

VILLAGE OF CAPE VINCENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES APRIL 22, 2008

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

Trustee Doud recommended the third paragraph on page two be deleted as it is repetitive, with the changes, Trustee Ada made the motion to accept the minutes as written with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney reported the tax rate for real property would be \$7.25 per 1000 of assessed value for the 2008-2009 Village fiscal year. This is an eighteen-cent increase from the previous year. Trustee Putnam then made the motion to adopt the 2008-2009 budget with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Liz Brennan, resident, asked the Board if she could continue with the garden in the median of Esselstyne Street for the summer season and she would like to place plants around directional signs in the area. The plantings will not deter the public works department work or be fenced. She will check with the homeowners in the neighborhood to notify them of her plans. The Board agreed to the garden and plantings.

Sam Delong expressed her interest to the Board in forming activities for the youth of the community to deter them from destructive activities. She would like to have different committees from various organizations to help with this. Trustee Ada will check with the Youth Commission and the Mayor will check with a representative of County Youth Court to have information on offenders working in the community.

Alan Walker, Bay Street, requested a streetlight in his area, as it is a new area of residential development in the Village. This area is also in the vicinity of the Senior Citizens housing and the streetlight would provide much needed light to the area. He also asked if he could use plastic pipe with a locator wire rather than copper for water installation as the cost of copper has increased dramatically during the past year. He asked the Officer in Charge, who was present to enforce the speed limit around the downtown area and suggested a pedestrian walkway in the downtown area. The Mayor will discuss this with the Department of Transportation. The Board will discuss his other requests.

Marty Mason, DPW Supt., reported on activities as follows:

1. Brush and compost is being picked up
2. Two employees attended chainsaw safety school and the NYS Forrester was in to evaluate trees in the Village
3. Speed bumps will be place on James St.and the lanes and ADA pads for the Blind will be placed
4. Summer laborer, George Mingle will begin work May 28th
5. Village of Chaumont has requested help with refuse for the upcoming months due to a shortage of manpower with the Board replying the Village DPW cannot do this on a weekly basis
6. Floors have been striped, waxed and sealed at the Law Bldg.

7. Winter equipment being dismantled and vehicles being readied for summer use
8. Trustee Ada requested the no parking sign be placed on Broadway near the Pizza shop and speed limit signs placed on the lanes

Trustee Putnam asked the status of the handicap parking by Roxy's Hotel with the Mayor replying he will check the status with the NYS DOT.

Officer in charge, Thomas Strelau, informed the Board there has been increased vandalism in the Village and a plan is being formed to end the problems.

James Docteur, Code Officer, did an inspection of the Floyd Oastman property and the shed on the property line has not been moved as directed and he will be given a written violation. Mr. Oastman is planning on building a four-foot fence around the property. Mr. Docteur reported the cottage on the Seldon Brown Sr. property will be removed and replaced with a doublewide manufactured home but the lot does not meet the lot width requirements. The owner could place the home there as the lot will never meet the width criteria but this project must go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a decision. Mr. Docteur informed the Board, Sportsman's Insurance, would like to demolish their present office building and build a new building farther back on the lot. A discussion was held whether or not the buildings must be in alignment in the commercial district with no decision reached.

Mayor Maloney brought up for discussion the property at the end of Market Street. The owner, Marie Clickner, plans to replace a fence back in its original spot that in the past has been controversial. The controversy lies whether the Village or the homeowner owns the land. Jeff Herpel, stated the waterfront property is valuable and the public must not be denied access. The Village Supt. stated the area had been surveyed and the surveying pins are behind the present sidewalk. The Mayor will discuss these facts with the owners and report to the Board.

Mayor Maloney read letters from the French Festival stating it will be held July 12 and 13, 2008. They also requested assistance from the Village DPW for cleanup the Monday after the festival to which the Board agreed. The Officer in Charge will also coordinate the policing plans with the festival.

Interviews for the recently advertised Laborers position will be held on April 29th.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to accept sealed bids for the purchase of a truck cab and chassis and a plow sander and accessorizes with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes. Bids must be received by noon on May 13th and bids will be opened at 5:40 PM at the regular meeting.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to enter into an executive session at 7:30 PM to discuss police matters with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to resume regular session at 8:14 PM with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Doud made the motion to adjourn at 8:16 PM with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp
Village Clerk