

October 25, 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, Robert Ewing, and Pamela Youngs present. Mayor Timothy Maloney welcomed the attendees and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the October 11, 2016 regular Board meeting, Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee:

- John DeFrancesco: Stated he had checked the pressure relief valves on three water heaters and found them rated at 150PSI. He believes installing safety valves would not help with the issue. He also stated that checking the pressure, as suggested at the last meeting, would not be beneficial unless they checked during the night, when the pressure could build up. His suggestion is, to get a recorder, and record over a 24 hour period. He asked if any houses had been checked, since the last meeting. He also requested to have someone come and check his house.
  - Marty Mason stated that he had checked the water pressure at random houses and reported on the readings he had measured. Marty also said that the Village does have a recorder and he would bring it down to Mr. DeFrancesco.

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

- Solar Project: Marty said he saw National Grid setting three tubs at the solar project today. He said all we are waiting on is a meter and a test.
- Dan Radley got his CDL license last Friday.
- Did some adjustments on the leaf vacuum and it's been working well.
- Would like permission to rent a lift for the month of November. They could use it to trim a few trees around the village and put up Christmas decorations. Marty says he got three quotes, with \$1,200.00 being the lowest.
  - Mayor Maloney asked about safety harnesses. Marty stated they do have a couple of them.
- Has some work at the Library to do.
- Replaced a fire hydrant at the end of William Street and one more to do on corner of Lee and Joseph Street.
- The trailer has had some repairs done. Marty got three quotes, but for now it seems to be working better.
- Have two quotes for the annual preventative maintenance on the backup generators. He has an email into one of the companies for clarification on some things, and will get back to the Board with the quotes.

At this time, Trustee Brennan asked how long it takes to check the water pressure at a home. Marty said it only takes about ten minutes. Trustee Brennan thinks it would be best if someone from the village goes to Mr. DeFrancesco home, to check his pressure. A discussion ensued as to what the options are for a homeowner, if they have concerns with their pressure readings, and what actions could the Village take.

No Police report given.

Motion was made by Trustee Golden and seconded by Trustee Ewing to rent a lift from Steve Hall for the month of November at a cost of \$1,200.00, with all voting yes.

Perry Golden, Zoning Officer, then addressed the Board. Perry said he has spoken with Attorney Mark Gebo regarding a trailer parked on Murray Street. Attorney Gebo and Zoning officer Golden agreed that the local peddling law is the best way to handle the situation. If this is the case, this would be considered a local law and not a zoning law. A discussion ensued as to the interpretation of this law and how it could affect other events that are held in the village.

- At this time, Trustee Brennan mentioned that she had been approached about the fees that are being charged for zoning permits or variances. She asked if the fee being charged covers the cost of the required legal notices and mailings. It was mentioned that this had been brought to the attention of the board in the past. At that time, the feeling was that the nominal fee that is imposed is a benefit of living in the village and paying village taxes.

Mayor Maloney then addressed “old” business as follows:

- Solar project: National Grid began work today. Mayor Maloney discussed the article that was written in the Watertown Daily Times. The Mayor stated that the article was not quite accurate with the details of the projects expenses.
- Cyber Security Policy: Tabled.
- Municipal Solutions Paperwork: Still reviewing the paperwork.
- Lot on James Street: Mayor Maloney discussed an email received from Attorney Mark Gebo’s office, regarding the vacant commercial lots on James Street. It is Attorney Gebo’s recommendation to get a signed purchase offer from the interested party. It was also recommended to combine the two properties into one, prior to the sale. Motion was made by Trustee Brennan and seconded by Trustee Youngs that the village declare the following parcels on James Street as excess property. All voted yes.
  - #49.07-1-17                      South lot
  - #49.25-1-77                      Middle lot\*\*
  - #49.25-1-76.2                      North lot\*\*

\*\* These two parcels will be combined into one parcel prior to the sale of the property.

Mayor Maloney then asked for a volunteer to meet with the interested party, to discuss a purchase price and to bring a signed offer back to the Board for their approval. Trustee Golden volunteered to attend the meeting.

Mayor Maloney then addressed “new” business as follows:

- Bowers and Company Audit: Mayor Maloney inquired if anyone had any questions regarding the Audit presented at the last meeting. After a discussion it was decided that the board will hold a work session to compare last year’s and this year’s audit figures.
- PTO wreath: Mayor Maloney made the motion to approve the purchase of a wreath from the Cape Vincent PTO to be placed at the Village Office with Trustee Golden seconding and all voting yes.
- Employees Health Insurance: After a brief discussion, motion was made by Trustee Ewing and seconded by Trustee Golden to accept the same Employees Health Insurance Plan as last year, with all voting yes.

Trustee Brennan asked if the Board was going to ask Bernier, Carr and Associates to look into other ways to improve the Village dock and East End Park areas. A discussion ensued as to different possibilities: repairs to the docks, electricity, lights, and water and/or bathroom facilities. Motion was made by Trustee Brennan and seconded by Trustee Youngs to contact Bernier, Carr Associates to come up with ideas to improve the Village Dock and East End Park areas, with Trustee Ewing and Trustee Golden voting yes. Mayor Maloney abstained.

Trustee Youngs informed the Board that the East End Park resolution needs be revised and/or updated. The last resolution was dated in 2014 and the funding sources and proposed development costs have changed. The updated development costs are approximately \$248,875.00, which has increased from the 2014 amount of \$220,000.00. The Board reviewed the revised projected budget which details the current proposed funding sources to complete this project. Motion was made by Trustee Golden and seconded by Trustee Ewing to approve and adopt a new resolution based on the proposed sources of funding, for the project, as outlined. All voted yes.

A discussion came up over the last two events that were held in Cape Vincent. There was an agreement that both the underwater carving event and the latest fishing derby were very successful. At this time Cindy Edsall shared an article about a recent chain saw carving event that was held in Ogdensburg and thought it might be a great Chamber event. Trustee Ewing said he would take the written article, to the Chamber, to share the idea.

Trustee Ewing mentioned that the Chamber is looking to hold a 3 on 3 basketball tournament sometime next year. He will keep the Village informed as more information is received.

At 7:15pm, Trustee Brennan made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,  
Candace G. Mason/Deputy Clerk