

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees August 9, 2011

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Pam Youngs, Alan Ada, Douglas Putnam and Jerry Golden present.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to accept the minutes as written with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and Mayor Maloney voting yes. Trustees Ada and Golden abstained.

Abstract three was given to the Board for review and payment as follows:

General: \$23,823.05

Water: 63,549.08

Sewer: 9,666.76

Mayor Maloney asked the Board to vote on a \$500.00 payment to the NYS Department of Labor for a fined which was levied to the Village pertaining to the asbestos at the site of the former water plant on Real Street. Trustee Putnam made the motion to allow payment with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes. The Treasurer will add this to abstract three for payment. After review of Abstract 3, Trustee Ada made the motion to pay the abstract with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mick Lehman, Village Engineer, spoke to the Board concerning the Sewer project. The Village has received approvals from Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and tentative approvals from the NYS Department of Conservation. (DEC) The issue with the DEC is the reed beds as the department would like the Village to use native species. The engineer assured them the species of reed beds the firm recommended have been pulled from the project and a decision will be made at a later date as to what kind of reeds will be used. Mr. Lehman has sent written correspondence to the DEC advising them the Village is unable to meet the deadline set for the corrective action plan for the sewer. He expects the Village to be in compliance one year later than originally anticipated. The engineer announced the project is ready to go to bid and suggested the Board set a bid date. Trustee Golden made the motion advertise the legal bid for the sewer plant project with an opening date of September 8, 2011 at 3:00 PM with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes. Deb Suiler was present and advised the Mayor the easement for her property is not properly prepared and there are five owners and she is unable to commit to the easement for the other owners. The Mayor advised her easement will be corrected with the proper owner's names and forwarded to them for their signatures.

The Village is continuing to apply for funding from the Rural Development agency for the water filtration upgrade. The funding would be a loan only with no grant. The agency expects to commit by September 2011 with a 2012 construction start date.

Marty Mason gave the report of his department activities as follows:

1. 1100 feet of sidewalk will be completed this week and then the area in front of the American Legion will be done before fall
2. Mr. Mason and Mr. Kozlowski will be on vacation starting the 15-19 with Kathryn Cataldo left in charge
3. The backhoe ram is repaired and back in service with the work covered under warranty
4. Storm drain work will be done on Murray and William Streets
5. The recent rains have flushed out sewer pipes but an odor remains at different times for no apparent reason.
6. The fire siren on Joseph St. if not functioning properly and Jeff Call will check with Jefferson County Emergency Management to see if this siren is required

Thomas Strejalu, Officer in Charge, reported the new radar installation is expected shortly and the License Plate Reader program is not functioning properly. One Officer will be deployed for Sept. and October but coverage will not be affected. He suggested the Village consider a purchase of a dog crate which could house an animal overnight until it could be transported to the Jefferson County Facility. He will price various units for the next meeting. In response to recent complaints of the department issuing too many tickets, he showed the Board there was only five actual tickets issued but warnings were handed out.

Jeff Call, Zoning Officer, advised the Board the Porto project at Point and Broadway is proceeding well and he has met with the Village attorney to discuss two properties. The Attorney advised all proper notices were sent out and each was invited to the Board to state their objections with no one appearing at this meeting. Mr. Call will set up a meeting with the Village Attorney to discuss the next steps. He will also go to the Jefferson County Clerk's office to research records for owners of property in the Village.

The Mayor and Board, after being individually polled, have declined a pay increase for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Mayor Maloney asked each Board member to list ten items they believe which would improve or promote Cape Vincent.

Mayor Maloney requested an executive session at 6:47 PM to discuss personnel with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to resume regular session at 7:16 PM with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes. As a result of the session, employee Thomas Moran, will be informed in writing he must provide the Village with a document stating he is able to return to work at full duty or he is not with an August 15, 2011 deadline. The Deputy Mayor and Village DPW. Supt. will meet with him to advise him of the Board's decision. The Board made the decision to allow him to proceed with his Commercial Drivers License test on September 2. This will be his second attempt to pass the test.

Trustee Ada made the motion to grant Deputy Mayor Putnam the authority to sign all paperwork relating to the Wastewater project with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to adjourn at 7:16 PM with Trustee Ada seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp

Village Clerk