

April 12, 2016- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

Trustee Golden then made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 8, 2016 meeting and accept them as written with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and Trustee Youngs and Mayor Maloney voting yes.

Trustee Gould arrived.

Trustee Youngs then made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 29, 2016 special meeting and accept them as written with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and Trustee Gould and Mayor Maloney voting yes. Trustee Brennan abstained.

Trustee Golden then made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 5, 2016 special meeting and accept them as written with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and Mayor Maloney voting yes. Trustee Youngs and Trustee Brennan abstained.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 11 as follows:

General: \$ 25,660.77      Vouchers 1609-1649

Water:    \$ 11,816.63      Vouchers 820-837

Sewer:    \$ 9,054.43      Vouchers 821-838

Upon review of the abstract, the Board then decided to have the Clerk/Treasurer add an invoice to the General fund for Northern Fire Equipment for \$5,580.00 from Account A3120.4. Trustee Gould made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers to include the added invoice for Northern Fire Equipment with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Maloney then signed Abstract 11 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee Bill Kirchgessner then addressed the Board on behalf of the French Festival Committee. The committee would like to ask for the Village to provide the in-kind services that they have in years past and use of Village grounds. The festival is expecting more vendors this year, but nothing majorly new to report on events. The committee is also going to ask for permission to close Broadway on Sunday from Market St. to Gouvello St. They will also be requesting the large electric traffic signs from the DOT for traffic control. The festival will be July 9-10, 2016.

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

- The crew is still doing some work on the snow equipment and the sander is off the big truck.
- The crew is also still continues to work on the box of the one ton truck. The welding should be complete and be on by next week.
- Solar at the sewer plant is going well. The project is on schedule and should be able to meet the May 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline.

- Trustee Gould questioned if the solar would impact the helopad ? No.
- Employee Kathryn Cataldo will be off for a few weeks for medical reasons. There has been a request from the TI Central School and BOCES for a student named Travis Docteur. He is attending BOCES for heavy equipment operator. The program would be for roughly 6 weeks. Marty met with the high school principal and there is still more information to obtain.
  - Trustee Golden then asked about the summer help and if the previous summer employee Artemas Rookman would be returning. Trustee Brennan plans to ask Mr. Rookman about his intentions for the summer.
  - Marty then spoke more about Travis Docteur stating that he would be working from 6:30-12:00 daily. There will be more info available for the next meeting.
- Trustee Brennan then had the following:
  - Eaves at the sewer plant: nothing new.
  - Access signs: Marty and Trustee Brennan were unable to meet and there is still a little work to do on wording. Marty stated that they blue access signs would be \$37.00 each.

Thomas Strejlau, OIC, had the following report:

- The new police car is here and is in service as of last Saturday.

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

Mayor Maloney then addressed "old" business as follows:

- Clinic meeting: Nothing new to report.
- Docks/Rossi: Docks were to be moved by April 1, 2016 from Village property. Mayor Maloney to call Mr. Rossi and get answers on date they will be moved.

At 6:00pm, Mayor Maloney opened the public hearing. Mayor Maloney reviewed the tentative budgets for the general, water and sewer funds. For the general fund, the tax rate per thousand would go from \$6.84 to \$6.35 and that the overall budget for the general fund has a decrease in spending of 3.79%. Mayor Maloney then presented a slideshow for the proposed water and sewer fund to explain the rate increases. The water fund will have a flat rate of \$25.00 and will charge \$3.00 per thousand gallons used. The sewer fund will remain the flat rate of \$125.00 and will charge \$3.00 per thousand gallons used. There were only a few questions from the audience. At 6:29pm, Trustee Golden made the motion to adjourn the public hearing with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden made the motion to accept the tentative budget and to adopt the new water and sewer rates to be effective June 1, 2016 with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Brennan then had the following "old" business:

- Youth Commission: No letters of interest.
- CVIL Garden agreement: signed.
- Solar-BOCES Consortium: Mayor Maloney attended a meeting last Friday about the Tri-County Energy Consortium and many schools, villages and towns are interested in joining in. The Board will get the agreement to Gebo's office for review before signing.
- Cannon: Nothing new to report. It is not expected to be here until May and is expected to be in place for the 1812 events in June.
- Trustee Golden then spoke about the payments to cleaning contractor Bill Gippe. After a brief discussion, it was decided to be discussed further in executive session.

Mayor Maloney then addressed "new" business as follows:

- Zombie properties: The Board reviewed a letter from the planning board about "zombie" properties. Upon reviewing the letter, the Board agreed that it would be good to explore a new law on dealing with zombie properties.
- Form E#41-Solar Project: The Board reviewed the Form E#41. Trustee Youngs made the motion for Trustee Golden to sign the documents to approve payment of Form E#41 with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and Trustee Gould and Brennan voting yes. Mayor Maloney abstained.

Trustee Youngs made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:56pm to discuss health and financial issues of specific person with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 7:19pm, Trustee Golden made the motion to exit executive session with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden made the motion to compensate contractor Bill Gippe a rate of \$50.00 for cleaning the police side only of the law building and \$75.00 for cleaning the entire law building per cleaning with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board set a work session date of May 3, 2016 at 5:30pm to finalize the budget.

At 7:23pm, Trustee Youngs made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer