

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees May 13, 2008

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

Trustee Doud would like the previous meeting minutes to read the Village Code does state buildings in the commercial district must be in alignment with other structures. The previous minutes stated no decision was reached. With this change Trustee Doud made the motion to approve the minutes with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes except for Trustee Gould who abstained, as he was not in attendance at that meeting.

The Board reviewed abstract 12 as follows:

General: \$26,737.82

Sewer: 7,203.89

Water: 13,109.01

After review and questions, Trustee Putnam made the motion to pay Abstract 12 with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Improvement League representative, Mary Falcon, spoke about the clean up day that will be held in the Village on May 17<sup>th</sup>. She asked the DPW Supt. if he had ideas for projects the young volunteers could do. The Supt. suggested the picnic tables are in need of painting and this could be a project. Ms. Falcon reported the banners are in and may be hung and will coordinate a time with the Village DPW. Also, the Village streets will be cleared of debris and the NYSDOT will pick up the bags.

Mayor Maloney opened the bids received for the cab and chassis truck along with the snowplow equipment. One bid was received for each item as follows:

Tracey Road Equipment, one new single axles chassis truck \$55,425.00

Henderson Truck Equipment, snow equipment installed 49,248.00

The Supt. was instructed to review the bids for the next meeting.

DPW Supt., Marty Mason, gave the Village report as follows;

1. Bars on windows and doors have been installed at the Law building
2. Cement has been poured for two kiosks
3. Has attempted to contact NYS DOT for handicap sign and no parking signs with no results but he has a scheduled meeting on 5/14 and will discuss these subjects.
4. Most speed signs have been placed on the lanes and speed bumps are next
5. Asked to purchase pipe for a storm drain on South Market, as he would like to complete this work before the water contractor starts the reconstruction in that area.  
Request granted
6. Requested to purchase a diaphragm pump for the water/sewer departments from NYS contract for a price of \$1400.00. Request approved.

Trustee Doud mentioned the electrical panel by the sewer plant sounds like it is recycling. Mr. Mason stated the contractor has the materials to correct the problem and the work will be scheduled soon.

Thomas Streljau, Officer in Charge, reported he has met with French Festival officials to plan the police activities for the day and he has read the employee manuals that are geared more toward full time employees. The Mayor and Board did give Mr. Streljau the authority to approve overtime pay for officers and approved Holiday pay for officials. Recent vandalism was discussed with Trustee Ada asking if the department would schedule patrols late at night and early morning hours to which the officer replied the schedule is being adjusted. The Officer asked if the Town of Cape Vincent would be interested in having a joint department with the Village. Mayor Maloney will approach the Town on this issue.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson, Barbara Steinhouse, related she believes she does not have enough information from the code officer about the upcoming ZBA hearing on 5/14<sup>th</sup>. She is dissatisfied with the officer's work while Mayor Maloney requested she attempt to find out additional information herself before the meeting to which she agreed.

Jeff Herpel, Planning Board Chairman, explained to the Board the Sportsman Insurance Building on Broadway is badly in need of repair. Many years ago a building was destroyed by fire and the present office building was built on the filled in cellar and now the fill is sinking and causing problems to the building. The code was reviewed and found there are no setback regulations in the commercial district and a permit has been issued for the new building that will set farther back on the lot.

Mayor Maloney will write a letter to a homeowner who is bring in refuse and placing at their vacant home in the Village to notify them this is not acceptable.

Mayor Maloney reported the Village Attorney and engineering firm is researching the Abstract for the Clickner property on North Market St. which is adjacent to Village property to determine boundary lines.

Mayor Maloney reported the Village would write a letter in support of the local group, which is attempting to have historical cannons returned to the Village for display.

Trustee Putnam brought up for discussion the Village owned property on North Real Street. He has received complaints the water pump house is an eyesore to surrounding properties. The Supt. was asked to take an equipment inventory and clean out unnecessary items possibly before fall. Trustee Putnam suggested the existing building be removed after removal of necessary items and this area made available for public use.

The Board reviewed the request of Horne Transportation requesting the cost distribution for utilities be recalculated because their use is only for six months of the year. The Board is not willing to reduce the utility costs and a rent increase may be forthcoming after the contract is reviewed.

Trustee Doud made the motion to approve the Village contributing one-half of the cost to update equipment for the shared fuel system the Village shares with the Town of Cape

Vincent The approximate cost is \$15,000.00 with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Ada reported he had contacted Youth Commission officials concerning the possibility they may be offer to assist in providing more activities for youth but at this time they are not able to provide more programs due to fiscal restraints.

The Village will hold the Village wide clean up days on June 23, 24 and 25. Items cannot be placed curbside until June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Deb Sullier asked the Board if a decision had been reached on her proposed subdivision. Mayor Maloney reported he had met with the Village Attorney and now the Village must evaluate the costs or providing services to the property. The DPW Supt. will estimate the cost to the Village to provide the water/sewer services. The Planning Board chairman reported no issues with the project. The Village may be in a position to make a decision at the next Village Board meeting.

Ken and Deborah Herpel, 228 Bay Street, advised the Board water run off from neighboring properties causes flooding problems at their property. They asked questions concerning the Village storm sewer system. The Supt. will check the area for drainage solutions.

Trustee Ada was designated as the Trustee to work with the Cape Vincent Local Development Group and businesses to possibly update the Village code concerning signs.

The Chamber of Commerce requested to use the Village dock for a tour boat on French Day to which the Board agreed.

Trustee Gould made the motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp  
Village Clerk