

January 28, 2020- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Jerry Golden opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Dave Bonney, Pamela Youngs, George Sperry and Robert Ewing present. Mayor Golden welcomed the attendees and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the January 7, 2020 regular Board meeting and Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Sperry seconding the motion and voting yes.

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

- There is a meeting tomorrow with the DEC, Town Supervisor, Mayor and Marty to discuss the Bass Pond lands that are currently federal property. They would like to find out the DEC 's intentions for that land and would like to start the process of making those lands usable for community. They are looking to have a committee to look into future uses.
- The Town also has hired B&L Engineers and they have been working on a sewer study and will rank the districts by the feasibility they would have to join the Village's sewer system as outside users. The Village would need to establish a outside user rate. Mayor Golden inquired if the users would have metered water, as the Village residents do. Marty stated yes. The village currently charges 1.5 EDU for residence for an outside sewer rate and \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of water used. The current thinking would be that it would be the same rate.
- The DPW crew installed 400 feet of storm drain on Real St. near the Christine King residence. The work will assist partially the drain concerns of Fred Mammolatti but the crew will still need to do a little more work to correct all the water concerns for Mr. Mammolatti.
- The crew has been clearing trees and brush from all the Village right-of-ways.
- The library secured the grant for the floor for \$50,000.00. The crew has started working at the library, in the basement, to complete that work before the books are moved and the floor is started.
- All the steel for the west side dock/boat ramp at East End Park has been ordered. Marty would like to get approval to purchase a welder for the DPW. There are funds already budgeted for it and there is one from HAUN for a total of \$2675.00. Trustee Sperry made the motion to approve the purchase of the welder for the DPW with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- The water van is now in service. Marty will be contacting Auctions International to list the old van that was declared surplus.
- There were two homes in the Village that had freezing pipes over the past weekend but no water main breaks this summer.
 - Mayor Golden then informed Marty that some residents have been doing some shoreline work on Point St. and that should assist the Village when we get to do the FEMA work on that street.

- Parking spaces: With the new information on the balance of the CHIPS funds that are available to the Village, the Mayor would like to suggest that the Village pave several village owned parking lots/areas. These areas would include CV Brewery, CRAVE, Roxy and the Swedish meatball and lane behind French Towne Market. Trustee Bonney inquired if a portion of the Village Green could possibly be included, on the north side of the Green.
 - The village dock on Esselstyne needs to have some work done, as the water levels are predicted to be similar to 2019. Marty has been trying to wait for some ice to assist the crew with working on the dock, but they need to make changes to the dock without it to build it up so it is able to be used this season.
 - Trustee Youngs then gave a brief update on the pavilion and stated that she is going to meet with Marty for the ordering. Trustee Sperry stated that he has been doing some materials research. Trustee Youngs thinks that the engineering should be complete quickly and should be able to move forward quickly. Trustee Sperry stated that he is willing to assist if needed.
 - Trustee Ewing inquired if the plastic bags for garbage and if the rules have changed. Not yet.
- Marty also attended the FEMA meeting on January 22nd.

OIC Shaun Cuddeback gave the police department report as follows:

- No police news to report.
- He would like an update on the grant status from Scott Burto. Mayor Golden will ask Scott Burto for an update and for copies of all grant paperwork for the police department to have.
- The furnace at the Law Building is also not working correctly. Marty is aware.
 - Marty then stated that the fuel tank at the Community House needs to be replaced. The current system is not being venting properly and Griffith Energy won't deliver until the tanks are fixed. Marty needs to purchase a new tank that will fit in the area. The Board approved the purchase.

Mayor Golden then addressed "old" business as follows:

- Lot on James Street: Nothing to report.
- Water Reserve Account: Nothing to report.
- Baichi property: Nothing new to report.
- Fred Mammoliti: Marty is working on.
 - Trustee Sperry inquired if there was anything new to report on the property on Elm St. that has a zoning complaint. Clerk Rupp stated that she spoke to ZEO Higgins and that progress is being made at the parcel.

Mayor Golden then addressed “new” business as follows:

- Sperry/Lawrence water meter: The meters were swapped in the billing system and thus, since May of 2016, the usage has not been accurately billed for the two residents. The difference in gallons from May 2016 to November 2019 is 106,000 gallons creating a difference of \$636.00. After a discussion, Trustee Ewing made the motion to credit account 0058 \$636.00 and to forfeit the charges to account 0057 as the error was on the Village and the resident spend a great deal of time/money on trying to locate a leak that didn’t exist at their residence with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and Mayor Golden and Trustee Youngs voting yes. Trustee Sperry abstained.
- Retirement Plan Section 41-j: The Board reviewed the resolution and Trustee Bonney made the motion to approve the Village enter into the section 41-j plan for retirement for an additional annual charge of \$304.00 to start June 1, 2020 with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- FEMA/REDI update: FEMA has accessed damages from the Halloween 2019 storm and found them to be over one million. With that funding, the village is supposed to build back to pre-storm. The REDI funding for the same areas is meant to build the damages for resiliency. The Village will host a meeting on Thursday Jan. 30 at 11:00 for more information on these funds and how the village can pursue both and the best way to do it.
- Upcoming meetings: The next meeting will be held next Tuesday February 4th and the Mayor will miss the last meeting on February 25, 2020.
- CVDC: The Town was awarded a grant for Club St. in the amount of roughly \$834,000. CVDC planner, WCP Consultants is due for administrating the grants at a 60%/40% split that will be written by the Village from the joint CVDC account.
- Trustee Ewing informed the Board that the new ambulance has been ordered. Mayor Golden stated that the Board will research at budget time is the Village can assist with the purchase.
- Trustee Sperry inquired if anyone else is attending the Tug Hill Conference.

At 6:26pm, Trustee Ewing made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer