

## Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees – September 24, 2013

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

Trustee Golden made the motion to dispense with the reading of the September 24, 2013 meeting minutes with a few spelling errors corrected and accept them as written with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and Trustee Brennan voting yes.

Attendees Mike Chavoustie and Shelley Higgins from the Cape Vincent Chamber of Commerce then addressed the Board in reference to a letter that they received about trash cans located throughout the Village of Cape Vincent. The trash seemed to be overflowing in the Chamber cans that they contract to be collected. Upon a lengthy discussion, it was decided for the Chamber to rent a dumpster and the Village will look at getting a part-time employee to take care of trash and other aspects of Broadway St. Shelly Higgins then informed the Board about an event that is planned for August 15-16, 2014. The American Bass Anglers-semi pro circuit will be visiting the Village and holding their tournament. More information will follow as the logistics are discussed. Mike Chavoustie also inquired about the Billboard bill from the Lingerlonger group that is unpaid.

Attendee Joe Gould then addressed the Board in reference to the contract that the Fire Department has with the Village. The Fire Department is requesting the language in the contract include plowing of the front and the back of the Fire Hall by the Village. Upon a lengthy discussion, it has been requested that the Fire Department provide the language that they would like to see in the contract for Village approval. Mayor Maloney will call NYCOM for more information on the fuel for the Fire Department in the contract as well.

Mayor Maloney also asked Joe Gould about the property owned by his mother on Broadway Street. A letter was received by the Village Office in regards to the nature of the properties clean up after a collapsed building. Mr. Gould replied that it would “be done by winter”.

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

- Areas throughout the Village have been top-soiled and seeded.
- The new road on Centre St. has been paved. The shoulders are to be completed this week.
- The walk-thru at the Sewer plant with the USDA has been done.
- The Water plant- there is issues with the installation of the spray foam. The spray foam was not done well and needs to be evaluated. Marty also had a meeting with Bernier, Carr & Associates in reference to the paint for the filters. The paint is expensive but could save electric. More research is to be done.
- Mr. Paul Docteur did stop and pick out trees at Sonny's. However, he was unaware of the price limit of \$350.00. He will be informed and have to reselect different trees.
- There will be an excess number of trees that were removed for the sewer project. The replacement trees will be placed around the new plant.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the letter that was received by Paul Docteur. A letter needs to be drafted to state that there is nothing the Village can do in regards to his sidewalk issue, trees and the re-grading of the street near his house.

Trustee Youngs then addressed Marty about a dead tree on William Street near her home.

Marty then mentioned that the garbage letter for the residents has been typed and Marty has for garbage offenders.

Mayor Maloney then addressed the resident letter in regards to sidewalks. A response letter needs to be drafted that states the sidewalks are a work in progress in the area and that the Village is on notice for the areas of the sidewalk along Broadway St. that need to be fixed.

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

- There is a vegetation complaint along Esseltyne St. near the school. The DPW crew will address the issue and clean it up. There is also a request to place a stop sign at the school "loop" where the old clinic was removed.

Mayor Maloney then opened the 2 bids submitted for the new water meter reading system:

1. EJ Prescott gave three options:
  1. \$173,569.00 with annual fee of \$7000.00
  2. \$192,994.00 with annual fee of \$7000.00
  3. \$199,819.00 with annual fee of \$7000.00
2. Blair Supply gave two options:
  1. \$118,540.25 with annual fee of \$3095.00 after first 24 months
  2. \$136,440.25 with the annual fee of \$3095.00 after first 24 months

The bids will be going to the engineers for review.

The Board then reviewed the Treasurer's report. Upon review and discussion, Clerk Rupp discussed the certified letters for the water shut-offs. It is suggested to possibly make changes to the law to save taxpayer funds. Clerk Rupp is going to call Mark Gebo's office for more information.

The Board then discussed the outside water users that are having their water service terminated. The 60 days' notice has expired. Mayor will contact the attorney for a letter to be sent that would include a date and time for shut-off. Upon discussion, the Board agreed the date for the shut-off will be October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Ron Jacobs has given permission to access the property.

Trustee Brennan then spoke again in reference to the letter that was received by Mrs. Rippeteau. A letter needs to be sent to the property owner of the garage with a deadline for clean-up. Perry Golden should send letter to inform of the complaint. A letter should be drafted for Mrs. Rippeteau stating that the issue has been forwarded to Zoning.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the following issues:

- A meeting in regards to SACC-nothing to report.
- The Donovan letter in reference to apartment on Broadway-was sent to attorney.
- The invoice to Horne's Ferry-Clerk Rupp sent the invoice and letter.

Trustee Golden then asked Mayor Maloney to clarify issues that residents had with Water District #6. Mayor Maloney stated that there is and has been no Village involvement.

Trustee Brennan then asked Mayor Maloney about the meetings with the Town to discuss the Youth Commission and Chamber. Mayor Maloney is waiting for Town Supervisor for dates.

Trustee Youngs then asked meetings with the engineers about issues with Sewer project. Mayor Maloney spoke about the National Grid bills at the pump station becoming a demand meter and other operational aspects of the pumps.

Trustee Youngs also brought up the issue of meeting with the engineers to get the contractors back to correct issues throughout the Village. The Board will look to meet October 1, 2013 at 5:00pm if the engineers are able to meet.

Trustee Youngs also spoke about the personnel policy. Mayor Maloney also stated that an issue was brought up an issue of DPW employees that are on the Fire Department. The Board needs to evaluate the policy and make any changes they see fit.

Trustee Youngs then spoke about the study with John Gariglilio from Saratoga Associates. He is looking for more information from the Board about the flicker study and references to the Joint Comprehensive plan.

The Board then reviewed an invoice that was received for the Regatta that total \$400.00. Upon review, Trustee Golden made the motion to pay the invoice with Trustee Youngs seconding it and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney stated that the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Sewer Project will be October 10, 2013 at 10:00am.

Trustee Golden made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm with Trustee Youngs seconding the vote and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer