

September 25, 2012 – Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with Trustees Pamela Youngs, Elisabeth Brennan, Jerry Golden present and Trustee Doug Putnam absent. Mayor Maloney welcomed attendees and then led them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the September 11, 2012 meeting were reviewed and the following changes are required:

- A second seeding of grass will take place in front of all affected residents of the construction not just the area around Jim Hill's mailbox.
- The open invoice for Fourth Coast was for the grant application for the permeable pavement, not the installation.
- The status of the tree removal on page 2 will be tabled until the next meeting not at the next meeting.

Trustee Golden made the motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes with the above changes and Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Thomas Strejlau, Officer in Charge, reported on the following:

- A lead came in from Bill Gould that a vehicle was seen in the Village that had damage and consistent with the color of pieces left at the scene at the DPW garage. The driver was contacted and stated it was a medical emergency that caused the accident and he was issued tickets.
- The Tazer is now active. All officers have or will receive the required training with the exception of Officer Ruggiero, who has a health condition that limits his use. The department has an excess of \$700.00 in the equipment budget and with monies from the district attorney's office, a second Tazer is going to be ordered.
- There is still no light at the Law Building.

Trustee Youngs then asked Officer Strejlau to submit the website information to the Clerk so she can upload all current information to the website.

Trustee Golden gave a status on Patrick Wiley. Trustee Golden contacted Jeff Herpel. Jeff Herpel has been asked to contact Patrick Wiley, due to the fact that he has not seen him since June or July and he has not been attending meetings. Trustee Golden gave Jeff Herpel a cell phone contact number for Patrick Wiley and asked Jeff to call him and find out the status of his position. Trustee Golden told him that if he is in fact resigning the position, the Board will need something in writing.

Jeff Call, Zoning Officer, reported on the following:

- Planning board tabled the decision of the Ron Trottier “old” gas station business until the next meeting due to hold up at the county planning board.
- It is his suggestion that the Village Board revise the Zoning Code to clearly define the storage of boats registered or non-registered, inoperable boats and also storage buildings within the Village limits for residential and commercial properties.
- He has a new Zoning Application that he is going to submit to the Clerk for submission to the website.
- The Company Store has changed hands and no permits are needed.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about water issues. He showed the Board the paperwork from the Fiscal Annual DANC Report Regional Line User meeting that the Mayor attended. The office had also received an email from Jim Wright looking for information on the water filtration project and the budget as presented that needs some clarification. A response letter was drafted by the Mayor and Mick Lehman and the Clerk is to mail the letter to Mr. Wright. The letter was reviewed by the Trustees and it is Mr. Wright’s request that DANC, the Town and the Village have a meeting to clarify the process of the project going out for bid within the next few weeks. The review from the Health Department should be complete at the end of this week. At that point, Marcy stated we are able to go to bid without her complete review. At this point, it is projected that it will possibly be January when the project will begin.

Mayor Maloney then reported on the Petzing issue. The Mayor saw Mr. Petzing and Mr. Petzing stated that the check will be coming for the amount he owes to the Village. Trustee Golden spoke to Gebo’s office and letter was sent to Petzing in August. The letter and bill was sent to Petzing for roughly \$4,000.00 to cover all recording and legal fees. There has been no response. Trustee Golden requested that a second letter be sent which covers all expenses via the attorney’s office for an October 31, 2012 deadline. A response in writing from Petzing is needed before the property can be declared surplus.

Mayor Maloney also stated that a conference call with ESDC in reference to the Roxy needed to be rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict with Mr. Gebo. John DeFrancesco will let Mayor know the date of the next scheduled conference call to discuss liens.

Mayor Maloney had no updates on East End Park or Breakwater. The Workplace Violence Policy was addressed and Trustee Youngs made the motion to pass a resolution and make arrangements for the required training. Trustee Golden seconded it and all others voting yes.

Mayor Maloney stated that the sewer project is moving along and the colors of the building have been selected.

The Village Board then discussed the trees in question by two residents. For the Martini tree, the Board will check with Marty Mason to see how many times the Village has had to clear the sewer lines for tree roots and what the cost of that is. Also they will ask him about sidewalk repairs caused by the tree. For the O’Brien trees, it was discussed whether to leave the trees and monitor the health of them. The trees will stay unless the health deteriorates. The motion was made by Trustee Brennan and seconded

by Trustee Youngs and voted yes by Mayor Maloney to leave the trees and monitor them and any sidewalk damage. Trustee Golden then stated he had been contacted by Larry Hickey about an unhealthy tree located on his property on N. Pointe Street. The Board is to contact Marty to check on the health of the trees.

Marty Mason, DPW Superintendant then arrived and gave his report as follows:

- He has checked the water meter at the Anchor apartments and has found no faults with the meter and finds that the past readings are in fact correct. Marty will check the meter at Ashton's apartment. Dick Kaufleus from EJP will be here Monday to check computer and meter issues.
- He is aware of the health of the tree on the Hickey property. The DPW wanted to remove the tree two years ago. The tree does now need to be removed.
- He stated the every spring the sewer lines are cleared out at the Martini property based on resident's request. The sidewalks have not been redone during his time working for the Village. The driveway has been repaired once and the stump was ground down prior to the driveway repair.
- He is going to check with Glen Roberts about having GPS location for tree markings along Village property.
- National Grid will be removing a tree next to Ann's Fisherman's Fare. National Grid will cut it and DPW will be responsible for removal of all debris.
- The sidewalk on Gouvello St. in front of the Oswald residence will be evaluated to see if the sidewalk can be replaced for the amount left in the sidewalk budget for this year.
- Street lights on Wiley Blvd. are all in place and operational.
- Mr. Hanson gave Marty faux lights that are to be placed on the buoys' at East End Park.
- The sewer project is going along very well and it is expected that the carpenters will be on site to do the roof next week.
- DANC is done with the locating of the GIS information. They will be supplying Marty with a plan for review.

Mayor Maloney then stated that the Board needed to review the Northern Employee Assistance Program for the yearly renewal. Trustee Golden made the motion to renew with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes. The Mayor will sign the renewal and clerk will mail.

Mayor Maloney then addressed the Board and questioned whether the Board members had all received the email about the meeting that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor had with the Department of Transportation. The forms for the permit and the crossing signs will be in place in the spring.

At this point, Mr. Marty Mason then addressed the Board about the purchase of a leaf vacuum. He has researched two options. One is located at Cheney Tire in Watertown and one is located at Dave's Equipment in Central Square. The current vacuum is has been rebuilt several times and now parts are unavailable for purchase. The issue was discussed and the purchased was authorized.

Trustee Brennan then addressed the letter that was received from Mr. Dudek. Mr. Mason informed her that in fact it has been addressed and resolved.

Trustee Youngs announced that the Village website it now active. The old site has been deactivated and the Active Programs portion of the new site needs to be updated. The Hatchery Program needs to be deleted as active. The storm drain is ongoing, sidewalks is ongoing, to add the LingerLonger information, to add East End Park, and add projected plans for pavilion. All programs will be reviewed by the Board and updated on the website.

Trustee Brennan then stated that she will be drafting a letter for the Clerk to send to residents that states that the Village Board is in the process of updating the Water-Shut off policy and are encouraging residents to pay all monies due before the policy takes effect.

Mayor Maloney then asked Marty to re-evaluate the water users and indicate whether the proper rate charges are being applied.

Trustee Golden made the motion to adjourn at 8:03 pm with Trustee Brennan seconding it.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Rupp

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer