

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees Meeting- July 14, 2015

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

Trustee Golden then made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 23, 2015 as written with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and Trustee Youngs and Mayor Maloney voting yes. Trustee Gould abstained.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 02 as follows:

General: \$ 18,568.02

Water: \$ 5,253.65

Sewer: \$ 5,977.92

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

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

- French Festival went well. The crew cleaned up the garbage on Sunday morning and not many members from the French Festival committee were present to assist in the trash clean up.
- The topsoil will hopefully be available tomorrow. The DPW will rent a screener and will screen as much topsoil as they can for the day to complete the library project, the sidewalk area around the Edsall residence and for the new sidewalks.
- The crew will be working on sidewalks for the next few weeks. They will begin on Lake St and then down Esselstyne to the corner of Joseph St and then to the Village green.
- Ben Davis tree service will be working around the Village next week doing some trimming on Village trees as needed.

Trustee Youngs asked Marty about some branches that were blocking the view of some signage around ferry area. Marty stated that all areas have been taken care of.

Bill Kirchgessner, French Festival chairperson, then addressed the Board and expressed his appreciation of the Village DPW crew and stated that he was very thankful for what the Village's support the French Festival.

Trustee Gould then asked Marty about the new garbage truck progress. Marty stated that it is scheduled for the end of next week.

Trustee Brennan then had the following:

- Rossi parking issue: Unsure.
- Real St. speed bumps installed? Yes.
- Boiler at library: Yes.
- Paperwork for grant to Sherriff O'neill: Pending.

Thomas Strejlau, OIC, gave his report as follows:

- French Festival went well for the department. No arrests and just a few incidents. He gave compliments to the French Festival for a job well done.
- Barricades: One of the barricades was hit on Saturday evening during French Fest and he stated that perhaps they should be painted a brighter color or add some reflective tape to increase their visibility to drivers at night.
- New/more signs: More no parking signs are needed before next year's French Fest.

Trustee Brennan then asked OIC Streljau if the basketball hoops have been moved from the Village streets. He stated that they have for the time being and he is hoping that the issue is resolved and will not result in further action.

- The department has been looking at the 2015 Dodge Charger as a replacement vehicle for the Police Department. The final orders for the state contract pricing were due by the end of May, but an extension has been granted for the end of next week. The base model is \$25,000 and with all necessary options, would be roughly \$38,300.00. After a discussion, it was stated that a special meeting will need to take place next week to iron out more details before a decision can be made.

Mayor Maloney then asked OIC Streljau about the proposed dock law status. The document needs to be submitted to the attorney again.

Attendee Kevin Kieff and Michael Chavoustie then addressed the Board. Mr. Kieff spoke in great detail about the cannon that was recovered from the River and was in a museum in Canada. The cannon has been put up for a long term loan to Village and the cannon made its debut during the Historical weekend at the end of June. A loan agreement would be needed and it would include an insurance requirement. Mike Chavoustie spoke about possible places to display the cannon and East End Park has been discussed as an option. A carriage would need to be built for outdoor display. Trustee Youngs asked about getting some specs for a carriage that would be needed to display the cannon and Mr. Kieff stated that he would be able to get the specs for the carriage. Mayor Maloney thanked Mr. Kieff for his dedication in getting the cannon returned to Cape Vincent.

Mr. Kieff then spoke in depth about the water rate issues that have been presented recently at the Town and misinterpreted by "unfair" news articles. Mr. Kieff gave his opinion on how the State Park debt formula should be presented and proposed that a debt benefit assessment to retire the debt would be a more accurate way to distribute the debt than to base on consumption. Mr. Kieff may attend a Town Board meeting as well.

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

Mayor Maloney then addressed "old" business as follows:

- EMS: The issue was addressed at the joint meeting and the Town has obtained an example RFP from Alexandria Bay on ambulance service that would provide Monday through Friday 6:00am

to 6:00pm coverage for two basic operators. The Town is going to review the RPF and the Village will need to do the same.

- Water District #1 user letter: Still needs to be done.
 - Marty Mason then inquired if anything official needs to be done to switch the roughly 30 outside users to Water District #6 for the Town. After a brief discussion, it was stated that an IMA may be needed.
 - Trustee Youngs then inquired about a residence at the east end of the Village and if they are on Village sewer and water lines. Yes for the water line and not for sewer.
- Ambit Energy Renewal: Still need to do.
- Dock usage law: Tabled.
- Reed beds update: Mayor Maloney spoke to Roy Jacobson from the DEC and he was going to speak to the higher ups at the DEC about the species issue.
- Zoning Law Amendment: Trustee Golden made the motion to accept the proposed amendments to the current Zoning Law and adopt the new law as a local law with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney then addressed “new” business as follows:

- Water/Sewer rate change: Tabled.
- Wedding in East End Park: The Board reviewed a request that was submitted to hold a wedding in East End Park July 25, 2015 at 2:00pm. Trustee Brennan made the motion to approve the use of East End Park for the wedding and photos to follow the ceremony, but not for a reception, with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- LWRP: To submit the application, \$3,700 from the Town/Village joint account would be used. The grant application would be for \$30,000 plus or minus \$10,000 for a maximum of \$40,000. The LWRP would be for the Town and the Village and would be submitted by EDR (Environmental Designs & Research). The Board had a discussion and as a result, the issue is tabled at this time.
 - Trustee Youngs informed the Board that the next Community Development Committee meeting will be July 22, 2015 and a site layout for the pavilion maybe available next week.
 - Trustee Brennan asked if there was anything new with the dock grant. The committee will not be submitting for this funding season as the deadline is too close.

- Complaint letter: The Board then discussed and asked the Clerk to email the complainant about the parking situation on Market and Broadway to check the status of the situation currently.
- Trustee Brennan then asked if the follow up letter from the Zoning department had been sent to the Anchor Marina Service Center. Yes.
- Trustee Brennan then asked if anything had gone any further with the clinic. Not at this time. She stated that she had received a complaint from a resident about an employee of the clinic. It was stated that the residents should call the Samaritan Medical Center.
- Mayor Maloney then reviewed the annual agreement letter between the Village and the Chamber of Commerce. Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the Mayor sign the agreement for 2015-2016 fiscal year, with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Renaming the park: The Board reviewed a letter that was received about possibly renaming East End Park. A discussion took place about possible ways to go about a possible name change.
- The Board set a special meeting for Tuesday July 21, 2015 at 5:30pm. Clerk to advertise.

Trustee Gould made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer