

## Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees Meeting- June 23, 2015

Mayor Timothy Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 pm with Trustees Jerry Golden, Elisabeth Brennan and Pamela Youngs present. Trustee Gould was excused. Mayor Maloney welcomed the attendees and led the pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Brennan then made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 9, 2015 as written with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Richard Schmitt then addressed the Board. Mr. Schmitt has concerns about the Village Dock on Esselstyne St. His concerns include residents parking at Village Dock, missing signage, rafting of boats and the current status of the proposed dock law. It was discussed and Mr. Schmitt was informed that the Board did present the proposed law at a public hearing and the law was not approved due to comments that were brought up during the hearing. The Board will obtain copies of the proposed law status from OIC Strejlau and the Board will review. Mr. Schmitt then stated his concerns about who will be enforcing the new law and is curious about the timeframe of the law enactment.

Attendee Donald Mattison then addressed the Board. He has concerns about the influx of vehicles on his street. He has safety concerns for the pedestrians and bike riders on South Real St. He asked for the installation of speed bumps and/or reduce speed signs. After a brief discussion, Trustee Golden made the motion to approve the installation of speed bumps on S. Real St with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

- All the Village sewer lines are almost complete in this round of clean-outs.
- The large trash pick-up throughout the Village went very well. One Village of Chaumont employee came to assist as part of the shared services with Chaumont.
- Nothing new to report on the garbage truck.
- There have been some heavy trucks and equipment using Kelsey Lane for a construction project. Once the project is complete, that lane will need to have some work done.
- The topsoil at the Library has not been done as of yet.
- The new doors at the Community House will hopefully be installed this week.
- There has been a request to close the Village Dock for the weekend and Gouvello St from James St to Esselestyne St. for the historical weekend activities.

Trustee Brennan asked about the boiler at the library? Nothing yet.

Trustee Youngs asked if the DPW is currently at full staff. No, not presently, but summer employee Artemas Rookman will be coming back next week and there are two summer youth program workers coming as well.

Trustee Brennan then asked about an uncared for lawn on Esselstyne St. Zoning Officer Perry Golden stated that he is taking care of that situation.

Trustee Brennan then asked if the speed bumps had been placed on Pine St yet? Yes.

Thomas Strejlau, OIC, gave his report as follows:

- The manpower for French Festival is in place.
- The spec's for the new vehicle will be done within the next month.
- The grant request for the new garage needs to be submitted and a final number needs to be agreed upon.

Mayor Maloney had to pause OIC Strejlau to open the public hearing for the amended Zoning code at 6:00.

Mayor Maloney thanked the Planning Board for all of their efforts in amending the Zoning Code. Questions from the audience included viewing copies of the proposed changes, the permit wording, few questions on definitions and wording on vehicles and swimming pools. There was also a great deal of discussion on the time length allowable for trash cans before and after pick-up. There was also a question on permits being displayed.

At 6:22pm, Trustee Golden made the motion to close the public hearing with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Thomas Strejlau, OIC, continued his report as follows:

- He stated that after hearing the comments from the public hearing, he asked the Board to consider extending the zoning code amendment for the trash can to 24 hours.
- There has also been a complaint filed recently on an issue and the local laws on file have a "dated" appearance. Maybe consider re-formatting the laws. Also, as a side note, all complaints must be made to the police department and should not be done through Board members.
- After a brief discussion, OIC will submit the paperwork to Colleen O'Neill at the Jefferson County Sherriff's department for a \$50,000.00 grant for the new garage.
- There have been issues with vehicles parking in the police parking spaces during French Festival. Trustee Brennan asked if additional signage would help the situation.

Trustee Brennan then informed OIC Strejlau that the basketball hoops that are placed on James St. were only removed temporally and are back in street area. OIC will address the issue.

The Board then reviewed the Treasurer's report. There were no questions or concerns. The Clerk will be using vacation time from June 29 to July 1. Deputy Clerk Candace Mason will be in the office.

Mayor Maloney then addressed “old” business as follows:

- EMS- Trustee Brennan asked if anyone attended the Town meeting or has heard the proposal? Yes, few Board members are aware of the proposal. No action was taken as a result of the proposal at this time.
- Water District #1 letter-Still needs to be drafted.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the appointment issue at the clinic. Still needs to be addressed.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the request submitted by a resident to collect all the returnable cans/bottles from the Broadway street areas. It was decided that Trustee Brennan would draft a letter to inform the resident that they will not be allowed to collect the returnable items and the Village will be doing so and donating all the funds to the Food Pantry.

Mayor Maloney then addressed “new” business as follows:

- The Water/Sewer rate change- Tabled.
- Ambit energy renewal- Tabled until more information is given. Trustee Golden to get information.
- Request to close Gouvello St. from James to Esselstyne St for the historical weekend re-enactment and the Village dock for the weekend to allow space for the tall ships-Trustee Golden made the motion to allow for the street and the dock to be closed as needed with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Dock design grant- Mayor Maloney, Pam Youngs, Declan Callan and Marty Mason met with the engineers from BC&A to discuss the dock design grant further. Many designs have been reviewed. Trustee Youngs stated that the proposal will come first and more info will be included, such as timeline and options.
- Cannon- One of the three cannons that was recovered from the River years ago, will be making its way back to the Village of Cape Vincent on Friday for the historical weekend re-enactment and then will be housed in the Village, at a place to be determined. The cannon is on long term loan to the Village. Mayor Maloney thanked Kevin Kieff for his hard work to get the cannon back to Cape Vincent.
- Town/Village Joint meeting- A worksession needs to be scheduled to talk about some issues to include the 4<sup>th</sup> filter debt and other issues/concerns. Marty Mason stated that the Town Board has made July 1 or July 2 as available dates to meet at 5:30pm. Date to be set.

Trustee Brennan then gave a report on the Book Festival. There were more attendees than in the past two years. The authors and all the children seemed very happy and the committee is looking to grow the festival. She extended a thank you to the Village Board for its support of the event.

Trustee Youngs then gave an update on the last meeting of the Community Development Committee. The committee approved the proposal for drawings of the pavilion by Grater Architects. A few members of the committee are working on a support letter than can be distributed to support the project and the Improvement League is going to be doing some fundraising to support the project as well. The committee is also working on a possible bike path to Tibbetts Point that would be off the road and also has spoken to the DOT about widening the shoulders of the Route 12 from Three Mile Bay to Cape Vincent and then through to Clayton to accommodate bikes and walking. More support letters are being drafted to get others to support that effort.

Trustee Brennan then asked Marty Mason about the road work that needs to be completed along East Broadway St. He stated that it will be completed tomorrow.

The Board then stated that they will be holding a work session Tuesday July 7, at 5:30pm to review the dock use law and the personnel policy.

Trustee Youngs then asked about the Anchor Marina Service Center and the green space area on the Broadway St. side. Now that the sidewalk is replaced, has there been a follow-up letter sent to the owner? Upon a brief discussion, planning board members in attendance stated that they would be sending a follow up letter and will pursue getting the green space as indicated in the initial request and site-plan review.

Trustee Brennan made the motion at 7:05pm to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer