

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees – June 25, 2013

Mayor Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Pamela Youngs, Jerry Golden and Jeff Call present. Trustee Elisabeth Brennan was absent. Mayor Maloney welcomed the attendees and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees Michelle Oswald, Collen Knuth and Trustee Pamela Youngs spoke in reference to several proposals/ideas brought about by the “Voices” group. The group has comprised the following ideas and hopes:

1. Expanding the Youth Commission.
2. Developing Murals on buildings in Village.
3. Expanding Christmas activities in Cape.
4. Chamber expansion.
5. Curb appeal and Landscaping along Broadway St.
6. Attracting and Welcoming new families.

The speakers all described the experience of gathering these ideas as positive and empowering that the Cape Vincent area can grow and become a better place.

Thomas Strejlau, OIC, gave his report as follows:

- The French Festival will require the department to have 3 additional officers at the same pay rate as last year of \$25.00 per hour.
- The dock law will require some more research and he will be making some phone calls.

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

- The Village wide trash collection is complete and six loads were collected. It is the DPW Supt. suggestion that the Village trash collection be limited to 2 days instead of 3.
- The crew has been working on sidewalks as much as they can with regards to the rain.
- The sidewalk/driveway at the Kay residence issue will be addressed and it will be the Village Board’s decision on the sidewalk that leads to the house.
- The DOT has been in the area and spoke with Marty on the crosswalks and the specifications on the sidewalks where the crosswalks will be.
- DANC did the GIS training for the Town and the Village and it went very well. The GIS online program will be available to the Village for the first year for free and after that year period, it is proposed that it could cost \$50.00 per month for the service.
- Water Plant: The work at the plant is moving along with a few hold ups due to the rain. The foundations are complete and the pipework should be done Wednesday June 26 and then start moving into the Village.
- Sewer Plant: The drying beds are coming along and the tanks at the old plant have been cleaned out and preparing for demolition.
- Library roof: The roof is in bad shape and they would like to start working on the roof as soon as possible. Marty would like to rent a lift for a month to do work on Library and Community House.

Trustee Golden asked Marty about a drain at the corner of Point St. and Market St. Marty stated that he had checked it and it was full of leaves and has been cleaned out.

Trustee Call then asked Marty about the Fire Siren that is not working. The Village is responsible for the siren and Marty is working on getting it fixed.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the library schedule for the work to be done by the contractor. There are some questions on bids and other details of the grant. The Mayor will be in touch with Gebo's office.

Mayor Maloney then asked Marty about the Village pumping out resident's basements. The Fire Department does pump out basements for people but the Village does not unless it was directly caused by the Village lines.

Attendee Ronald Esemplare of 136 Vincent St. spoke in regards to the sidewalk located on the corner of Vincent St. and Broadway St. It is his opinion that it needs to be repaired before someone is injured. The Board will speak with Marty and address the issue as soon as possible.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the Zoning Office as Perry Golden was unavailable to attend. Perry and Mayor Maloney had met with Attorney Gebo on several issues and gave Perry guidance on several zoning issues.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the agreement for one of the outside users that has yet to be picked up from the Village Office and signed. It is the opinion of the Board to speak with Gebo's office about the next steps and possibly filing a judgment.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the DEC and stated that they need to set up another meeting to discuss the permitting issues and they would ask for Gebo to be there to discuss future requirements.

Clerk Mary Rupp then asked for a motion to pay the Water Project bills for the Water Filtration Plant Project. Trustee Golden made the motion to pay the bills on the current Form E's with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and Trustee Call voting yes. Mayor Maloney abstained.

Mayor Maloney has no new information on DC Builders.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the Village contract with Wildais Law Firm. Trustee Youngs made the motion for the Mayor to sign a three month extension to the current contract during the in between phase of the LDS and the Community Development position with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney also spoke about a meeting he had with John Defrancesco in regards to the Roxy project. John Defrancesco was working with the ESDC regarding a waiver that Treanor needed to request for completing the rest of the work.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the Uniform Notice of Claim Act. It is a new law in 2012 and Trustee Golden made the motion to approve Clerk/Treasurer Mary Rupp as the contact for the claim act with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the Fixed Assets and spoke about creating a RFP to get a company to value the assets.

The St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center sent a letter asking for the Village Board to show community support for their programs and pass a resolution to show support for the programs. Trustee Call made the motion to pass a resolution to show support of the Psychiatric Center with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney then stated that the Sovie house on James St. was not sold at auction due to environmental issues. Mayor Maloney and Perry Golden also spoke to Gebo's office in regards to this. A lengthy discussion took place on how to handle the property.

The Board then spoke about the Community Development Members that would serve on the Committee for the new Community Development. It has been proposed to ask Edgar Bender and John DeFrancesco based on the basis they accept.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the Planning Board using the Large Community Room for their new meeting due to the fact they have three public hearings. It has been suggested that the Village Board set a meeting with the Improvement League about the usage of the Community Room.

Trustee Call then spoke about French Festival in regards to a 30x40 foot tent being donated by Party Rentals to be placed on the street at the corner of Gouvello and Broadway for visitors to sit in shade. The Board approved the tent placement after discussing set-up and removal.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about a letter from Capt. Jacks in regards to closing Club St. during French Festival. The Board approved.

Mayor Maloney then read a letter written by resident Bob Ewing in regards to have the penalty removed from his last water/sewer bill. Trustee Call made the motion to remove the penalty with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about a letter received from resident Al Vail in regards to a Village tree. The Board will forward the letter to Marty and ask for a status report.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the large rock that was placed at the entrance of the Village Dock. Mayor Maloney and Trustee Brennan had spoken about the rock and would like to consider placing benches at that location instead of large rocks.

Trustee Call then asked about DPW workers training at the new plant. Mayor Maloney stated they need to find out DEC requirements for William Gould working at the plant.

Trustee Youngs then spoke about the long grass located at the “old” bass ponds on Joseph and Lake. Perry Golden will be contacted to see the status of the grass there.

Trustee Youngs then spoke and asked when the Mayor can set up dates with Town Supervisor to discuss proposals brought about by the “Voices” presentation.

Trustee Call made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer