

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees – September 10, 2013

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

Trustee Golden made the motion to dispense with the reading of the August 27, 2013 meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and Deputy Mayor Youngs voting yes.

The Board review Abstract 04 as follows:

General: \$25,471.15

Water: \$19,593.67

Sewer: \$4,228.27

Upon review, Trustee Brennan made the motion to approve payment of the abstract with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and Deputy Mayor Youngs voting yes.

Trustee Jeff Call arrived at 5:40pm.

Attendee Mr. Paul Docteur then addressed the Board. He has concerns about the driveway/sidewalk area at his N. James St. home. The newly installed sidewalk makes the back of his vehicle overhang the sidewalk. He is concerned about public safety if someone was to run into vehicle. He also had a few questions about trees, grading of blacktop and lawn work done that was done due to the sewer project. It is his opinion that the work was not done very well and he would like to know when new trees will replace the trees that were removed. The Board will address these issues with the contractors.

Attendee Mr. Richard Edsall then spoke in regards to the new Town of Cape Vincent Water District #6. He thoroughly questioned the Village's involvement with all aspects of the new district. He has concerns about his connections within Johnson Development. Attendee Tom Reinbeck spoke on the issue as well in regards to Johnston Development. Attendee Dennis Pearson spoke as well in reference to an individual who is being "forced" into district #6 but has been on our line for over 50 years.

Attendee Richard Edsall then stated that his wife has made the suggestion to create a larger sidewalk along Broadway St. on the Village right of way that would allow more room for bikers and walkers.

Attendee Suzanne Petroske from Bin 427 then addressed the Board and asked if it has been discussed to reduce the sewer EDU's at the Motel of Bin 427 as they are completely unusable. Upon discussion, Trustee Call made the motion to reduce her sewer edu's from 3 units to 1 unit so that she will be paying 1 edu of water and 1 edu of sewer until the time the status of the motel changes with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden spoke on behalf of the Police Department. He stated that Officer Jon Sovie is no longer on the force and Officer Shawn Ryan is also not able to take shifts, so the department would like to have Officer Shane Ryan to fill the open space.

Marty Mason, DPW Superintendent, gave his report as follows:

- Bay St. repairs have been completed.
- Centre St. connector to the new sewer plant and the sewer plant road off of Bay St. have been paved.
- Landscaping has begun at the new plant and it is near completion.
- Some of the issues have been handled at the John DeFrancesco property.

Trustee Golden then asked Marty about an old pipe that is still left after the removal of the old lift station on Point St. Marty stated that it can be removed.

- The new sewer machine should be here soon and once the DPW receives it, they will be out cleaning lines.
- The lift was returned. Many projects were done while it was here.
- Trevor Robbins will be returning to part-time work to fill in for days when Dustin Cooley is in school.
- The Water project is going very well and they are almost done with the building. They seem to be right on schedule or even a little ahead of schedule.

Trustee Brennan then asked Marty to clarify the cost of the Library roof project. It was rumored in the community to cost around \$65,000. Marty explained the entire project totaled roughly \$24,000.

Trustee Youngs then asked Marty about the garbage letter that was to be created for residents. It is not yet complete.

Trustee Brennan then asked if the letter was sent to the Chamber in regards to trash cans located around the Village. The letters have been sent and requested the Chamber attend a meeting to discuss the issue.

Marty Mason then spoke about the new water meters that the USDA is approving and paying for the Village employees to install only on the year-round residents.

Clerk Mary Rupp then asked for review and approval to pay bills for the Water Filtration project. Upon review, Trustee Brennan made the motion to approve payment of the invoices with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then spoke about the Jacob's water line and the deadline for turn off approaching. Upon discussion, Clerk Mary Rupp has been asked to contact Gebo's office request a letter be drafted to Jacobs to allow access to property and to make sure all bases are covered for shut-off.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the other water agreement with an outside resident. Clerk Rupp stated that the agreement is in current standing and supplied a payment spreadsheet for documentation.

Trustee Youngs then suggested that the Treasurer's report that is given to the Board members, be added to the agenda to update all current office business.

Trustee Golden then made the suggestion to purchase a new conference table for the meetings now being held in the Community Room. Upon discussion, the Clerk and several Board members will look at some used furniture sites for more information.

Trustee Youngs then stated that there is no new information on DC Builders. Also, the Board reviewed and signed support letters for the East End Park pavilion project.

Clerk Rupp then spoke to the Board in reference to the health insurance for an employee that has reached the age of 65. According to our insurance representative, Marylee Burmaster, the Village Board can pass a resolution that will allow that employee to sign up for all Medicare insurances at a 80/20 Village/employee split until the time of his retirement. The Board will wait for more information from the employee.

Clerk Rupp then spoke the excess RD funds that were given to the Village. It is suggested that the funds reimburse funds that initially incurred the expense. Trustee Call made the motion to allow the Clerk to reimburse the funds that incurred the costs with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Clerk Rupp then asked the Board to consider changing all the Village bank accounts from Passbooks to Statement Savings, as the Citizens Bank is phasing out the passbooks. Trustee Golden made the motion to allow all accounts to become Statement Savings with Trustee Call seconding it and all voting yes.

Trustee Youngs then stated that she had received a message from the Mayor to inform them of items that are on his list to complete when he returns from vacation. They include a meeting with the engineers in regards to all the issues with sewer project and meetings with the Town to discuss Youth Commission and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Board then stated that some members needed to still review the personnel policy for areas that need some changing.

It was then suggested to have the agenda show an "old" and "new" business section so no issues are missed.

Trustee Call then stated that the Fire Department Board President would like to be added to the agenda for our next meeting on September 24, 2013 to discuss the agreement with the Village. Upon a discussion, the Clerk will add the Fire Department to the agenda.

Marty Mason then stated that he has been to resident Alan Vail's home and trimmed a tree that the resident had some concerns with.

Trustee Golden made the motion at 7:05pm to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Call seconding it and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer