

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees September 9, 2008

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

Trustee Putman asked for a spelling correction to made while Trustee Doud asked the price of water on Page 2 be corrected to read the Village now charges \$1.74 not \$1.63. With these corrections Trustee Ada made the motion to accept the minutes with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and Trustee Doud voting yes. Mayor Maloney abstained, as he was absent for the August 26th meeting.

The Board reviewed abstract 4 as follows:

General: \$19222.67

Water: 16650.61

Sewer: 6956.16

Trustee Putnam made the motion to pay Abstract 4 with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Coleman Hinckley, resident, asked the Board if a solution had been found for cars blocking the sidewalk near his residence. Officer in Charge, Thomas Strelau, has spoken with owners of Aubrey's about the customers parking blocking the sidewalk. A short-term solution along with diagonal parking would be a visible barrier that cannot be driven thru. Trustee Doud suggested cement posts along the sidewalk but removable for maintenance purposes. Mayor Maloney thought perhaps this would be a start and asked the DPW Supt. to check prices for these items. Meanwhile Trustee Ada will meet next week with the Village Attorney to discuss the parking situation and the Villages obligations. Mr. Hinckley asked if the Village was responsible for painting crosswalks with the DPW Supt. replying New York State DOT does his.

Marty Mason, DPW Supt., gave the report of his departments activities as follows:

1. Storm and Sewer project is completed on Lee and Joseph Streets.
2. Water/Sewer service has been installed on Pine Street to a new home
3. Painting has been completed at the Clinic and the Village Office will be done this week
4. The Bay Street water/sewer installation area has been seeded and mulched
5. Paving prices and paving may begin in the next few weeks

Mr. Mason requested to hire a diver to replace bolts on the raw water intake and videotape the inside on the intake pipe. Mayor Maloney will check to see what companies would have the capability to do this. Mr. Mason also informed the Board there is a hole in the 12-inch trough pipe at the sewer plant and the Village will repair this.

Thomas Strelau, Officer in Charge, asked if the time and date could be put on his answering system at the Law Building with Marty Mason volunteering to help him with the system. The Officer would like an article put in the local paper to find owners of bicycles he has in the police possession. He monitored the school traffic the first few days of schools with no violations being issued. Mr. Strelau also asked the Board to consider the increases in pay rates he requested for his department.

Trustee Ada made the motion to advertise for the position of Zoning Code Enforcement Officer with the deadline for submitting applications September 19, 2008 with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney brought up for discussion to close the Community room located at the Village Office Building. This would be to save on heating costs as the room is only used periodically during the winter months. The Mayor will notify the different civic groups that utilize the room during the winter months. The DPW Supt. will inspect the Municipal Law Building to see what sections could be shut down for the winter months.

Mayor Maloney brought up for discussion the report from Thousand Island Emergency Rescue Services, which detailed calls to the Town and Village of Cape Vincent. They asked for a budgetary amount from both municipalities to assist in defraying the cost of these calls. Trustee Putnam remarked the fire department has a contract with Guilfoyle to assist with calls.

James Docteur, Code Officer, reported he has spoken with Mr. Trottier concerning boats, which have been parked, all summer and Mr. Trottier assured him the boats are for sale. Mayor Maloney asked the officer to report at the next meeting if the boats had been moved or sold while a resident is concerned with what he considers overgrown vegetation on the Trottier property and this also will be checked by the Code Officer.

Mayor Maloney announced the Village has received word no funding is available to the Village to fund a wastewater plant for 2009. The DPW Supt. is actively pursuing an alternative to the present plant.

Mayor Maloney has reviewed the Carthage Area Hospital contract and found it requires the Village to make a monetary contribution to the operation of the clinic here in the Village. This is contrary to what the Village understood. Mayor Maloney will contact the director, Walter Becker, to confirm the contract. Trustee Putnam made the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract if Mr. Becker deletes the annual contribution clause with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Ada questioned if the Town of Cape Vincent had the legal authority to schedule a referendum to vote on whether or not residents of the Town would prefer a Town wide police force. Town Councilman, Marty Mason, thought the Town does have this authority.

Trustee Putnam had spoken with Matt Morgia, of Aubertine & Currier, to obtain an estimate for a hydraulics study for the proposed Suller subdivision at East Broadway. The estimate will be forthcoming.

Trustee Doud made the motion to adjourn at 6:58 PM with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp
Village Clerk

