

September 23, 2014- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

Trustee Youngs made the motion to dispense with the reading of the September 9, 2014 meeting minutes and accept them as written with spelling errors corrected with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden then addressed the Board and stated that he had received a message from John DeFrancesco, who was set to attend the meeting, that Mr. DeFrancesco was very pleased and wanted to say thank you to the Board for the repair work done on his yard to repair damages from the Sewer project.

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

- The sidewalks portion of Esselstyne St. is almost complete. There is only one more pour of concrete needed to finish. There is a tree that has to be removed due to the sidewalk placement and the tree is diseased. Upon discussion, the Board stated that the tree can be removed and it was stated that resident Mr. Gosier is very happy with the sidewalk replacement.
- Marty is going to meet with Steven Hall, Post Office building owner, about the sidewalk replacement in front of the Post Office. That area is the next sidewalk area to be replaced.
- The doors and windows have been ordered for the Library by contractor Todd Worden. The DPW crew will be doing the concrete entrance work within the next few weeks.
- While Marty was on vacation, three members of the DPW assisted the Town crew on the replacement of the three roofs at the Tibbets Point lighthouse area.
- The final step on the paving process on Bay St. is set to take place the second week of October, weather depending.
- While Marty was on vacation, there also were no issues at the Water or Sewer plants. New hire Gareth Hogan is doing well with the plant operations. The Board reminded Marty that the 3 month evaluation is due for Gareth Hogan very soon.
- No new news/information to provide on the new garbage truck research.
- Ben Davis has returned from vacation and will be the one removing the tree on Esselstyne St.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the issues that have been brought to the Board about water/toilet issues at the Law Building. Marty stated that the toilet had been fixed before he left for vacation but he will check the area again. Trustee Brennan also stated that there had been a water issue at the Clinic. Upon discussion, Trustee Youngs stated that a memo should be drafted and sent to all users of the Law Building and the Clinic stating that any building concerns need to be addressed to the Village office or DPW as soon as possible.

Perry Golden, Zoning Officer, then gave his report. He gave the Board an update on the ongoing complaints by the Vail's about the Antique store across the street from their residence. Perry had spoken with Mrs. Vail at length. Perry had sent a letter to the Vail's stating that complaint that they have submitted is not a Zoning issue and not a Village issue. The issue is a state issue and the state is the department that needs to enforce the rules they have in place.

The Board then reviewed the Treasurer's Report. There were no questions or comments.

Mayor Maloney then addressed "old" business.

- There have been a few more meetings on the TIERS issue. A written proposal is going to the Town, which would include an internship program. The proposal will be reviewed by Gebó's office and there is more work to be done on the issue.
- The meeting with members from the Army Corps. of Engineers was very interesting and more meetings are needed. Upon discussion, it was stated that the Development Committee should be informed of the findings of the Arm Corps. and should look into new commercial businesses.
- The SACC program-Mayor Maloney met with the YMCA staff about the SACC program. The YMCA didn't advertise for the Cape Vincent Elementary position. It was stated the teacher from last school year will be available soon but YMCA stated that they don't feel that they can get another employee. Trustee Brennan asked the Mayor to contact the YMCA and ask if we can do any advertising locally for the SACC program. Mayor Maloney will also talk to the teacher from last year to see if he is still interested.
- Trustee Brennan then asked about the letter that was received by Mr. Paul Docteur about the sidewalk issue on his property. The Mayor informed her that the sidewalk was done prior to the letter. Mayor Maloney will contact Mr. Docteur and will draft a letter.
- Trustee Brennan then asked about the top-soiling at the lift stations. Mayor Maloney will go and look at the area. The work was performed 9/23.
- Trustee Brennan then asked about the issue of the swallowwort plant and has there been any talk of a plan to deal with the issue. Mayor Maloney did speak with Steve Docteur and has also spoken with the resident on Joseph St. where the plant was found. No set plan at this time.
- Trustee Brennan then spoke about the Open House that was held at the Clinic. She stated that she continues to hear from residents that they are having many issues with the Clinic and are unable to get appointments. It is the opinion that they are not willing to work with the residents.
- Trustee Brennan then asked about the sign at Monahan's. It was stated that Perry is working on the issue.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about "new" business.

- The Board reviewed the Easement that the Village received from the Town for Water District #6. It was stated that the Village would incur a \$35.00 per year charge for 2 hydrants. Upon discussion, Trustee Golden made the motion for the Mayor to sign the Easement with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

- Trustee Brennan then stated that there was an excellent article in the Watertown Daily Times about the piano competition and encouraged all to read the article online.
- The Board then spoke about two complaints that were received by a resident. The issues have been addressed by the relevant departments.
- The Board then reviewed the last payout due to retiree Thomas Kozlowski. Trustee Brennan made the motion to pay Thomas the last portion of his unused sick time payout from the Water fund with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mr. Kozlowski can get his last check when all Village keys have been returned.
- Resident Jim Hill has been in contact with the Mayor about the mailbox at his residence. Mr. Hill would like to now have the mailbox moved back a few feet as the road has now been widened. Marty stated that the mailbox is concreted in but he will look at the mailbox again. Mayor Maloney also asked Marty to look at the apron of the Hill driveway. Mr. Hill has stated that one side of the apron is sagging due to the sewer project. Marty will look.
- Mayor Maloney then stated that he would like the DPW crew to anchor the gazebo in East End Park down so it doesn't get destroyed by wind.
- The Mayor will be in contact with Customs about the invoice issues with Horne's Ferry.
- The Board decided to hold a work session September 30, 2014 at 5:30 to discuss the Water/Sewer rate.
- Trustee Brennan made the motion to set the Public Hearing to inform of new Water/Sewer rates for Tuesday October 14 at 6:00pm with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Trustee Brennan then asked if the Mayor had drafted a letter to the resident that submitted a bill for reimbursement for work done on the property. Mayor Maloney stated that no letter has been drafted. It is Trustee Brennan's opinion that a letter be sent.
- Trustee Brennan also stated that it is her opinion that several work sessions are needed for many issues that need to be resolved to include the personnel policy and the dock usage law. Also, she questioned about getting a date for Mr. Gebo to come to a work session or a meeting to go over a few items.
- Trustee Youngs then asked about the Trottier property and whether it is the responsibility of the Planning Board or the Zoning officer to follow through on the permit that was issued. Upon discussion, it was decided that Trustee Youngs would contact Planning Board Chairman Jeff Herpel to ask some questions and possibly follow up with the county if need be.
- Trustee Golden asked Marty about the Oktoberfest sign that was on James St. It was hanging very low. Marty stated that it has been fixed.
- Mayor Maloney then informed the Board and Marty about a thank you letter that was received from the RippetEAU's.

Trustee Golden then made the motion to enter into executive session at 7:00 pm with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden made the motion at 7:52 pm to exit executive session with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

As a result of the executive, Trustee Golden made the motion to make part time employee Dustin Cooley, full time, filling one of the positions that are currently open in the DPW and his pay rate will be \$12.00 per hour and it is to be effective September 24, 2014 with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Brennan made the motion at 7:56pm to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp
Clerk/Treasurer