

August 26, 2014- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

Trustee Putnam made the motion to dispense with the reading of the August 12, 2014 meeting minutes and accept them as written with The Town of Lyme being added to the last paragraph of the first page and correcting a few spelling errors with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Bruce Horne then addressed the Board. Horne's Ferry received the invoice from the Village for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. It is Mr. Horne's belief that the percentages for the utilities should be decreased due to the time that the building is occupied. Mayor Maloney stated that the customs offices still require heat and electric during the off season for the equipment that they keep in the building. Mr. Horne was unaware of that issue. Upon discussion, Mr. Horne is going to speak to Mr. Walker, the head of Homeland Security for this area, and the Mayor will do so as well to come up with a good solution.

Attendee Bill Kirschgessner then spoke to the Board and delivered the written report from Marty Mason, DPW Superintendent, who was unable to attend due to the fact that Bay St. was being grind out by Suit-Kote. Mr. Kirchgessner stated the following:

- 500 feet of sidewalks have been completed along Broadway St. so far. The area from Vincent St. to Kanady St. is next for sidewalk replacement.
- There are eight more water meters left to install.
- Bay St. work will continue for roughly two weeks. All residents did receive a letter about the road construction.
- Marty has asked to keep temporary employee Johnathan Stetson on for an additional two weeks to assist the crew while Marty is set to be going on vacation. Trustee Youngs made the motion to allow Johnathan to be employed an additional two weeks with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney then stated that employee William Gould II gave his written two week notice. Upon discussion, Trustee Golden made the motion to advertise now to fill the full time DPW Laborer position with Trustee Putnam seconding and all voting yes.

No Police report was given.

The Board then reviewed the Treasurer's Report and there were no questions or concerns.

Mayor Maloney then addressed "old" business as follows:

- Gebo's office drafted a letter to the Board stating that the Village is unable to donate funds to the Riverside Preschool.

- The easement for Water District #6 has not been signed. Mayor Maloney met with the engineers to review the paperwork and issues regarding the easement for Water District #6. It is currently under review by the Comptroller's office and the Village is expecting to hear more once the Town discusses it at their next meeting.
- TIERS update: the Mayor and Urban, Town Supervisor, met with Bud Barill and Rollie Churchill and discussed the history a bit and the future of the service. There is another meeting Wednesday August 13 with the Cape Vincent Fire Department and the Mayor and Urban and after that meeting a meeting with TIERS will be set up to discuss the possibilities.

Attendee Bill Kirschgessner then asked the Village Board about the use of golf carts within the Village limits. He was approached by another Village resident that stated that they had been stopped by one Village police officer and they have been warned that they will be ticketed for operating golf carts on Village streets. Mr. Kirchgessner believes that he was in attendance at a Board meeting that OIC Streljau stated that as long as the golf carts used around the Village are obeying Village and road law, the operators would not be ticketed. It was brought up that the Village itself, owns and operates a golf cart throughout the Village. Upon a discussion, Trustee Golden stated that he will be in contact with OIC Streljau for clarification on the issue.

Attendee Harry Landers then addressed the Board and asked when the Village is scheduled to brushhog the grass area on Pine St. and the lot surrounding the Sewer plant. The Board will ask Marty.

Attendee Kirk Grant then returned to the golf cart issue and stated that 4-wheelers should be included as well, not just golf carts. It was discussed that perhaps a special license exists to authorize use on streets.

At 6:00pm, Trustee Brennan made the motion to open the public hearing to hear public comments/questions on the proposed increase in the water/sewer rate structure with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney discussed the proposed rate increase as follows: The quarterly rate for water would increase from \$35.00 to \$40.00 and also the gallons per EDU would increase from 6,000 gallons to 8,000 gallons. There would also be an increase in the price of each 1,000 gallons that exceed the 8,000; \$1.50 to \$3.00 for water and \$0.30 to \$3.00 for sewer. The Mayor then opened the floor to public comment.

The following residents spoke and a very brief summary is as follows:

- Kirk Grant expressed concern over the rate increase.
- Richard Wiley spoke in reference to DANC and their use.
- Harry Landers asked about delinquent accounts and the current status of the accounts.
- Karen Wiley asked about the pay structure for commercial users.

- Michael Bashaw had concerns about the infrastructure and what parts of the Village does the infrastructure need to be replaced.
- Cindy Edsall inquired as to how many Village users exceed 6,000-8,000 gallons per quarter.
- Al Walker asked about whether the Village will be contacting the home owners when leaks are present (once new computer software is installed for water meter reading program).
- John DeFrancesco asked about the financial aspects.

Upon lengthy discussion, it was stated that the questions would be researched and information will be provided to residents that require more information. At 7:11pm, Trustee Golden made the motion to close the public hearing with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Mayor then moved forward with “new” business. The Water Treatment Plant Project is nearing completion and some line items are required from RD to close the project out. The Board needs to have a budget amendment to create a depreciation short-lived asset account on the budget and also to create a new reserve account at Citizens Bank. Upon review, some questions surfaced and the issue will be tabled and a special meeting will be held once the Clerk has more answers for the Board so that the September 8<sup>th</sup> deadline can be met.

Trustee Youngs then stated that Mayor Maloney and she attended the SASS meeting that was held August 18 in Clayton. Trustee Youngs stated that there is an update on the SASS website and encouraged everyone to visit the site.

Trustee Golden then asked about the status of the hired Planner. Mayor Maloney stated that Planner Angela Rose has resigned from her position. Upon a discussion, Trustee Golden stated that possibly a member from the Development Committee could perform the job once they retire.

Trustee Golden then informed the Board about the large support for Mr. May and his antique store at the last planning board meeting. Upon discussion, it was stated that perhaps a permit will be required from the state for Mr. May’s business. Trustee Golden also stated that he will ask for Perry Golden to check with Matt Bush from the DOT for further info on the permitting process. Perry Golden did express to Trustee Golden that he didn’t feel that the issue was a Village issue.

Mayor Maloney then gave a quick update on the SACC program at the elementary school. The YMCA needs to have an employee to work the program and Mayor Maloney asked if anyone knew anyone that may be interested in the 27.5 hours a week position.

Trustee Youngs then spoke about sidewalks. She feels very strongly that the sidewalk work should coincide with the Comprehensive plan. Several properties on Broadway that are owned by the same resident have sidewalks that are in complete disrepair or non-existent and they are along the path that is meant to connect the downtown area to East End Park. It is her feeling that the Board needs to be more directive in the sidewalk repair schedule. She also has concerns that there are no sidewalks on Bay St.

Trustee Brennan then spoke about the planning board meetings that are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. She would like to know the Board's feelings on having a Village Board member attend the meetings. A discussion followed.

Trustee Golden made the motion at 8:22pm to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer