

September 27, 2016- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Elisabeth Brennan, Jerry Golden, and Bob Ewing present. Trustee Youngs was excused. Mayor Timothy Maloney welcomed the attendees and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Golden made motion to dispense with the reading of the September 13, 2016 meeting minutes as written, with a few typographical corrections, with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Pam Atkinson then addressed the Board. She informed the Board that the volunteers are finishing up with the garden. She stated that the Food Pantry was very happy to be able to offer fresh produce this year. She asked the Board if the parcel would be available for the 2017 season, and if it would be possible to have municipal water to the site. She also inquired as to the possibility of building raised beds. There was a discussion about making the garden bigger next year, to offer personal plots. There was an idea, that if a person wanted a personal plot to plant on, there may be a requirement that they have to do volunteer work at the community garden, such a weeding or watering. This idea will be looked into.

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

- Working on water plant lagoon. Sludge will be pumped out Thursday.
- PRV pit: 1 is done and the other will be completed by tomorrow.
- Pump station work is almost complete.
- 2 Trucks are in for inspection at Gilco.
- Solar panel has been broken and may cost approximately \$300.00 to repair/ replace.

No Police report was given.

Mayor Maloney then addressed "old" business as follows:

- Solar Project: Mayor Maloney stated there is a meeting scheduled for Friday September 30, 2016 to review all the details.
- Cyber Security Policy: Tabled.
- Zoning concern: Mayor Maloney stated he should have answers from Gebo's office sometime tomorrow.
- Municipal Solutions paperwork: Tabled.
- James Street lot: Mayor Maloney is waiting for a response from Gebo's office.
- Youth Commission: Trustee Brennan gave a quick review of the Youth Commission meeting which was held on September 19, 2016. She stated the meeting was very cordial and upcoming activities were discussed. There was a discussion of whether there should be other activities offered, other than just sports.

Mayor Maloney then addressed “new” business as follows:

- Honor Flight Invitation: There was a reminder given that the Honor Flight Mission will be Friday September 30, 2016, with a luncheon starting at 11:00. All Board members have been invited to attend, along with the public, in honoring local World War II Veterans. Trustee Brennan and Trustee Ewing gave a brief description of what the Honor Flight Mission entails.

At 6:00 PM the Mayor opened the informational public meeting to review the dock designs:

- Prior to the presentation beginning, Mayor Maloney informed the attendees how the Village became involved in the dock expansion project. Mayor Maloney stated that Cape Vincent Local Development Committee had applied for grant money for this project and was approved for \$50,000.00. After the grant was approved the CVLDC dissolved and turned the approved grant money over to the Village to use, for this project. For this reason, Mayor Maloney felt, it was the Village’s obligation to follow through with the project, as the grant money had already been secured.

Mayor Maloney turned the floor over to Mick Lehman and Rachel Bernat from Bernier Carr and Associates, and Barbara Kendall from NYS Office of Planning and Development, to discuss the proposed dock designs.

- Three possible dock designs were reviewed.
- A proposed budget was outlined for each of the dock designs.
- A timeline for the proposed project was outlined.
- Additional funding opportunities were discussed. Along with the NYS Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation.
 - At this time Mayor Maloney said that he had a call from Addie Russell about securing an additional \$250,000.00 Capital Program grant for the Village, in addition to the \$50,000.00 grant, which already had been approved.

Mayor Maloney now opened the floor to any questions or comments from the public.

Comments were as follows:

- Mr. Carl Gabrielsson: Read his letter, which states he feels it would be a Riparian Rights encroachment of his property. Mr. Gabrielsson gave the Board a copy of his survey map which outlines the Riparian rights line. He feels that he would have a loss of access, use, navigability, privacy and enjoyment of his property. He believes there would be a loss of property value. He states, if approved, there would be a negative impact on his waterfront view. He is also concerned about the excess noise from boats, people and docks. He also states there would be more boat exhaust, light pollution and increased activity. He is also concerned about the extra boats causing a swimming hazard.

- Mayor Maloney told Mr. Gabrielson that he had spoken to two attorneys regarding this project. Both attorneys agreed that unless the property holder has underwater rights, this would remain a Village decision.
- Trustee Brennan asked Mr. Gabrielson if his complaint is about the noise and fumes that are being generated from the current use of the docks, or if he has concerns that there would be an increase in activity, with the proposed dock site plans.
- Dr. Norman Weir: Did not feel that the designs were compatible for Tall Ships, which frequent the docks.
- There was a question as to how much money is generated from boaters staying at the public dock.
 - Trustee Ewing stated that, at one time he surveyed boaters who stated they spent approximately \$400.00, at local establishments, over the course of a 3 day weekend.
- Mrs. Claudia Blodgett: Has concerns about the docks being able to hold due to the prevailing winds.
- Mr. Ron Trottier: Concerns that the existing docks would not be able to hold the weight of the floating dock expansion. Mr. Trottier states that he owns the marina adjacent to the Village dock and rents out dock space. He states that he has trouble getting people to rent spaces at his marina, because they can go to the village dock and stay for free.
 - Mayor Maloney asked Mr. Trottier if his dock space was accessible to water and electric services, which Mr. Trottier stated that they were. Mayor Maloney and the majority of the attendees agreed that the current dock usage was down this year.
- A letter was read from Elizabeth Williams-Kelly: She feels it would reduce property values of houses in that neighborhood. It would not allow for larger crafts to dock. She feels it would interfere with mooring rights of other boat owners, and worried about the prevailing winds.

At 7:33 P.M. Mayor Maloney adjourned the meeting and thanked those who attended. He assured them, that everyone's comments would be taken into consideration.

Respectively submitted,

Candace G. Mason Deputy Clerk