

## VILLAGE OF CAPE VINCENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY 23, 2006

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Robert Doud, Alan Ada, Douglas Putnam, and Joseph Gould present.

Trustee Doud would like the previous minutes to reflect it was Mrs. Oswald, not Mr. Oswald who questioned the time the Village Board meets. Trustee Doud then made the motion to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes and accept them as written with the correction with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Putnam abstained, as he was absent for the May 9, 2006 meeting.

Marty Mason, DPW Supt. gave the Village reports as follows:

1. Tree replacements have been planted and water bags will be placed on in the near future
2. Railing at waterfront park has been installed and areas of the park will be mulched
3. Two fire hydrants will be replaced next week
4. Barrels have been placed for Garden Club plantings and the Village lot on Elm will be mowed
5. 1000-1100 feet of sidewalk will be replaced with a concrete price estimated at \$10.00 per yard
6. Gravel has been purchased and stored for summer projects
7. Trustee Putnam requested two stumps from trees cut this winter be slated for removal
8. Trustee Doud asked it be clarified that trash pickup will be picked up on Tuesday if the regular day, Monday is a holiday. The Board responded this would be the policy.
9. Refuse truck has been registered and is ready for June 5<sup>th</sup> refuse pickup
10. Mason has met with Mrs. Clickner about replacing her picket fence which the Village moved for construction

Trustee Ada advised he has discussed restricting parking on James St. on the west side in the area of the school ball field. He has discussed this with Part Time Police Officer, Perry Golden, and who is concerned with enforcement but this will be clarified with the Village Attorney. Mr. Ada will write to the parties involved to ascertain their opinions of change in the parking situation.

Linda Beerman, Joseph St., addressed the Board concerning the neighboring property owned by Ronal Trottier. She referred to a letter sent in 2005 to which Mayor Maloney replied he had contacted Mr. Trottier at that time. She is concerned with wild animals taking up residence in the yard debris along with the drainage from the property into her yard. Another concern is the possible threat of contamination of the soil from fuel tankers which were previously stored on the property. Mayor Maloney will review the site along with Code Enforcement Officer, James Docteur. Mayor Maloney will keep Ms. Beerman informed of the progress of the situation.

Mayor Maloney brought up for discussion the inter Municipal Agreement with the Town of Cape Vincent for the joint Village/Town water project. Trustee Gould questioned if any written correspondence has been received from the Town detailing their commitments to the Village to which the Mayor responded no. Trustee Doud would like the Town to commit to renegotiate all water contracts, remove present Village water tower at no cost to the Village and remove a fifteen cents surcharge the Village must pay the Town for water that passes through the Town line to the DANC line. Mayor Maloney read a portion of the agreement that could be interpreted to address these issues. After discussion of contracts and pump upgrades it was decided the Mayor and any Board members will attend the Town board meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> and address the Supervisor and Board about the concerns of the Village Board. The Mayor will also hand carry a letter to outline these concerns. The Village Board tabled the agreement until after the Town meeting.

Mayor Maloney reported he had contacted residents who would border an above ground lift station on Point St. They are concerned with their view of the river being blocked along with possible odor and noise problems. A problem placing the facility underground would be the confined space factor and the cost of installing submersible pumps. This will be further studied.

Mayor Maloney reported he has met with the Shoemaker attorney at the site to examine the yard in question and a list of corrections was made which will go to the Village attorney for review.

Mayor Maloney brought up for review an easement Jefferson County has requested from the Village for a forty-foot temporary easement for construction on County rte 6 and an additional thirty-five foot permanent easement. The DPW Supt. reminded the Board all utilities are the Village responsibility and the Village must relocate a hydrant due to construction. After discussion Trustee Ada made the motion to approve the easement with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes except Trustee Gould who abstained. An eight-inch tsp valve must be relocated due to construction at a cost of \$3500.00. The Board questioned whether this would be the responsibility of the proposed Town District or the Village. This valve would serve the existing water users in the Township.

Trustee Putnam advised the Board the abstract and deeds for land at the waterfront park do not agree. Mr. Putnam will meet with the Village Attorney to discuss this issue. Mr. Putnam also asked if the Village would be picking ups business refuse and advised the Village Attorney the Village do not practice this pickup. He also informed the Board the Welcome Center project was put out to bid. Bids will be opened on June 19, 2006 at 2:00 PM at the Village office.

The Mayor announced the Department of Social Services would assign a caseworker to the family on James St to assist in correcting in the health problem. The Consolidated Health Officer is reviewing the Village sewer use law, which pertains to this case. Mayor

Maloney will inform the Horne Transportation the Village has hired a cleaning person to clean the common hallways and bathrooms weekly at the Law Building.

Trustee Gould made the motion to advertise for two summer positions, one full time Laborer, and one part time police officer. Trustee Putnam seconded the motion with all voting yes. The Mayor has spoken with Part Time Officer, Perry Golden, regarding his work schedule that may limit the time he is able to work for the Village.

Mayor Maloney contacted the Garden Club president to inform her the hanging flower baskets will be placed and watered by the Village.

John Defrancesco informed the Board he has written to the neighboring property owner on Point St. in reference to a dangerous tree but with no response at this time.

Kenneth and Debbie Herpel sent a letter to the Board concerning the current zoning laws.

Trustee Gould made the motion to adjourn at 6:50 PM with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp  
Village Clerk