

Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees Meeting- July 28, 2015

Deputy Mayor Jerry Golden opened the meeting at 5:30 pm with Trustees Elisabeth Brennan, Joseph Gould and Pamela Youngs present. Mayor Maloney was excused. Deputy Mayor Golden welcomed the attendees and led the pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Youngs then made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 14, 2015 and accept them as written with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Youngs then made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 21, 2015 special meeting and accept them as written with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and Deputy Mayor Golden voting yes. Trustee Brennan abstained.

Attendee Richard Schmitt then addressed the Board with questions on the proposed dock usage law. He was curious as to what the new changes are, who is going to enforce the new law, signage and the timeline to get the new law enacted. Deputy Mayor Golden explained that the police department will be doing the enforcement of the law and that all signage will be displayed. After a brief discussion, Mr. Schmitt suggested the possibility of adding a "donation" box to be placed on the dock for overnight users. Then Mr. Schmitt asked if a new bench could be placed at the public access area at the end of Point St. A broken bench had been removed and nothing has been replaced.

Attendee Carl Gabrielsson then addressed the Board stating his strong opposition to any expansion of the Village dock to the East. With the Village currently working on a design grant for an expansion of the current dock, Mr. Gabrielsson feels that any expansion going East from the Village dock would affect his view and property values and due to these factors, he is strongly opposed. Neighbor Claudia Blodgett went on record as well stating her strong opposition to anything going East from the Village dock. After a brief discussion, Trustee Brennan asked the neighbors if there was anything that the Village could do to expand the dock that they would be in favor of. It was stated that a design would be presented during a public hearing before any action takes place.

Attendee Paula Bourquin then asked the Board about the current situation with the Village tree that is in her front yard area. DPW Superintendent Marty Mason stated that he will speak on the tree during his report.

Marty Mason, DPW Superintendent, then gave his report as follows:

- There was a lateral issue on the end of William St. and after some investigating; it is possible that a section of the main in that area may need some replacing. It is possible that some roots have gained entry into a portion of the main that had some older clay tiles. Next week the crew will look into the situation more in depth and may have to camera the lines to see what is occurring.
- The crew has completed 560 feet of sidewalks. There will be another one poured on Thursday on Esselstyne St. and then Marty will be looking at the Village Green area.
- The library project is complete. Hyde Stone is finishing up some work on the boiler. The top soil has been delivered and leveled and Steve Hall hydro-seeded the lawn as a donation to the library.
- The topsoil at a few other areas in the Village is complete.

- There is a village tree on Point St. that has become diseased and needs to be removed. A discussion took place and as a result, Trustee Gould made the motion to remove the tree and to do any sidewalk and driveway restoration to the property that the tree roots have caused with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes. Marty Mason then asked about the sewer lateral at that residence that needs to be done seasonally due to the village tree roots. It was stated that there will be no need to do that lateral once tree is removed.
- The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting two fishing tournaments in August and they have asked if there is anything that the Village could assist with in providing some temporary dockage to be used only during the tournaments. A discussion took place as to placement and possibilities. Deputy Mayor Golden will be contacting Mayor Maloney to check on possible solutions.
- Steven Hall and the Del Borgo residents have both had pieces of dock float onto the shore line at their property. The Village has removed the pieces and is unsure as to where the pieces are coming from.
- The new garbage truck was painted last Friday and is in route from Michigan to Watertown at the end of the week. Village will hopefully have it within the next week. As far as the old truck, a decision will be made once the new one has arrived.
 - Trustee Brennan had the following:
 - Law building garage grant paperwork: OIC Streljau is doing, not Marty.
 - Reed beds at the sewer plant: Need to check with Mayor on status.
 - Library looks great and a thank you to go to Steven Hall for donating the hydro-seeding to the library.

Trustee Gould then spoke about the storm sewer at the Paul Handley residence. The hole keeps settling and becoming more of an issue. It needs to be attended to. Perry Golden also stated that the storm sewer drain on Point and Joseph St. needs attention as well.

No police report was given.

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

- Two certified letters have been drafted to be sent for houses that are in violation of the vegetation law. At this point, it is ok for the Village to mow the property and add to the property tax bills.
- There are questions about the status of the Sovie house. It is not in County or Village hands at this time.

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

The Board then set a work session for Tuesday August 4, 2015 at 4:00pm to work on the state audit response letter.

"Old" business was discussed as follows:

- EMS: nothing new to report.
- Letter to Water District #1 user: Mayor still to do.
- Dock usage law: Deputy Mayor Golden to check with OIC for status update.

- Trustee Brennan asked about the EDR company that supplied a draft of a resolution for the LWRP. Trustee Youngs explained that the resolution that was supplied was revised but will not be submitted until the next funding season. The Town will begin work on the LWRP in the fall.
- Dock design advisory committee: Not sure at this point, Trustee Youngs to find out.
- DOT/widening shoulder letter: Trustee Youngs to get copy of draft support letter to the Clerk.
- Cannon: Still working on agreement.
- Planning Board: Letter sent to Anchor Marina Service Center status. Clerk will ask Planning Board Chair Jeff Herpel to attend the next meeting to give an update.
- Name change for East End Park suggestion: Trustee Brennan will call Gebo's office to get legal advice on what needs to be done to change the name.
- Trustee Brennan asked about the Development Committee fundraising letter. Trustee Youngs stated that it is still being drafted.

"New" business was discussed as follows:

- Water/Sewer rate change: Tabled.
- Stop sign at the corner of Pine and Centre St: Stop sign is placed too far back causing drivers to use resident's driveway to gain access to Centre St. DPW crew will look at the placement and move if possible.
- Recycling letter: An email was received about picking up recycling for commercial properties. The Village does not pick up trash or recycling for commercial properties but it does allow commercial's to take recycling to Village barn. After a brief discussion, Deputy Mayor Golden stated that he would contact the business owner to explain the situation.
- Kelsey Lane and James St. corner: A resident submitted a few photos about the area and stated that it is in need of some attention. Marty will take a look at the area.
- Sidewalk request: A request has been submitted to replace the sidewalk in front of the Swedish Meatball shop to the terrace of the Taste of Design. Marty stated that if there are funds left, it could be done this season after Labor Day, as not to impede with their business foot traffic. Trustee Youngs stated that the requested areas should take priority over the Village Green area as the sidewalks there are not in such disrepair.
- Complaint on parking/trash from Roxy's: The Board stated that there is no good resolution to the problem. Trustee Brennan is going to go and speak to the residents and see if a resolution can be worked out.
- Trustee Youngs spoke about an article that is being published about the East End Park and the pavilion. She also stated that there are some procedural questions for the Development Committee as no by-laws are currently adopted. At the present time, the committee is working on a budget to submit to the Town and Village Boards. The committee has another meeting on August 12, 2015 at 6:00pm and Trustee Youngs will discuss the by-laws with the group.
- Water district #6 users: Deputy Mayor Golden will ask Mayor Maloney about drafting a letter to users that will be turned over the Town water district #6.

At 6:47pm, Trustee Gould made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted, Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer