

April 14, 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 Youngs made the motion to dispense with the reading of the March 24, 2015 meeting minutes and the reading of the special meeting minutes for March 31, 2015 as written with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board reviewed additions to Abstract 11 as follows:

General:       \$22,018.91

Water:         \$8,252.52

Sewer:         \$4,860.64

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

Attendee Bill Kirchgessner, French Festival Committee Chairman, addressed the Board about the French Festival and asked about using the area located behind the Community House for pony rides for French Festival. Upon a brief discussion, Mayor Maloney stated that he will be in contact with Attorney Gebo for any issues and the Board will let the committee know. Mr. Kirchgessner also informed the Board that there will be a trolley service this year for the festival.

Attendee Michael Chavoustie, president of the Chamber of Commerce, then addressed the Board. Mr. Chavoustie thanked the Board for their support of the Chamber and Chamber events. He gave a brief overview of the upcoming summer events.

Attendee Ronald Mason then spoke to the Board. He spoke as a concerned citizen and as caretaker of the Citizens Bank of Cape Vincent. There is a drainage issue at the entrance to the bank where the walkway and street meet. Water gathers at this location and creates dangerous conditions in the winter and wet conditions for the rest of the year. He is asking the Board to come up with a possible solution for this problem. He also stated that the curbing and road system in Three Mile Bay is very nice and possibly the Village could do something similar to that. Trustee Brennan then informed Mr. Mason that there have been a few meetings with the DOT and with Addie Russell on that very issue and the Village is near the top of the list to have our Market and Broadway streets done by the DOT.

There was no DPW report given but the Clerk did speak to the Board about a water/sewer class that will be held at the Turning Stone Casino in May that two employees would like to attend. The cost would be \$823.00 per person. The Board will review and ask questions to Marty Mason at next meeting.

No police department report was given.

Mayor Maloney opened the public hearing at 6:00pm. Mayor Maloney reviewed the tentative general fund budget for the audience and stated that with the tentative budget, there will be no tax rate change; it will remain at \$6.84 per thousand. Mayor Maloney also reviewed the water and sewer funds tentative budgets and stated that for tentative budgeting purposes only, the water rate would increase from \$35.00 per quarter to \$40.00 per quarter for 6,000 gallons and the cost per 1,000 gallons over the 6,000 would increase to \$2.75 per thousand compared to the current rate of \$1.50. The sewer rates would remain the same for this tentative budget. Mayor Maloney reminded the audience that a public hearing will be held before any rate changes are made for the water or sewer. There were no questions or comments from the audience. Trustee Golden made the motion to close the public hearing with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report and had questions or concerns.

Mayor Maloney then addressed "old" business as follows:

- EMS Update: Nothing new to report.

Mayor Maloney then addressed "new" business as follows:

- The public hearing date for the water/sewer rate change has been tabled.
- Deputy Clerk: Trustee Gould made the motion to appoint Candace Mason to the position of Deputy Clerk, which will be a part-time position and hours will be determined by the Clerk/Treasurer and she will be paid at a rate of \$12.50 per hour with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Horne's Ferry complaint: George Horne had submitted a complaint on some damages to the property at the Ferry. After a discussion, the Board members would like to view the damages and then create a response to Mr. Horne.
- New doors on Community House: The Board reviewed a quote for the purchase of two new doors for the Community House; one as the main entrance to the Village Office and the other as the side entrance to the Community Room. After discussing, the Board will ask Marty for a picture of the doors and then they will present it to the Improvement League for their input as well.
- Solar Power: Mayor Maloney did receive information that Rural Development (RD) would include the expense of placing solar panels at the sewer plant under the sewer project and that the expense would be paid with grant funds. At this point, the design would need to be worked out but it is the understanding that BC&A have already completed some of the solar work in the design phase. Trustee Golden stated that he would contact BC&A to talk to them about the design work and what needs to be done to move forward quickly with the project.
- Water running letter: A letter was received from resident Douglas Putnam about running the water over the winter months to prevent freezing. It was requested that the Board consider

working with residents that had to run water throughout the winter to avoid freezing pipes. The Board needs to get more information before a decision can be made.

- Phone system: Mayor Maloney asked if Time Warner Cable will be able to provide the Village with the phone system that was in place a while ago, allowing callers to choose a number for a department. The Clerk will contact Time Warner Cable with the question.

At 6:24pm, Mayor Maloney made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the medical issue of a particular employee with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 7:10pm, Trustee Brennan made the motion to exit executive session with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 7:21pm, Trustee Golden made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer