

April 8, 2014- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Jerry Golden, Douglas Putnam, Elisabeth Brennan and Pamela Youngs present. Mayor Timothy Maloney welcomed the attendees and then embarrassed the Clerk by singing Happy Birthday before leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to dispense with the reading of the March 12, 2014 special meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and the Mayor voting yes.

Trustee Golden made the motion to dispense with the reading of the March 25, 2014 meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and the Mayor and Trustee Youngs voting yes.

The Board review Abstract 11 as follows:

General: \$22,026.21

Water: \$54,458.92

Sewer: \$7,441.63

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

Attendee/Planning Board member Bill Kirschgessner then addressed the Board. He informed the Board that he had attended the Tug Hill Commission conference and it was very educational. He also asked the Board for any information on the terms for the planning board members. The terms are set at 5 year terms on a rotating basis. The Clerk and the Mayor will research.

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

- The crew has been installing the new water meters. Eight have been installed to date. All the ordered meters have been received.
- Fourth Coast will be in contact soon about the installation of the antenna for the meters.
- The crew continues to collect brush and the prison has been contacted to see if the inmates can be used to assist in the clean-up efforts.
- The Sewer plant has done very well with the recent flooding. A portion of Gouvello St. to Market St. is having a draining issue, but the crew is working on it.
- The crew also did a dye test on the roof drains of the "Roxy" and found the system is not hooked up where it should be and it is tied to the sewer system. A letter is to be drafted and sent to the owner and will request a timeline that the issue be resolved.

The Mayor then had to ask for a motion to open the public hearing at 6:00 pm. Trustee Youngs made the motion to open the public hearing for the Tentative Budget with Trustee Brennan seconding the

motion and all voting yes. The Mayor gave a brief description of the status of each fund. The General Fund will increase by 2% and the Water fund will have the project closing in October and there will be more information on the numbers associated with the project. At this point, it is projected to have no rate increase, but the Board is still in the reviewing process. For the Sewer Fund, the EDU rate will have to change over the course of the next few years, but for this next fiscal year, it is set to remain the same. The Final Budget date is April 22, 2014. There were questions, comments or concerns from the audience. Trustee Brennan made the motion to close the public hearing with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Marty Mason continued his report as follows:

- Both of the plants are doing well. The Sewer plant will be having Falter's portion of the plant walk thru done the week of the 20th with Marcy Newman. The Water plant needs to floors to be finished and clean-up done around the outside.

Trustee Brennan asked Marty about the situation with the furnace at the library. Marty stated that it is still not working correctly but Hyde-Stone is working on the issue.

Trustee Brennan then asked if the engineers have come up with a plan for the winter conditions at the Sewer plant to assist in keeping the stairwells clear of ice and snow. Marty stated that they are working on the plans.

Trustee Putnam then asked Marty if the siren belongs to the Village and also who is responsible for the timer. There is also question as to who is in control of the timing. Trustee Putnam volunteered to do more research on the issue.

There was no Police Report.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about an email that was received from Lee Willbanks. The email basically stated that the grounding of the ship didn't reach the level of concern for notification and that was why the Village was not notified. The response protocol needs to be reevaluated.

Trustee Brennan then inquired about extending the intake. Marty has spoken to the engineers about it and has no response yet. Trustee Golden asked about addressing this issue at the next regional water line meeting to see if there is interest at their level.

Trustee Youngs then asked about the DEC sign about the bilge requirements. Marty is going to check with the DEC for a new sign.

Mayor Maloney then asked Marty about the light at the East End Park dock. Marty is waiting on National Grid.

Trustee Putnam then asked about a street light on Bay St. that is on continuously. Marty has already notified National Grid.

Mayor Maloney then informed the Board that he left a message with a Mr. Warren, from the Army Corps. Of Engineers, who was the manager of the Breakwall study. He has not received anything back as of yet.

Mayor Maloney then talked about the open position on the CVDC. Trustee Brennan stated that she knew of a couple interested candidates and requested that the Clerk send a letter to interested residents and ask them to send a bio/resume.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the Water/Wastewater Operator position search. Only one resume has been received. Trustee Putnam stated that the timeline should be extended and spread the search to different places, Craigslist, Workplace, Job Expo, etc. The current ad will be extended to April 22, 2104.

Mayor Maloney then reported on the following new business:

- A date must be established to hold a public hearing to override the Tax Cap. Upon discussion, Trustee Golden made the motion to hold the public hearing April 22 at 6:00 pm with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- The Board needs to discuss having the General Fund give a short-term loan to the Water Fund in the amount of \$100379.00 to be used to pay down the Village portion of the BAN for the Water Projects. Upon discussion, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the transfer of \$100379.00 from the General Fund to the Water Fund to be repaid before 5/31/2014 with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- The Clerk/Treasurer and Mayor Maloney will be going to the bank on Thursday April 10, 2014 to wire the needed funds to pay the \$518,000 Bond. The Village will be transferring Town and DANC funds as well. Upon discussion, Trustee Putnam made the motion to approve the wire transfers of \$518,000 and to eliminate any reserve accounts associated that are no longer needed with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Sewer Fund-There is a CD that is set to renew 4/20/2014. After a discussion, Trustee Brennan made the motion to not renew the sewer fund CD and transfer the funds to the sewer fund savings account in the amount of roughly \$324,000.00 with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Trustee Golden then made the motion to pass a resolution to transfer the roughly \$47,000.00 that is to be de-obligated in the Water Fund Reserves to the General Fund to reimburse a portion of the short-term loan with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Putnam then spoke about East End Park and questions about the uses allowed. Mayor Maloney informed him of the past information from the attorney's office. Mayor Maloney then stated that he is going to have a meeting with Glen Kennedy in regards to the new Pavilion in East End Park in reference to the drawings and a few other issues.

Trustee Brennan made a motion at 6:56 pm to enter into executive session with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to exit the executive session at 7:36 pm with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp
Clerk/Treasurer