

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees July 14, 2009

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

Mayor Maloney made the motion to dispense with the reading of the June 9, 2009 meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Maloney then made the motion to dispense with the reading of the June 23 meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustees Putnam and Doud voting yes while Trustee Gould abstained as he was absent for the meeting.

Abstract two was reviewed by the Board as follows:

General:	\$36,140.07
Water:	7,880.78
Sewer:	5,805.37

After review and questions, Trustee Putnam made the motion to authorize the Treasurer to pay the Abstract with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney re-opened the public hearing for Local Law 1-09 at 5:45 Pm. Mayor Maloney reported he did consult with the Village Attorney and found the notice of defect must be site specific, time reported, and given in writing to a Village official. The Mayor further explained how law would protect the Village. William Kirchgessner, 233 Bay Street, asked the Board the timeframe for repairing the sidewalk in front of his home after the Village removed a tree in 2006 which heaved the sidewalk. The Supt. will check the sidewalk. After a short discussion, Trustee Putnam made the motion to adopt Local Law 1-09 with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

1. 850 feet of sidewalk on Market St. will be installed with some smaller areas as well
2. Village sidewalks have been disturbed during construction by residents around the Village and they will be sent letters to repair the sidewalks at their own expense
3. Hy-lift pumps are operational and running well with the PRV in line for next week
4. The Supt. met with Suit-Kote officials to discuss blacktopping in areas in the Village
5. The DPW spent one week prior to French Festival preparing for the day. Trustee Putnam stated the Village is contributing in kind services and perhaps a monetary donation is not necessary. Mr. Mason would like the donation from French Festival this year for the DPW but the Police would feels their budget is smaller and the Department should have it if it is given.

Trustee Putnam asked if streetlights are on Bay Street and the Supt. replied National Grid has not done the work. Trustee Doud questioned the status of the Village installing lightning on Wiley Blvd. with the Supt. replying it is on his work agenda and the Village will be assisted by the Town of Cape Vincent on this project.

Thomas Strejlau, Officer in Charge, reported numerous complaints on French Day with only two arrests. Mr. Strejlau has been working with the Dog Control Officer and will be purchasing an expandable catch all to catch dogs.

Kristy Kennedy, CV Improvement League, advised the Board there is a 50/50 grant for waterfront properties. She would like to contact the owners of waterfront property on Club Street to check the interest. As the Village has a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan, the grant could be sponsored by the Village or a private organization. Mayor Maloney responded the LWRP is used for this reason and the Board supports the efforts to check the interest of the property owners.

Ms. Kennedy then introduced two consultants for the Main Street Grant. The consultants had completed a walking tour of the downtown area and would like the Boards input on how to improve the downtown area. Trustee Doud suggested they investigate consistency in signage in the area as now signs are all different shapes and materials. The consultants suggested simple items such as trees and relocating power lines could be valuable changes to the appearance of the downtown area. The consultants agreed these changes could be done in increments over a period of time. The consultant will forward a letter of commitment in the near future outlining their fees.

Brian Perry, Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), and Thomas Rienbeck, Supervisor of the Town of Cape Vincent were in attendance to discuss an increase in the price of water per thousand gallons the Village supplies to them. Trustee Doud explained the projections for water sales that were made in the past has not materialized. Trustee Doud did projections in February of 2009 and found the price the Village charges should increase to \$2.80 per thousand of gallons used to meet expenses. Now that the Village fiscal year ended, another analysis of the water fund was done and he found the price need only be increased to \$2.50 per thousand gallons sold. Due to the increase Mr. Perry advised the Village the Authority needs time to advise their users of the increase and renegotiate contracts and specify usage amounts to their clients. Supervisor Rienbeck commented the Town is having difficulty in obtaining a water supply permit because the Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Health do not understand the Town's position while DANC already has one in place. The question of the Village adding a fourth filter at the plant was brought up for discussion. Supervisor Rienbeck believes the Town is adding additional users and the filter will be needed while Mr. Perry would like to examine the figures more closely. Trustee Doud explained the Village had problems getting a Bond anticipation Note and the interest rate of 3.75% was high. If the fourth filter is added the Village would expect the Town and DANC to assist in obtaining a lower interest rate for bonds which would be to their benefit. As for the rate increase, it has been tabled until more information comes forward with Mayor Maloney commenting the rate issue will be resolved in the near future. Mr. Perry commented the Village can not expect to recoup a three year loss in one year and the contract states the Village may only use data from one year back for increase in the amount charged for water. As for further expansion, DANC would like to discuss

this issue in detail with the Town of CV. The Village DPW Supt., Marty Mason, advised the Board if the water plant expansion does not proceed the Village would be giving up many capital improvements that are included in the expansion project.

Mayor Maloney reported he has met with officials of Rural Development who has received notice from Environmental Facility Corporation; the Village may be eligible for a low interest loan, grant, or both to construct a sewer plant. Trustee Doud made the motion to update the contract with Bernier Carr Associates for the sewer plant project along with updating the intended use plan with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Gould made the motion to have the firm of Hrabchak Gebo & Langone act as bond counsel for the sewer project with Trustee Doud seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Jeffrey Herpel, Planning Board Chairman, the Board had received an application from George Horne who requested to open a business on Club Street with Mr. Herpel recommending he be given a temporary permit until such time the Planning Board could have a site plan review.

The following bills were reviewed for the water project as follows:

1. Municipal Solutions-BAN- \$5,423.14
2. B-S Industrial- general Construction \$51,167.00
3. Bernier Carr – engineers-\$1,534.49
4. P&T Supply Services-turbine oil- \$43.50
5. Amerigas- change lines-\$214.31
6. Jordstat Construction- Electrical- \$76,485.21

After review Trustee Gould made the motion to pay the bills with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Putnam asked the DPW Supt. if he had scheduled the removal of the raw water treatment plant on Real St. The Supt. replied the plan is to remove the plant this fall and improve the grounds to perhaps house a small green space for the public.

Mayor Maloney reported the Village may be able to take possession of two properties from Jefferson County before the end of the month.

Trustee Gould made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp
Village Clerk