

August 12, 2014- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Douglas Putnam, Elisabeth Brennan and Pamela Youngs present. Mayor Timothy Maloney welcomed the attendees and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Youngs made the motion to dispense with the reading of the July 22, 2014 meeting minutes and accept them as written with spelling errors corrected with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and Trustee Putnam and Mayor Maloney voting yes.

The Board reviewed additions to Abstract 03 as follows:

General: \$48,412.26

Water: \$8,886.45

Sewer: \$9,474.73

Upon review, Trustee Putnam made the motion to approve payment of the abstract with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and Trustee Youngs and Mayor Maloney voting yes.

Attendee John DeFrancesco then addressed the Board about a sewer line issue for a house that is on his lot. At the time of the sewer project, the line was unable to be located and was not tied into the new sewer lines. Mr. DeFrancesco would like to have the Village hook-up the line now. Also, Mr. DeFrancesco had a local business at the house working on the existing line to correct the problem. Once established that it was not tied into the line, Mr. DeFrancesco would like to request that that Village pay the bill. Upon discussion, Marty Mason stated that the work will be completed to tie the lines in after Labor Day. Mr. DeFrancesco also is requesting that a clean-out be installed. Mr. DeFrancesco then asked the Mayor about the easement being relieved from his property. Mayor Maloney stated that he needs to verify with Gebo's office.

Trustee Golden arrived at 5:45 pm.

Attendee Jennifer Vail then addressed the Board. Mrs. Vail is returning with more information for the Board and questions as to what has been done in regards to her complaint about her neighbor's Antique business. She has been in contact with several Board members and contacts with the NYS Department of Transportation and the NYS Highway Superintendent. Mrs. Vail read passages from the Village's Zoning code dated 2007. Upon discussion, the Board invited Zoning Officer Perry Golden to attend the meeting to give a status update.

While waiting for Mr. Golden, Marty Mason, DPW Superintendent, started his report as follows:

- GYMO is looking for permission from the Village Board to form the new district in the Town of Lyme, with the Village being the water supplier. Upon discussion, the Board needs more information on the district before they will grant permission.

- The Chamber will be hosting the Bass Tournament August 16 and 17. The Chamber has asked permission to use the Village golf cart from 4:30 am to 10:00am on Saturday morning to assist in getting the fisherman to their boats after parking their vehicles on Elm St. Mayor Maloney then stated that the registration will be held Friday August 15 at 4:00pm if anyone would like to attend.
- The Board then reviewed the tree report from the DEC Forester Glen Roberts. Upon discussion, all the trees that were evaluated will remain standing. All the residents that requested tree removals will receive a letter and a copy of the DEC report.

Perry Golden, Zoning Officer, then arrived. Perry stated that he has researched the issue with Mrs. Vail and the Antique shop. Perry has spoken with people from the State DOT and Mr. Gebo. It has been found that the space in question is in fact state right of way. The state is not an enforcing agency for the use of the right of way within the Village limits. According to Perry, Mr. Gebo stated that the Village should address the concerns, if any, in writing to the business owner. Upon a lengthy discussion, Perry stated that he continues to research the issue and will send a letter to the business owner.

Perry then stated that the "Roxy" vegetation area had been cleaned up to his satisfaction. He has also asked the DEC to maintain the bass pond area on Joseph St. on a regular basis. Trustee Putnam then informed Perry that the Wendell House on Broadway St. has not been mowed in the rear of the house yet.

Marty Mason then continued his report:

- The quote for Suit-Kote to pave Bay Street has been revised. The street will be redone from Broadway St. to the Village limit sign. The quote is \$60,459.00. The CHIPS money reimbursement is \$43,000 for the project and the remainder was budgeted for in the streets account. The plan is to regrind from the Clinic to Aubrey Court and relay 4 inches of base and one and a half inch top. The street will also be widened to 20 feet. Trustee Youngs asked about including a bike path on the new street. Upon discussion, Marty will research the cost. Marty also stated that a letter will be distributed to all Bay St. residents to inform them of the upcoming road construction.
- More research has been completed on purchasing a new garbage truck. The state contract price on a 2015 International truck is \$76,577.00. The truck will need to have a packer and if purchasing new, the range is \$35,000-\$40,000. The total price would be \$110,000 to \$115,000. Marty requested the Board approve to put the packer out for bids. Upon discussion, Trustee Brennan made the motion to get bids for the packer purchase with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- There are currently 18 new water meters left to install.

- There has been a request by a business owner that currently has two water meters to merge the two meters to one meter. Upon discussion, the Board stated that they are still evaluating the water/sewer rates and will evaluate his situation and let him know at a later date.
- There has also been a request by the owners of Maple Grove to tie into the dedicated sewer line at the water filtration plant.
- The sidewalk work on Broadway St. is scheduled for this week depending on the weather.

Trustee Golden then asked Marty about getting some signage for the East End Park boat ramps to state that there is no swimming in the launching area and no fishing from the docks along the ramps. It is a safety concern.

Trustee Youngs then asked about the sidewalks. As stated in the Comprehensive Plan, the sidewalks are supposed to connect the East End Park to the Village with a complete walkway. Mayor Maloney then stated that due to property issues and electrical poles, the sidewalk is only able to be on one side of the street from the Pilot Station to East End Park. The Board then discussed the property across from the Pilot Station and stated that it is required to have green space and a sidewalk.

Trustee Putnam then inquired as to whether anyone had any information about a possible attempted break in at the legion Monday August 11 at roughly 4:00 am -4:30 am. No further information was available. Trustee Golden stated to contact OIC Strelau for anything further.

There was no Police report given.

The Board then reviewed the Treasurer's report and had no comments or concerns.

Mayor Maloney then addressed "old" business as follows:

- The meeting with Tom Carman and the clinic manager from Samaritan will be held Wednesday August 13 at 8:00am at the Village Office.
- The judgment prepared by Gebo's office for the White's water bill has been signed.
- The easement for Water District #6 has not been signed yet, as more research is needed on the EDU's for the Village's DPW building
- Nothing new to report on DC Builders or for the quiet title on James St. property. Gebo's office is still addressing these.
- Gebo's office is also still researching if the water use law can be revised to not make it mandatory to send a certified copy of the shut-off notices.
- The Mayor will be sitting down with the Town and DANC to discuss the increase in the water rate and the recouping of monies from being undercharged.

Mayor Maloney then discussed “new” business as follows:

- The Board reviewed the annual agreement with the Cape Vincent Fire Dept. Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept the agreement as written and approve the Mayor to sign the agreement with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- The Board then reviewed a letter received from the Save the River organization that was requesting local support for the Plan 2014. Upon review, Trustee Youngs made the motion to create a support letter/resolution to show support of Plan 2014 with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- The Board then reviewed a letter that was received from Fort Drum to show support and to stop the possible reduction in forces at Fort Drum. Upon review, Trustee Brennan made the motion to send a support letter/resolution to stop the possible reduction at Fort Drum with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- The Board then reviewed a letter that was received from a couple that would like to hold their September 20, 2014 wedding ceremony at East End Park at 3:00pm. The Board approved and asked the clerk to send a letter to the couple and to notify OIC Streljau.
- The Board then reviewed an invoice that was delivered to the Village Office by a resident that lives on Garden Wall Drive. The resident was requesting reimbursement for lawn work that was performed at the residence in the village right of way portion. The resident claimed that the area was damaged by brush/brush cleanup. Upon discussion, the Board will not be reimbursing the resident.

Marty Mason then asked the Board to clarify the Village’s responsibility at the end of Garden Wall Drive. There are concerns with road maintenance. Upon discussion, the Board will have to contact property owners to correct the situation.

- The Board then discussed setting a Public Hearing for the proposed water/sewer billing rate structure change. The proposal is to increase the basic usage per EDU from 6,000 to 8,000 gallons per quarter. The water rate would increase from \$35.00 to \$40.00 per quarter and the sewer rate would remain the same. The proposed rate due in excess of the 8,000 gallons is \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of water and \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of sewer. Water is currently \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons and sewer is currently \$0.30 per 1,000 gallons. The hearing is set to take place at the next Board meeting, August 26, 2014 at 6:00pm in the Community House.
- The Board then reviewed a letter that was sent by the Riverside Preschool. The letter was seeking scholarship/donation funds. Upon discussion, Mayor Maloney will contact Gebo’s office on the issue and it will be tabled until the next meeting.

Clerk Mary Rupp then requested, on behalf of her neighbor Robert Ewing, to allow blocking off a portion of Lee St. Friday August 15, 2014 to accommodate the Wounded Warrior support fundraiser support that he was hosting. The Board approved and asked the clerk to notify OIC Strejlau.

Trustee Brennan had the following:

- The gift has been sent to Marcy Newman at a cost of \$15.00 per person.
- Invited all Board members to attend the Chopin International Piano Competition that is held September 5-7 at Maple Grove, 596 W. Broadway St.
- It has been suggested that the Village Board send a liaison to the Planning Board/ZBA meeting. She wanted the Board to think about the suggestion and do some brainstorming on the issue to be discussed at a later date.

Marty Mason then stated that he will be on vacation from September 9-19, 2014.

Trustee Brennan then made the motion at 8:15pm to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer