

May 12, 2020- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the April 14, 2020 regular Board meeting and Trustee Ewing made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 12 as follows:

General:	\$ 23,135.24	Vouchers 3293 - 3321
Water:	\$ 7,138.76	Vouchers 1589 - 1600
Sewer:	\$ 4,021.42	Vouchers 1589 - 1600

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Sperry made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden then signed Abstract 12 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee Christina Stark then addressed the Board on behalf of the CVIL. The CVIL would like to purchase one or more dog stations to be placed in East End Park. Depending on price, they may get one for the end of Market St. as well. The CVIL also plans to stain the decks and stairs of the Community House. The stairs on the front porch are in need of replacement and they would like to request the Village to replace them prior to the staining. Mayor Golden suggested that the CVIL check with Marty Mason for any stain or paint prior to purchase. Trustee Sperry inquired if the CVIL would be painting the house. The Village is responsible to paint the house and will do so as time permits. Ms. Stark then inquired about an article in the TI Sun regarding the village tax increase. Mayor Golden explained it is a 1.75% increase.

Mayor Golden gave a brief DPW report. The crew had installed the orange snow fencing in East End Park along the shore wall due to safety concerns from high water damage. The crew created a temporary fix until the permanent work can be done with FEMA and REDI funding. The reimbursement from FEMA for this emergency work has already begun.

The crew will start paving in the Village. The areas paved on James St near the Brewery and the Swedish Meatball and by the CRAVE on Point St. will be public parking area and will be further maintained for snow removal by the business owners. Trustee Bonney inquired if maybe diagonal lines could be painted at the Brewery to help avoid vehicles in James street.

The pavilion construction has resumed by the Town and Village. Trustee Youngs provided an invoice for the engineering work done recently on the trusses for \$1920.00. The trusses still need to be fabricated and hope to be here by the end of June, due to hold ups due to COVID-19.

Mayor Golden also informed the Board that Rob Curtis has returned to work.

Shaun Cuddeback, OIC, then gave the following report:

- He has purchased 3 weather-proof boxes to hold the boater registration cards for the Village dock. Marty just needs to install.

- He has been keeping up with the garage grant to ensure that it is submitted.
- Traffic has been light.
- OIC Cuddeback also stated that he has witnessed some items being brought to the property on Elm St that is supposed to be getting cleaned up. Mayor Golden asked OIC to email the Zoning Officer directly. Trustee Sperry stated that he had been in contact with the ZEO in reference to the Elm St. property.

Christine Stark inquired about the seemingly increased presence of Border Patrol in Cape Vincent. OIC Cuddeback explained that due to borders being closed, they are doing more patrols.

Mayor Golden then addressed “old” business:

- Pavilion: There are many residents inquiring on the construction status. There are some things that the Town and Village crew can continue with while they wait for the rest of the materials and trusses to arrive. Mayor Golden then expressed Marty’s concerns and questions. The crew needs to know colors for siding and stone so it can be ordered. The Village has some siding left from the police garage construction and would like to use that. The crew is also becoming frustrated with the project due to resident complaints and lack of communication. A discussion took place. Trustee Youngs will be getting some color samples and will meet with a few people from Board and CVDC to pick colors.
- REDI & FEMA: Mayor Golden gave a brief update on the status. A discussion point is that the Esselstyne street dock has already been raised and should be able to handle any high-water situations going forward. With that being completed, the REDI funds for that project can possibly be shifted to East End Park to create a better resiliency plan. A short discussion took place.
- The floating docks at East End Park will be placed soon. The gangplank is here and hope to have docks in water soon.

Mayor Golden then addressed “new” business as follows:

- Village office re-opening: A short discussion took place as to when and how to re-open to the public. No decision made at this time.
- FEMA: All the paperwork for the emergency work at East End Park has been submitted. The paperwork for Point St. projects.
- Employee Kathryn Cataldo has an appointment in two days and then should have an update for the Board on her employment status.
 - Trustee Ewing stated that the boaters are thankful for the Village raising the Village dock. Mayor Golden stated that Marty is still looking at replacing the staving.
- Northern Border Grant: Trustee Ewing made the motion for Mayor Golden to sign all paperwork to complete the application with Trustee Sperry seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Tax Warrant: the Board then reviewed the 2020 tax warrant as follows:
 - General Fund \$398,306.00 : Back Water Rents \$868.83 : Back Sewer Rents \$5,511.77 : Total of \$ 404,686.60. Trustee Ewing made the motion for Mayor Golden and Clerk/Treasurer Rupp to sign warrant as presented with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

- End of the year meeting/work-session: The Board will hold a meeting Wednesday May 27th at 5:30pm.
- Resident letter: Mayor Golden read a letter from residents at the end of Market Street with concerns about the use of the area and safety concerns. A short discussion took place and it was decided to place an extra bench in the area.
- Chamber letter: The Mayor read a letter about the cancelation of events due to COVID-19, to include French Festival.

At 6:29 pm, Trustee Sperry made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer