

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees – July 9, 2013

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

Trustee Youngs made the motion to dispense with the reading of the June 11, 2013 meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion Mayor Maloney voting yes.

Trustee Youngs made the motion to dispense with the reading of the June 25, 2013 meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Golden seconding the motion Mayor Maloney voting yes.

The Board review Abstract 02 as follows:

General: \$16,090.76

Water: \$14,523.11

Sewer: \$8,268.95

Upon review, Trustee Golden made the motion to approve payment of the abstract with the exception of Voucher 277 that will be billed to the Sewer project for payment with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Thomas Streljau, OIC, gave his report as follows:

- He has spoken with resident John Tucker in reference to the changes in the dock usage law. OIC is still working on and researching details of the law.
- The lights on the Village dock are being tampered with by dock users. The bugs are attracted to the lights and he suggests that maybe the Village look into getting different lights that would not attract as many bugs.
- The police car is having mechanical issues again with the A/C and a belt. Work will be done at TI Repairs.
- OIC asked Town Councilman John Byrne, who was present at meeting, if the 2 parking spots in the lot behind the chamber have been reserved for Police. John Byrne informed OIC that he had not brought to his Board as of yet.
- For French Festival, the Village may have the Sherriff Boat for the weekend. If it is here, the boat will need to have reserved dockage. Upon discussion, Trustee Golden is to inquire about a space he knows is available on Point St.
- The police department may have some changes in manpower after the summer season. Officer Jon Sovie may be leaving and Officer Shawn Ryan may need to be replaced. Changes may be coming for the department.

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

- French Festival preparations are underway. The inmates are going to be assisting the Village crew this week and next week.
- Marty has a meeting at 7:00am Thursday July 11, 2013 at the library to discuss the project. August 5, 2013 is the date that the crew will be starting a complete tear-off of the roof. The inmates will be coming to help with the clean-up of the shingles on the ground. The lift that the department rented will come August 5, 2013 and the monthly rent will be \$2,100.00. The lift will be used for other projects in the Village.
- The sidewalks of lower James St. are done and after French Festival, the crew will be working on the rest of James St. sidewalks.

Trustee Youngs asked Marty what was done at the Kay residents in reference to letter received about the sidewalks. Upon discussion, it was decided to have the crew just re-level the existing sidewalk.

Trustee Call then made a suggestion of having good sidewalks that go all the way from the Center St. to the business district.

- The DPW fixed the sidewalk that had a complaint at the corner at Vincent St. and Broadway St. and also a space that is located on Gouvello St.
- A new lawnmower was put in the budget and the company will hold the state contract price. We trade in old mower and get new mower for \$3,800.00. The DPW will also be getting a leaf blower to use to clean areas after mowing for \$200.00.
- Sewer plant: The project is near completion, just waiting for National Grid at the lift stations and the main plant.
- Water project: Most of the concrete work is done with the exception of the floor. The project is moving along very quickly and maybe completed sooner than anticipated.
- For the sewer project, there is a small glitch with the lift station behind the Chamber. Marty will be discussing with the engineers at the Job Meeting Wednesday July 10, 2013.

Trustee Call then asked Marty if the RV dump station is complete and Marty informed him that it is running. Marty did say there is no water hose there as of yet.

- The Village garbage truck hit a cable line at the corner of Joseph St. and Kanady St. that was left too low by a Time Warner Cable crew. Damage was done to the Gould residence as a result. An incident report should be filed at Village Office.

Trustee Brennan then asked Marty about the crosswalks. Marty explained that he did the sidewalks requirements that the state said are needed for the crosswalks and now we are just waiting for the state to do the signs.

Trustee Brennan then asked if the Fire Siren had been fixed. Marty said yes.

Trustee Brennan then asked if the dog waste station was installed. Marty said yes.

Trustee Youngs then asked about a strong sewer smell that was present a few days ago. Marty explained that it is most likely due to the clean out of the old plant and not from the new sewer plant.

Trustee Youngs then asked if the property at the sewer plant is mowed by the Village. The property that is going to Pine St. is over grown and needs to be attended to.

Trustee Brennan then asked if the grass at the Bass Ponds had been cut.

Mayor Maloney then addressed the Sovie property. The Village will be mowing at least the front yard of the property.

Perry Golden, Zoning Officer, gave his report as follows:

- In regards to the Paventi complaint about the Trottier property adjacent to their property, Perry has spoken the attorney and Trottier is grandfathered into the use of the property as it was established. Trottier has also been asked to keep the vegetation under control.
- Signage question for signs on Broadway St. for the Breakwater Gallery. DOT can supply free signs after an application process.
- The library has inquired about a new sign. They are looking for a sign that will be able to promote upcoming library programs.

Trustee Call then made the suggestion for several businesses or groups to donate to get an electrical scrolling sign to promote local activities and events.

Trustee Brennan then asked if there have been any further complaints in reference to the Breakers restaurant. Perry stated that there have not been and that there is a public hearing on Tuesday July 16, 2013.

Jeff Herpel, Planning Board Chairperson, gave his report as follows:

- There are three public hearings to take place July 16, 2013 starting at 7:00pm. The three scheduled are for George Mingle installing a 6 foot fence, a home business at Jackie Aznoe's residence and for the Breakers restaurant.
- It has been requested to have Police presence, if possible.
- It is being asked if the site plan process holds and can be enforced upon a property. Perry is to ask the attorney about this issue.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about an outside sewer user bill and stated that the resident has picked up the attorney's agreement and we are waiting it to be returned. A judgment process is moving forward.

Mary Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer, then asked for a motion to pay the bills for the Water Filtration project. Trustee Call made the motion to approve payment of the bills with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes, except Mayor Maloney who abstained. Jeff Call also stated that he works for Hyde-stone Mechanical on a contract basis.

Mayor Maloney then stated that he has not yet set a meeting with the DEC in regard to the permitting process.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the letter that was received by resident Donovan. Mayor Maloney will ask Gebo the status of the situation.

Trustee Brennan then also asked usage of the Community House and the calendar of events in the Community Room. Mary Rupp stated that she has been in contact with Improvement League president Kristy Kennedy about the usage of the room and asked for a copy of any agreements and grant paperwork in regards to the Community House.

Mayor Maloney then gave his report as follows:

- It has been asked that Public Hearing notices be posted on the door or outside, so they are more visible.
- Nothing new to report on DC Builders.
- Joe Chavousite asked about having Kelsey Lane being blocked during French Fest to allow parking for his employees. The Board approves.
- The YMCA SACC program has some issues in the local elementary school. The Town and the Village have proposed joining in an Inter-municipal agreement. The proposed portion for the Village would be 40% or roughly \$6,000.00. Upon a lengthy discussion, Trustee Brennan made the motion for the Mayor to sign the Inter-municipal agreement once he speaks with the YMCA to voice all the concerns of the Board with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- The Community Development Committee, Mayor Maloney, Urban Hirschey, John Byrne and Glenn Kennedy met about proposed committee and budget for a Community Planner. The Committee will be hiring the individual.

Clerk Mary Rupp explained that National Grid had called in reference to a bike trip that the arborists do annually that will be traveling through the Village of Cape Vincent and they would like to ask to have a portion of the Village Green blocked to place tables for drinks and snacks on July 31, 2013 while waiting for the ferry.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the use of the Village golf cart for the French Fest. Two groups have asked to use the cart and it will be at their discretion to share the cart.

Trustee Brennan then asked if a response letter was written to Ms. Walker in regards to her fall near Village dock. It will be finished and mailed this week.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the Welcome Letters and if they have been completed and sent. The Board agrees it is a good idea and packets will be sent to new families.

The Board then was given the list of the residents that are to have their water service shut-off due to non-payment.

The Board then discussed the outside water users that have a large outstanding bill with the Village. It was discussed that Gebo will draft a letter to allow the residents that are on these lines will have 60 days to connect to the Town Water line. Mayor Maloney will be in contact with the attorney.

Trustee Call then spoke about French Festival and the bands that will be playing on the block that includes the Legion and Fire Hall.

Trustee Brennan then asked if a date has been set between Mayor Maloney and Urban Hirschhey to discuss Youth Commission and the Chamber in regards to the proposals set forth by the "Voices". The Mayor will be in contact with Urban and Chamber to set dates.

Trustee Golden made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM with Trustee Call seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp
Clerk/Treasurer