

February 14, 2023- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Jerry Golden opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Dave Bonney, Pamela Youngs and Christine Stark present. Trustee Robert Ewing was running late. Mayor Golden welcomed the attendees and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the January 24, 2023 regular Board meeting and Trustee Bonney made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 09 as follows:

General: \$ 77,371.18	Vouchers 4370-4403
Water: \$ 52,092.62	Vouchers 2079-2096
Sewer: \$ 11,731.77	Vouchers 2079-2094

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden then signed Abstract 09 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Resident John DeFrancesco the addressed the Board. He had supplied documentation about the project at the Cape Vincent Marina under the NYS REDI grant program. The program required a Municipal match of 5%. After a short discussion, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the match not to exceed \$781.80 with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden will send a letter to Mr. DeFrancesco for his grant submittal.

At 5:36pm, Trustee Ewing arrived.

Attendee Ian Gilbert, Attorney, introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Gilbert spoke about his availability. The Board thanked him for his visit and will review the engagement letter he submitted.

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

- The crew has been working on the police garage bathroom as time allows and the shower is almost complete and ready to be tiled.
- The crew also is still locating and measuring for mapping the curb stops through the Village.
- The benches/picnic tables have been delivered for the Real St. project. The crew will be assembling them on rainy/cold days.
- Water course: After a discussion, Trustee Stark made the motion to approve and send James Johnson to the water course in Cortland March 13-24 for the course cost of \$1,000.00 plus room and meals and paid with the current abstract as an add-on with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Sovie house: All the paperwork was submitted and the Village will get a reduced rate of \$40.00 per ton. Trustee Stark made a motion for Mayor Golden to sign the asbestos fee waiver form for the Department of Labor with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Shaun Cuddeback, OIC, then gave the police report as follows:

- Policies: Shaun spoke about the policies submitted previously and asked if anyone had questions/concerns. He continues to work on upcoming policies. Trustee Ewing made the motion to approve the policies for FOIL procedures and Body worn cameras with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Golden then addressed “old” business as follows:

- Lot on James St.: Nothing new to report.
- Water Reserves Town/DANC: Nothing new to report.
- Drying beds: Everything is going well thus far.
- REDI: All projects other than East End Park are at completion. As far as the East End Park, the engineers continue to work with contractors and Village about a few issues to include the wave attenuator system. This upcoming spring/summer/fall will have disruptions to use. The Village will work to get information out that the park use will be limited.

At 6:00pm, Mayor Golden opened the public hearing. Mayor Golden spoke about the demolition of the Sovie house on James Street. Under the unsafe structures law, the Village has made all the steps to be able to remove the house and get the costs recouped by the County. As of right now, it is believed that the property will belong to the County and they will have the option to sell at their discretion. Neighbor Kirk Grant spoke briefly and thanked the Village for moving forward with the removal. At 6:05pm, Trustee Stark made the motion to close the public hearing with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The new owners/operators of the Horne’s Ferry, Colin and Edward, spoke with the Board about the ferry landing and it’s ownership. There was some discussion about potential grant funding and other aspects of the site. Colin and Edward will contact the other owners of the ferry and get back to the Village.

Mayor Golden stated that he will be joining a phone conference on February 15 at 3:00pm with Marty Mason and Mark Walczyk to get some help/updates on the status of the outstanding grants with DASNY. Mayor Golden also stated that one of the items to discuss will be the boathouse near the Village dock to see if any funding for assistance to purchase. The appraisal can be used as a guide for pricing.

Mayor Golden then addressed “new” business as follows:

- Engagement letter: Trustee Stark made the motion for Mayor Golden to sign the engagement letter for attorney Ian Gilbert at a billing rate of \$150.00 per hour with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- \$4.5 million grant: The Mayor has had the initial conference call from the State. There will be more information coming within the next few weeks about the whole process. There will be several public meetings. There was a lengthy discussion.
- Public wifi: There was brief discussion on public wifi at the Community House. The Village has wifi that is not available for public use. There are meeting and events in the Community House that could benefit from having a public wifi. Clerk Rupp will get more info.
 - Trustee Ewing stated that the fire and ice event in Clayton was a success and that the Chamber is working on a skating party in March. Mayor Golden stated that Trustee Ewing may want to reach out to the Bass Tournament groups to inform them of the construction at the boat ramps and possible disruption of use.

- Mayor Golden then spoke briefly with the Board about the CVDC. They were asked to look into a food truck idea and they opposed the idea. It is the feeling of the Board they should be working for Town/Village on ideas like this. Trustee Youngs will inquire further.
- LWRP grant: Mayor Golden also stated that there is another round opening for the LWRP grant that would encompass the Eveleigh property purchase. The Board agreed to apply again once it is opened.

At 7:02pm, 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