

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees - May 14, 2013

Mayor Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Pamela Youngs, Elisabeth Brennan and Jeff Call present. Trustee Jerry Golden was absent. Mayor Maloney welcomed the attendees and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Youngs made the motion to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Mr. Peter Baichi then addressed the Board in regards to his property located at 517 E. Broadway. Mr. Baichi would like to add a concrete pad to back of the home. A portion of the pad would be on Village property. Mr. Baichi supplied a copy of an easement from 1985 that he believes will justify the construction of the pad. Upon discussion, the Mayor will be in touch with the attorney's office and an answer will be given to Mr. Baichi as soon as possible.

Attendee Allen Walker then addressed the Board. Mr. Walker lives within the Village limits on Bay Street. It is his opinion that there are many individuals speeding along Bay Street and he would like the Board to create a solution to decrease the speeders. He stated that he has seen the electronic speed trailer out within the Village limits, but has not seen it working properly. Mr. Walker also asked about the status of the road leading to the new sewer plant. It is his opinion that it creates a great deal of dust on his property. Mayor Maloney stated that it will be blacktopped as soon as the project is complete. Finally Mr. Walker questioned whether the Village could plant trees along Bay St. along the road to obstruct the view of the sewer plant. Upon discussion, the Board will address the proper department heads for ways to correct the issues addressed.

Attendee John Defrancesco addressed the Board in regards to the issues he is having at his property due to the sewer plant project. Mr. Defrancesco had delivered several letters to the Village Office about damage to his property that he feels was created by the contractors of the sewer project. Upon discussion, the Mayor informed him that the insurance company for the Village is currently handling the situation. Mr. Defrancesco stated that he will be attending the next Board meeting for some follow up information.

The Mayor then addressed attendee Mr. Steven Gippe. Mr. Gippe had inquired about establishing a mobile food cart business to set up at the East End Park on Broadway Street. The Mayor spoke with the attorney's office and the Conference of Mayor's for guidance with the proposal. It is their findings that the Village Board cannot grant permission for Mr. Gippe to set up a mobile food cart on Village Park property.

The Board review Abstract 12 as follows:

General:	\$31,555.35
Water:	\$11,257.03
Sewer:	\$7,034.62

After discussion, Trustee Brennan made the motion to approve payment of the abstract with Trustee Call seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Clerk then addressed the Board for approval of the attorney's fees that are related to the new Water Filtration Project. Trustee Youngs made the motion to pay the fees associated with the new project with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

- The car had an issue with the A/C unit and it has been fixed.
- The department assisted the State Police in the arrest of an individual who was accused of writing bad checks
- Dock usage law: OIC questioned the status of the review. Upon discussion, the Board would like to make a few changes. A new draft will be sent for approval. A tentative date for a Public Hearing is May 28, 2013.

Trustee Call then asked OIC Strejlau about the use of golf carts through the Village. It is illegal for residents to use them on Village Streets.

Mayor Maloney then advised the Board that DPW Superintendent Marty Mason will have all the employee evaluations complete before the May 28, 2013 Village Board meeting.

Trustee Call then spoke about the sidewalk that was replaced on Gouvello St. Mayor Maloney then informed the Board that the fence that is located next to the sidewalk on Gouvello St. is misplaced and is on Village property. Mayor Maloney will be in touch with the attorney's office to address the fence issue.

Trustee Call then inquired about the status of the pedestrian walkways that were mentioned to be placed along Broadway St. Upon discussion, the Mayor will seek more information on obtaining them.

OIC Strejlau then asked about the large dip in the street on Bay Street. The street will be fixed after the completion of the project.

OIC Strejlau then stated the generator is in at the Law Building and they are just waiting for the fuel company to come and complete the install.

OIC Strejlau then stated that he had received the letter from the French Festival Committee in regards to the upcoming French Festival. Trustee Call stated that a reimbursement check for the Village was in his possession. OIC Strejlau also made the suggestion that the Village send an individual to the Town of Cape Vincent Board to ask for funds to offset some of the costs incurred by the Village for the French Festival.

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

- The department has issued a few permits for fences and storage buildings

- Mr. Paventi has been in contact with the Zoning Office about the adjoining property owned by Anchor Marina.

Trustee Youngs inquired about a property on William St. that has grass that is overgrown. Zoning Officer Golden will research the issue.

Trustee Call then inquired about the garage that has been partially demolished on Broadway Street. Zoning Officer Golden will check on the status of the project and it is the recommendation of Trustee Call to establish a demolition law.

Trustee Brennan then also inquired about the large "O" that is located on a sign on the end of James Street. The sign is located outside the Village limits but Zoning Officer will inquire.

Mayor Maloney spoke on water issues. Trustee Brennan and Mayor Maloney met with outside water users. The attorney's office has been in contact with the Town office about the separate districts that they could join into. The Mayor did attend the DEC meeting about the permits for the water that is supplied by the Village of Cape Vincent. The DEC will be sending a letter that states that all water users need to be "in" a water district.

Mayor Maloney then also spoke about a resident that is an outside user and unpaid sewer bills. The resident created a proposal to the Village to repay the outstanding amount due. The attorney's office will create a draft of the proposal.

Clerk Mary Rupp then advised that it has been proposed to have two representatives from the Water Meter companies come to give a brief presentation of their products.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the ALL PEST, INC. services that the Village would like to have. It was determined to do the same service as last year.

Trustee Youngs made the motion for the Mayor to sign the Tax Warrant for the Village with Trustee Call seconding the motion and Trustee Brennan voted yes.

Mayor Maloney then stated that Mary Rupp can advertise for the Deputy Clerk position. A job description will be created for the position.

Trustee Brennan then formally invited the Board members to the author cocktail hour to be held May 31, 2013 at the Community House.

Trustee Brennan then spoke about a letter that she received from the Health Clinic about their policies about appointments and cancellations.

Trustee Brennan then inquired about the deck issue and the sewer project in reference to the issues that have arisen on the property of John DeFrancesco. Mayor Maloney informed her on the history of the property and the issues.

The Board also discussed the East End Park and the status of the building plans and if grant was approved.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM with Trustee Call seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer