

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees December 13, 2011

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney opened the meeting at 5:35 PM with Trustees Pam Youngs, Elisabeth Brennan, Douglas Putnam and Jerry Golden present.

Trustee Golden made the motion to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes as written with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and Mayor Maloney voting yes while Trustee Brennan and Trustee Putnam abstained.

Abstract 7 was given to the Board for review as follows:

General: \$64,295.68

Water: 11,982.69

Sewer: 9,821.82

The Davis Tree bill will be paid and the Village will send bills to Alan Vail for \$400.00 and Cape Vincent Volunteer Fire Department for \$600.00 according to previous agreements. After review and questions, Trustee Golden made the motion to pay Abstract 7 with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Treasurer requested the Board set a policy to write off outstanding checks after a period of six months. Trustee Youngs made the motion to set this policy with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

1. He asked the Board to consider a name for the extension of Centre St. where the sewer plant will be located. Trustee Putnam made the motion to name the extension Centre St. with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes
2. The chimney at the Library Building is in need of repair and he received quotes with the Board favoring the stainless steel pipe for \$2735.00.
3. The water intake was "pigged" with positive results
4. Trustee Putnam made the motion to hire summer laborer, Dustin Cooley until the third week of January 2012 at the same pay rate earned during his summer employment with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.
5. The Supt., reported the floor in the US Customs office at the Municipal Law Building is in need of repair. Moisture has collected and vegetation has sprouted in the crevices of the floor and a portion of the wall is showing moisture damage. The Supt. will proceed to plan for repairing the problems.
6. Brush and compost pickup has ended for the season and will resume around April

7. He mentioned a problem with residents recycling habits. The DPW needs all recycling separated by the resident which will aid in pickup time.
8. The Carthage Area Clinic, Broadway, has been cited by the Department of Health for no backup generator at the building. After checking prices, he found a generator which would suffice but the cost is approximately \$21,000.00. The Town of Cape Vincent has been notified of the problem but he was unsure if Carthage Area Hospital was aware of the problem. A possible solution could be tying this generator in to the one that will be at the new lift station. Mayor Maloney will discuss this with the Village engineer.
9. A filter was down at the water plant and repair is costly with the filter scheduled to be replaced next year. The speed blockers needed for repair are being located
10. The shore wall at the end of Real Street is in need of repair. The sections continue to break down but can be repaired with concrete. Mayor Maloney will check with the DEC to see what permits are needed and timeframe involved.
11. The Village has been denied a grant to provide power to the sewer plant because of the status of a municipality.
12. Supt. Asked for a review of each water and sewer customers billing for EDU accuracy

In order for the Village to provide payment for the sewer plant construction, the Village must increase the sewer rate. Trustee Youngs made the motion to increase the rate to \$125.00 per unit effective February 1, 2012 with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Village Board meeting room. The clerk will advertise this hearing.

Officer in Charge, Thomas Strejlau, informed the Board he will write a letter to the New York State Department of Corrections asking the present holding cells be decommissioned as this would take control of the cells out of New York State control. He also would like the Board to consider a generator for the Law Building.

Jeffrey Herpel, Planning Board Chairman, the Board had reviewed and approved the permit for the MetalCraft boat business and the Porto building, corner of Point and Broadway, will expand their square footage.

Trustee Golden made the motion to grant Deputy Mayor Douglas Putnam the authority to execute change orders for the sewer project and sign Form E and pay requests. The changes specified are dates and wording. Trustee Brennan seconded the motion with all voting yes.

The Board received a written request from Fred Petroske, owner of the former Sleepy Hollow Motel and Restaurant on Market Street, to reduce the water/sewer charges. After discussion, Trustee Putnam made the motion to deny this request as the charges are on the current Village Local Laws and the buildings are still on the property. Trustee Golden seconded the motion with all voting yes.

Bruce Taylor, Broadway sent written correspondence requesting he be reimbursed for the sewer charges he has paid since the property does not have a sewer connection. Trustee Golden made the motion to reimburse \$1095.00 to the Taylors with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes with the exception of Trustee Brennan who abstained.

Trustee Golden made the motion to cancel the regular scheduled meeting which was to be held December 27, 2011 with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Putnam asked Local Law 1-08, vegetation policy be revised. The policy was turned over to the Code Officer in November for his comments but as of this time no comments have been received. Trustee Golden has received complaints the officer is not keeping scheduled office hours. Mayor Maloney and Trustee Golden will set a meeting with him to discuss this.

Michelle Oswald, Real Street, asked the Board why the minutes are not on the website. The Clerk explained there is a technical problem. Trustee Youngs and Brennan will research different web providers and report to the Board.

Mayor Maloney has been contacted by Perry Golden who represents Ambient Energy and he would like to give a presentation to the Board on how possibly the Village could save money on the National Grid bills. The Board agreed and will schedule the presentation for the last meeting in January.

Trustee Youngs made the motion to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel at 8:00 PM with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden made the motion to resume regular session at 8:10 PM with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes. There were no results of the session.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to adjourn at 8:19 PM with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp

Village Clerk