

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees – August 27, 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 Golden made the motion to dispense with the reading of the July 23, 2013 meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and Trustee Youngs and Mayor Maloney voting yes.

Trustee Golden made the motion to dispense with the reading of the August 16, 2013 meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and Trustee Brennan and Mayor Maloney voting yes.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to dispense with the reading of the August 20, 2013 meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and Mayor Maloney and Trustee Call voting yes.

Attendee John DeFrancesco then addressed the Board with issues at his property in regards to the sewer project. Some of issues are in regards to the wire repair, blacktop in front of his driveway, his private flower garden and lawn. It is his opinion that work around his property and throughout the Village is not being done properly. He was informed that the pump house on Gouvello St. has not been “finished” as of yet.

In regards to the contractors that are doing the work for the issues related to the project, Trustee Brennan stated that the rocks and asphalt are still in the flower garden at the Breakwater Gallery. Upon discussion, the Mayor will draft a letter to the contractors on the issues throughout the Village.

The Board also spoke about getting bids from contractors on the wall repair for the retaining wall damage on John DeFrancesco’s property.

Attendee Richard Schmitt then addressed the Board with questions regarding the proposed Village Dock usage law. Upon discussion, the Board informed him that it is being reevaluated due to the comments and concerns brought about at the public hearing. It is his opinion that “finger” docks are needed within the Village limits to allow for more boaters. Mr. Schmitt then spoke in regards to the DPW crew. He complimented the group and stated his feeling that it is they should not be made to pick up garbage that is not properly placed out by residents. He has witnessed garbage bags being destroyed by animals and left for the DPW crew to clean. He would like to see the Board establish a system to inform residents to properly place their garbage at the curb.

Trustee Call then spoke and stated that he feels that there should be a restriction on the trees and limbs that are placed along the sides of the streets for pick up.

The Board encouraged Marty Mason to provide them with copies of the notices that are to be given to residents that don’t comply with the garbage and/or recycling guidelines.

Attendee Suzanne Petroske from BIN 427 then addressed the Board with questions on the water/sewer bill for the “hotel” at her property. The hotel is in disrepair and only currently has one residence that is able to be used. She would like to see if she can have that EDU rate decreased as the rooms are in need of being repaired completely before they could be rented out and this could take a number of years. The Board asked Clerk Mary Rupp to check the EDU’s being billed and have Ms. Petroske attend the next meeting or call for a reply on if there can be any changes.

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

- The library roof project is complete. He would like to have a letter sent to the Town for all their help on the project.
- The trees around the library have also been trimmed.
- The exterior painting of the Community House will be complete this week.
- The flag pole has been painted.
- Tree trimming is planned to be done along the lanes throughout the Village.
- The boat ramp at East End Park needs a light pole that will need to be dug and may place a light similar to lights along Wiley Blvd.
- There are still a few sidewalks that need to be finished up with some topsoil.
- Bay Street to the sewer plant and from the sewer plant to Centre St. is due to be paved within the next two weeks. The sewer project will be paying for the portion from Bay St. to the plant and the Village will incur the costs of the other section for approximately \$23,000.00.

Trustee Brennan then asked Marty the following:

1. The signs for the Police parking spots? He ordered four signs and should be delivered soon.
2. The glitch in the lift station fixed? He stated that it had not.
3. The status of Bay St. to be repaired? He stated that crew put a barrel and sign and should be paved soon by the project.
4. Trustee Brennan then stated that she had spoken to Mrs. Briggs from the Cape Vincent Library and she was very happy with all the work done at the library and wanted to say thank you.

Marty then stated that he had a few complaints about an odor on Bay St near the lift station. The lift has been adjusted so no odor is now present.

Marty also stated that the project for the water plant is going well. The outside of the building is all up and they are moving quickly. He has nothing further on the credit for the materials not used at the plant.

For the Zoning department, a permit was given to Mr. Mingle for the fence at his property.

Mayor Maloney stated that the agreement with one of the outside residents is current and being paid as agreed. The other water issues with the Jacobs water line have one more month until the termination.

Trustee Golden then stated that it is his opinion that a Thank You letter be sent to the Chamber, especially Mike Chavousite, Declan Callan and Pat Regan for all their hard work for the Regatta.

The Board then reviewed the bills to be approved for the water filtration project. Upon review, Trustee Brennan made the motion to approve the bills for payment with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and Trustee Golden and Trustee Call voting yes. Mayor Maloney abstained.

Mayor Maloney then gave his report as follows:

- No new information on DC Builders
- Horne's Ferry-the Village Clerk will be sending an invoice for their portion of past years utilities. A statement from the customs agents may be necessary to include a portion of the generator expense. The file will need to be reviewed on the leasing agreement.
- Fire Department agreement: The Fire Department would like to add snowplowing to the back of the building. Upon discussion, it has been established that the Village will plow the back on a as needed basis but would not like to add to contract.
- DEC meeting: the meeting was not very informative about the new permitting requirements and mainly water district #6 was discussed. There will be a Town led public hearing on Thursday September 5, 2013 in regards to water district #6.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the YMCA meeting. The Mayor had not set that up yet.

Trustee Brennan then asked Trustee Youngs about a letter from John Guriglio who is doing a study on flicker and visual impact for the wind turbines. No study was given to ask questions about. Trustee Youngs is to email for more answers.

Trustee Call then spoke about the garbage cans at the Village dock and Aubrey's. Upon discussion, the Mayor is going to write a letter to the Chamber who owns the cans to set up a better plan to care for the garbage.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the \$1,000.00 that was budgeted for the Arts Council. Typically that money has been given for the Chopin competition. Mayor Maloney made the motion to approve the \$1,000.00 check be issued to the Arts Council with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and Trustee Call and Trustee Youngs voting yes and Trustee Brennan abstaining.

Mayor Maloney then addressed the Personnel Policy for the Village employees. Upon discussion, the Board is to review the current policy and make a list of items within the policy they would like to change.

Trustee Brennan then invited all Board members and attendees to attend the Chopin competition that will be held September 6-8, 2013.

Trustee Golden made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the possible retirement of an employee and the benefits available to that employee at 7:37 pm with Trustee Call seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden made the motion to exit executive session at 8:05 pm with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer