the status of the grant approval.
- The generator for the Law Building has been ordered.
- OIC Streljau has a meeting on Friday March 29 with Mark Gebo to talk about the draft for the new Village dock usage law.

Mayor Maloney then addressed the Board on water issues and informed them of the Pre-Construction meeting that is scheduled for March 27, 2013 at 1:00 PM in the Village Office.

Perry Golden, Zoning Officer, then gave his report as follows:

- The office has issued one permit for a garage.
- He has been in contact with the family of Mr. Lafex about the removal of the burned trailer.
- He currently has one complaint about an old truck located on the corner of Esseltyne and Broadway. He has investigated it and it is a legal vehicle.
- He then spoke about a Local Law that he is referencing about a proposal that was brought to his office about having a mobile food cart in the Village.
- The Rossi property will be starting construction soon and the proposed plan would include residential and retail space.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the permit that is needed from Jefferson County for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion. The County permit is \$220.00. Trustee Youngs made the motion to allow the Clerk to write the check and hand deliver it to Rachel Bernat from Bernier, Carr & Associates, PC at the Pre-Construction meeting with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney then asked for a motion to pay the February invoice for the Wladis Law Firm for \$1,000.00. Trustee Brennan made the motion to pay the bill with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes. Clerk Mary Rupp is asked to call and clarify the invoice.

Mayor Maloney then gave a short update on the Sewer project. The start-up is set for April. The drying beds will not be operational at that time.

Mayor Maloney then addressed Mr. and Mrs. Edsall and gave them privilege of the floor. Mrs. Edsall addressed the Board to ask for a status report on Water District 6. The Mayor informed her that the Village is not responsible for status of the progress of the water district. Mrs. Edsall asked if the Village has spent any monies on Water District 6. The Mayor informed her that the Village has not. John Byrne, Town Councilman, spoke about the meeting he had with Mark Gebo. A lengthy discussion took place.

Mayor Maloney then gave his report as follows:

- No new report to give on the status of the DC Builders.
- The Regatta is being seen as very positive at the cross border tourism meeting. The committee of the Regatta will be able to answer questions for a status report.
- The next longer meeting will be Friday April 19, 2013 at 10:30 AM at Confederation Place in Canada. The ideas of billboards and bicycles are set to be discussed.

Clerk Mary Rupp then addressed the Board about the possible purchase of a new computer for the Village Office. The monies would be taken out of the current year budget. After a lengthy discussion, Trustee Youngs made the motion to purchase a new computer for the Village Office with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Youngs asked the Clerk to find out a cost of a small external back-up drive to be purchased with the new computer.

Trustee Golden made the motion to write a waiver letter in reference to the liquor license waiting period for the new restaurant owned by the Trottier with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 7:13 PM, Trustee Golden made the motion to enter into executive session with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 7:47 PM, Trustee Brennan made the motion to exit executive session with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board set the next Budget Meeting for Tuesday April 2, 2013 at 4:30 PM in the Village Office.

Trustee Brennan made the motion at 7:49 PM to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer