

February 12, 2013 – 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 and Jeff Call present. Mayor Maloney welcomed attendees and then led them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Golden made the motion to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendees Mr. Jim and Mr. Ron Mason addressed the Board with questions regarding the proposed Water District 6. The new water district has been proposed to include their home that is located on Lake St. and is located in the Town of Cape Vincent. The property currently receives water and sewer from the Village at the outside user rate. The residents are questioning whether or not they can be annexed into the Village and become part of the Village of Cape Vincent. He also asked if the Village had any knowledge of the two Tier pay rate that the water district 6 would bring to the residents that already have the Village water lines. Attendee Mr. Edsall then spoke on the issue and asked if their property is going to be included in the new proposed district. It is his opinion that he has not received direct answers from the Town. A lengthy discussion then took place. The attendees asked that Mayor Maloney research the possibility of Annexation and also if a two Tier pay rate scale is correct. Mayor Maloney said he would research and provide the residents with the findings.

Attendee Sheri Hall then spoke about the TI Book Festival that is scheduled to be held June 1, 2013. It will be held at the Cape Vincent Elementary from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. A committee has been developed by a group of librarians from the Jeff-Lewis area with the purpose of promoting literacy. The event is hoping to host five to six authors. The event will be a family event and will have free admission. The event will be promoted in Jefferson and Lewis counties with the hopes of bringing many families into Cape Vincent for the day. The committee is asking the Board to make a donation to assist in the author fees and/or assist with the advertising. The Board will consider the proposal during the budgeting process and will be in contact with the committee once a decision has been made.

Attendee John DeFrancesco then spoke about one of the Riverside Cottages that is for sale. He is requesting that the Village give a waiver for sewer hook-up for one year after the closing date of the sale for the new owner to hook-up their own line to the sewer system. Trustee Golden made the motion to grant a one year waiver for new sewer line hook up to the new owner of the cottage with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Treasurer gave Abstract 9 to the Board members as follows:

General: \$ 49,023.22

Water: \$ 18,235.99

Sewer: \$ 14,884.44

Trustee Brennan made the motion to pay the bills for the month with Trustee Call seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Thomas Strejlau, Officer in Charge, gave his report as follows:

- The Year-End STATS were passed out to the Board. Vehicle stops are down 30% and complaints are up 25%.
- He attended the Red Cross-American Hero's breakfast for Ron Jacob's representing the Village.
- Officer Sovie has been trained and is now ready to patrol alone.
- The police vehicle has been exhibiting issues that would indicate transmission problems and the check engine light is currently on. The car will be going for repairs in Watertown and also at TI Repairs.
- Fred Leyman, Deputy Director of Emergency Management, who had also spoke with Joe Plumber, made the suggestion that the radio issues that the department has be taken to an authorized Motorola dealer and have it completely gone through in lieu of spending \$ 2,500 on a radio now. The suggestion is given based on the fact that a new system is coming in the near future and the department would be getting that. Trustee Call then spoke on radio information and gave the suggestion that we look at getting a new radio and not get the current system repaired.
- He then inquired if French Festival reimbursements have been received from the French Festival committee or the Town of Cape Vincent. Trustee Call was going to check with French Festival committee treasurer for an update.
- He also handed out a rough draft of the proposed Village dock usage law language that the new dock committee has begun working on. The Village Board will have final say on law language.

Trustee Brennan then addressed OIC Strejlau and spoke about an anonymous compliment given to her about the ease of working with OIC Strejlau.

Trustee Brennan then made the suggestion that the Mayor or the Mayor on behalf of the Board send a congratulations letter to Ron Jacob's on his American's Hero Award.

Marty Mason, DPW Supt. gave his report as follows:

- Trees are being trimmed throughout the Village.
- There have been several snow storms and the DPW has been able to clear streets and sidewalks.
- The DPW has been working on getting maintenance in the building, vehicles and equipment done.
- A wind storm a few weeks broke a large section of the flag pole that is on the corner of James and Broadway Streets. The pole needs to be replaced at this point instead of being repaired. The current pole is an old mast of a ship. The Board would like research the options and see if they can find something similar to what that is there now. The new one needs to be 45 to 60 feet tall.

- The one ton truck broke down and it now at Davidson in Watertown for repair. The repairs of the truck will cost approximately \$2,200 to fix.
- The two way radio system that is currently being used by the DPW may need to be upgraded and/or changed due to a licensing issue. Trustee Call spoke on the current radio information and will give more information to Board.
- There will be two DPW employees on vacation during the week of February 18 through February 22.

Mayor Maloney then asked Marty if he has created the cost break down that needs to be given to the contractor for the water main break on Bay St. Marty informed the Mayor that the company is aware of the situation and it will be resolved.

Marty then reported the following:

- For the sewer project: the lift stations are almost complete. The start up on the lift stations cannot be done until the SBR building is complete. The construction meeting that is taking place February 13, 2012 will finalize the start-up date. Trustee Golden asked about the "old" lift stations once the new system takes over. Marty informed him that the contractors will be removing all "old" stations and equipment as part of the contract.

Trustee Golden then asked about the garbage being placed outside at Market St. Inn. There are residents living in one section and the black garbage bags are not being picked up. Marty was unaware of residents living there and they will pick up refuse from now on.

- Marty spoke about the generator that is owned by the Fire Department. The Village maintained and stored the generator since the Ice Storm of 1998. This 25 KW generator would be supplied to the Cape Clinic in case of an outage. The Fire Board now wants to sell the generator. Marty would like to request that the Village Board approach the Fire Board to donate the generator to the Village in lieu of selling it. Trustee Call will be in touch with Fire Department Board about the issue.

Mayor Maloney then informed the Board that there is a meeting with Samaritan on February 21, 2013 at 10:00 am with Tom Carmen to discuss the goals of the Cape Clinic, generator issues and walk-in policies.

Mayor Maloney then asked if the Board members had reviewed the minutes from the last planning board meeting. The only question was the fence on Mr. Paventi's property. It is a replacement fence.

For Zoning, Trustee Brennan asked about whether any information was found about the compensation for the Zoning Board of Appeals members. The Clerk informed that no definite monetary amount was established within the last budget year. The Board will set amount in the next budget year.

The Clerk then informed the Board that no one has shown interest in the ZBA opening. The Clerk will be in contact with the past applicants for the Zoning Officer and Planning Board for any interested candidates.

For Water issues, Mayor Maloney spoke about a letter from Marcy with Rural Development. Marcy evaluated the Amended Engineer Agreement and set forth changes she would like to have in place for the Phase 2 project. She needs to have a letter from the Board stating they concur with the changes she set forth to the agreement. The Board evaluated the comments and they agree to concur with the changes.

The Sewer project also needed to have Board approval for Marcy Newman for Josh Eppley's, an intern at Bernier, Carr & Associates, PC., as an inspector for the Village Water Collection and Treatment Facility Project. The Board evaluated the comments and they approved his performance as an inspector.

The Clerk is to type the letters for Marcy Newman and Trustee Golden will sign. They will be given to her at the construction meeting February 13, 2013.

Mayor Maloney then asked the Board evaluate the Phase 1 Water Bills that need to be paid from the Special Water Account for approval. Upon reviewing, Trustee Golden made the motion to pay the bills for Phase 1 and Trustee Call seconded the motion and Trustee Youngs and Trustee Brennan voted yes, and Mayor Maloney abstaining.

Mayor Maloney then reported as follows:

- No new information to report on DC Builders.
- The outside water users with overdue water bills are all being mailed certified letter from the attorney's office on overdue water bills. Once copy of letter is received, the Clerk will forward to all Board members.
- Garden Wall Drive: Bernier & Carr's Robert Boliver and the Mayor met with the DEC and they gave their approval for the construction of the sewer extension for Joe Bush. EFC approved to use the current contactors under the Sewer Project and Sewer project budget funds will be used for this project.
- PSC Letter: Mayor Maloney asked Trustee Call to please sign the letter so it can be sent certified to the PSC.

Trustee Brennan asked Trustee Golden about the Christmas decorations being taken down throughout the Village.

- Mayor Maloney asked for approval to sign the Auditor's agreement for the 2013 Audit with Bowers and Company. Trustee Youngs made the motion for the Mayor to sign the Audit agreement with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Brennan asked the Clerk if any further information has been researched about the use of credit cards to pay water/sewer bills. The Clerk is going to check with City of Watertown for more information.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about a meeting with DANC about the financial statements provided to the Town and DANC and the calculations to show the breakdown of the costs to make the water that is supplied. The financials have an error that cause a difference of \$0.05 less than the current rate. DANC

has chosen to add the \$0.05 to the current \$0.30 to the reserve. It is assumed the Town will do the same.

Trustee Brennan then spoke about a meeting/group she has been creating with Michelle Oswald and Colleen Kunuth to discuss issues women have within Cape Vincent. She will be doing this as an individual and not as a Village Trustee.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the Wladis's Law Firm's job. She feels that maybe Cape Vincent may be missing out on opportunities that could enhance the economic development of the Town and/or Village.

Trustee Call then asked Trustee Brennan about the women's group that she is part of. He wants to be certain no legal action can be taken against the group since it is a limited group of just females.

Mayor Maloney then set the first Budget meeting to be held February 26, 2013 at 5:00 – 5:30 pm. The Regular Board Meeting will begin at 5:30. A Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 pm for the Water Shut-off Law.

Trustee Youngs then addressed the Board to ask about the Article 10 letter. She is asking about timing and knowing that the Board has some issues that they would like to be addressed, she is wondering how close they are to the timeline. Trustee Golden then expressed his disappointment that the things that the Board directly asked Mr. Chandler for have not been delivered. The Board feels that BP didn't make an effort to fulfill the Village requests.

Trustee Golden made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm with Trustee Call seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively Submitted,

Mary E. Rupp  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer