

March 24, 2015- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

Trustee Brennan made the motion to dispense with the reading of the March 10, 2015 meeting minutes as written with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Bill Kirchgessner, French Festival Committee Chairman, addressed the Board about the French Festival. The committee would like to thank the Village crew for all of the in-kind services that are involved with French Festival and would like to know if they are able to assist again this year. Also, they would like to know if the Village has a desired amount for the Committee to reimburse for the extra police coverage needed for the event. It has typically been \$1,500.00. The Board will contact OIC Strejla for some numbers and they will get back to the Committee.

Attendees Mr. and Mrs. Edsall then addressed the Board. Mr. Edsall began with thanking the Village crew for all the hard work over the winter. He then questioned the Board if they have anything new to report on the water rate and if they are still in fact working on it. Mayor Maloney stated that the CPA office is working with the Board on the water rate and have been since the last hearing and hope to have some new information soon. Mr. Edsall then spoke about the SASS program and informed the Board on his feelings of the program. His main point to the Board was that he hoped that the Board would take village taxpayers opinions into consideration when making a decision as far as the SASS is concerned. Mrs. Edsall also spoke to the Board about the SASS program and gave her feelings.

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

- The crew has been painting the interior of the water plant and it is almost complete.
- Ben Davis Tree Co. has been in the village for a few days doing some trimming on trees that may have been damaged over the winter months. The crew will begin limb clean up this week.
- Four DPW workers attended a mandatory 8 hour training course at JCC for MSHA.
- The DEC did an inspection at the sewer plant. The DEC had not been in the area to inspect the sewer plant since 2009. After a lengthy inspection, only a few minor issues were found and they will be resolved very quickly.
- The railing is all installed at the Library.
- The door at the Law Building has been completely redone and now is working properly.
- The snow equipment removal will be coming soon.

Trustee Brennan asked about a course for water? Marty stated that a level D course is going to be available and Marty is going to try to have it in Cape Vincent, like they have in the past. Marty also stated that there is a training course in May at the Turning Stone for water & sewer that each participant will gain credit hours. More information will be available soon on who will be attending.

At 6:00pm, the Mayor held the bid opening for the garbage truck packer unit. One sealed bid was received. The bid was from J & J Equipment for the price of \$52,900.00. The specs of the bid were included. Marty Mason will review the specs for accuracy.

No Police report was given.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report and had no questions or concerns.

Mayor Maloney then addressed "old" business as follows:

- EMS-nothing new to report at this time. Next meeting will be held Friday April 3, 2015.
- Horne's Ferry invoice-the invoice has been mailed and the Mayor will call Mr. Horne.
- Meeting of the St. Lawrence River Communities-the purpose of the meeting is for the different townships to provide a list of needs and provide them with good information on funding that could be available from Rural Development. A goal is to try to get the different communities to think regionally, not just as separate municipalities.
- DANC & CPA's – There were two meetings last week to finalize the debt schedule for the 4th Filter Project. All parties are now in agreement on the repayment schedule and checks for the April 1, 2015 are being sent to the Village. The CPA office will be going back to 2010 and will move forward with the water rate work. More information will follow once it is available.

The Mayor then spoke about "new" business as follows:

- The public hearing date for the proposed water/sewer rate has been tabled.
- The Board reviewed two engagement letters for Bowers & Co. CPA's for the single audit and for the water rate work. The single audit will cost \$14,935.00 and the water rate work will be done at the hourly rate of the employee and will include travel and any other associated costs. Upon review, Trustee Brennan made the motion for Mayor Maloney to sign both engagement letters with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Fourth Coast Engineering Co.- Solar Power- The Board then listened to a presentation about solar power. After a lengthy question and answer period, it was concluded that the Board would discuss the possibilities and would also be in contact with Rural Development about the possibility of incorporating solar power into the Sewer Plant project.
- Time Warner Cable-The Board then reviewed a written quote supplied by TWC to provide phone, fax and internet to all Village locations. After a brief discussion, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve moving forward with TWC contingent on the contract status with TDS with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and Trustee Brennan and Mayor Maloney voting yes. Trustee Gould abstained.
- Tentative Budget hearing-Trustee Gould made the motion to hold the tentative budget public hearing on Tuesday April 14th at 6:00 pm with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Reed beds-Mayor Maloney had been in contact with several local contacts for the DEC in reference to the species of reeds that would like to be used at the sewer plant. Local contacts

have stated that one strain of the species that the plant would need are on the invasive species list and therefore cannot be used. Upon a brief discussion, the Board would like to explore more options with the DEC and speak with Cornell on the species.

- Inter-fund transfer-Trustee Golden made the motion to allow the Clerk to transfer \$30,000 from the Sewer fund to the Water fund on a short-term loan basis to be reimbursed within the fiscal year with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Water/Sewer Relevy-The Clerk supplied the Board with a list of unpaid water/sewer account balances that will be releived onto the 2015 Village tax bill. Upon review, Trustee Golden made the motion to provide the list to Jefferson County so the said balances can be added to the 2015 Village tax with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Budget work-sessions- The Board has established the following dates for working on the tentative budget. March 31 and April 2, 2015 at 5:30 pm. The Clerk will advertise.
- Planner account- Upon a brief discussion, Trustee Golden made the motion for a letter to be sent to the Town Board, the lead agency on the Planner account, to request that a separate account be created just for the Town and Village funds in the Planner account with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Marty Mason then had one more issue to come before the Board. April 9, 2015 at 10:00 am, there will be a meeting with DOT, Addie Russell and several other agencies to discuss Route 12E and what can be done to correct the poor winter conditions of the road. Upon discussion, Trustee Golden made the motion that the Village draft a support letter and allow a petition be left at the Village Office to show support in correcting Route 12E with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Youngs made the motion at 8:15 pm to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp
Clerk/Treasurer