

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees Feb. 14, 2012

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

Mayor Maloney welcomed everyone and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Brennan would like the previous meeting minutes to reflect Trustee Putnam did not second his own motion as it was Trustee Brennan who seconded that motion. Mayor Maloney would like the minutes to show the Library President who gave the presentation was Richard Hodge. With these corrections Trustee Putnam made the motion to accept the minutes with the changes with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board reviewed Abstract 9 as followed:

General: \$37,938.94

Water: 17,655.65

Sewer: 11,669.89

After questions, Trustee Brennan made the motion to pay Abstract 9 with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

1. Storm drains have been opened on Murray and William Streets and work continues on the drain from Esselstyne to the river. A tunnel was found where the pipe goes to the river and he questioned if the cost to replace the pipe could be included in the sewer project to which Mayor Maloney replied Rural Development would have to consult.
2. He would like to repair one of two lanes with CHIPS money left in the amount of \$3,000.00. After discussion, the DPW will repair Real to Kandy Streets because of higher usage than the lane between Murray and Esselstyne Streets. The Town of Cape Vincent will assist if there is no large snowfall to attend to.
3. Chimney at Library will be installed on February 15th
4. Village employee Robert Curtis is working with Thomas Kozlowski in the water/sewer department to familiarize him with the work done in the water/sewer departments.
5. Shared service agreement could be signed Feb. 28th

Trustee Brennan questioned on the generator for the clinic use with the Supt. replying the connectors will be purchase shortly. Mayor Maloney met with the DEC on Tuesday regarding the permit to repair the shore wall and he expects the permit to be issued in the near future. There has been no action on the timeframe for the buoys to arrive at the East End Park.

The DPW Supt. explained the flooring and some of the plywood on the walls must be replaced at the Municipal Law Building. The adjustors cost estimate was \$4329.55. The Supt. thought the price was low because of the work involved in removing some of the plywood on the walls and overlapping the floor itself. He has calculated approximately \$10,000.00 and contacted a local contractor for his estimate. There will be no deductible as this is an ongoing issue. As soon as a quote is received it will be submitted to the Village insurance company.

Mayor Maloney opened the public hearing for Local Law 2-12 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Maloney read the law to Board and the two Village residents in attendance. This law would apply to the fiscal year 2012-2013 only and would not be used if not necessary as the Board will attempt to keep under the 2% increase for taxes. Trustee Brennan stated she understands some items designated by the State do not have to be included in the 2% calculation. The Mayor explained the Village needed to do this to be free from restrictions by New York State. Trustee Brennan made the motion to pass Local Law 2-12 with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Golden made the motion to close the hearing at 6:10 PM with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Officer in Charge, Thomas Strejlau, will begin working on his budget requests and asked if consideration could be given to the purchase of a generator for the Municipal Law Building and perhaps the Village could approach the US Customs and Horne Transportation for funding. The Officer would like the Village to purchase software under a corporate account to accommodate all Village computers. Trustee Brennan asked if an entity license would be needed with Trustee Youngs volunteering to check on this.

A letter was read from Richard Schmitt asking why a tree was removed on the Village right of way in front of his home on Point Street. Mr. Schmitt would like to know why the tree was removed and he was not notified until the final day before removal. The Supt. explained the decision was not made well in advance but the original plan had to be altered after construction began in the area for the sewer project. The Village tried to avoid the situation but there was no other option. A written response will be sent to Mr. Schmitt.

Trustee Brennan asked the Board to consider a \$50.00 prize to an individual who designs a logo for the Cape Vincent website. Her committee has recommended a logo be designed for the site. Trustee Youngs will be the point person for the website for computer technology. Trustee Brennan made the motion for the Village to expend \$50.00 for prize money with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Two resumes were received for the position of Planning Board Secretary and the Clerk will contact them to arrange interviews with the Planning Board.

Trustee Golden made the motion for Deputy Mayor Putnam to sign Form E and pay applications for the wastewater treatment project with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes. Marcellus Construction will be paid \$185751.61, Bernier Carr and Associates \$21811.19, and Hrabchack and Gebro \$43.50.

Trustee Brennan informed the Board she had checked Village National Grid bills and felt there could be savings if the Village changed the supplier of energy to Ambit Energy. Trustee Brennan made the motion to authorize the Village to change the supplier of energy from National Grid to Ambit Energy with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes with the exception of Trustee Golden who abstained. The bills will be reviewed in six months to ascertain what the savings is.

The Board discussed goal prioritization for the meeting with the Cape Vincent Local Development group on Wednesday.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Knapp

Village Clerk