

May 9, 2023- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the April 25, 2023 regular Board meeting and Trustee Ewing made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 012 as follows:

General: \$587,293.74	Vouchers 4460-4499
Water: \$ 8,043.39	Vouchers 2124-2141
Sewer: \$ 5,467.77	Vouchers 2124-2139

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers and the REDI project invoices will be paid once money has been received from the state and the dump truck body work paid from the DPW reserve with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden then signed Abstract 012 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee Dan Wiley then addressed the Board. The Town has been working on the concept plan with Edgewater and part of that concept is the idea that the water front would be open. There have been discussions with the owner of the properties along the riverfront and the Town is looking at doing a purchase offer for the smaller of the boathouses and Dan is hopeful that the Village will consider purchasing the larger covered boathouse and removing it to go along with the concept plan. Mayor Golden stated that the owner is requesting \$750,000 for the large boat house and that is above the fair market value. Also, the Village would not be in favor of the structure being demolished, as it is one of the only covered dockage in Cape Vincent. Dan then asked the Board to consider doing a joint purchase of the property. A discussion took place and no decisions were made.

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

- The State has been working to take the large tree down near the post office and they are now working on the tree on the corner of Point and Broadway, as it was dying as well. Ben Davis will be starting to do tree work in the Village as well.
- The crew will be working on various items while Marty is on vacation. James will be fixing the Community House sign and the flag pole at the Memorial will be repainted.
- Water main break: There was a break on the corner of Esselstyne and Lake this past Saturday. There have been 3 breaks on that line in a year and a half. Marty is unsure what the issue on that line and it needs to be investigated.
- The hydrants have all been flushed.
- The chlorine tanks have been cleaned and the cattail beds are doing well at the sewer plant. Marty did a call with BC&A and Scott Davis about the cattails and everything is working as expected.

- Demo saw: Marty got 3 quotes on a replacement demo saw and under state contract, Burrville saw mill was the low at \$989.00. With the cart and water tank, the full price would be roughly \$1600.00 and this would come from the equipment line in the budget. Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the purchase with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Port-a-johns: Marty informed the Board that the Town is planning to pay half of the Blue Bowl bills for this summer season for the port-a-johns that are place on the corner of the Village Green.
 - Trustee Ewing thanked the crew for getting the American flags out and inquired about the fishing derby on the 20th and what the parking plans will be.
 - Trustee Stark then stated that the CVIL is looking into polywood board benches in a replacement program for the current benches that require painting. She also stated that there was an inquiry about who cleans the Town buildings as the Chamber is inquiring about the restrooms in the visitor center. Trustee Stark stated that she will clarify with Kristie.

Mayor Golden then addressed the “old” business as follows:

- Lot on James St.: Nothing to report
- REDI updates: BC&A is planning to attend the next meeting to discuss landscaping for East End Park. Besides the East End Park project, all other projects are complete. Mayor Golden will be meeting with BC&A to review the project budgets to be sure they are on track.
- Horne’s Ferry account: There was a lengthy discussion about the property and the current status of the lease/building use account. The Mayor has spoken to the lawyer of the ferry business and had some conversations about the Village gaining ownership of the land and working out new lease/use details going forward. No decisions were made at this time as the Mayor will contact the lawyer again to propose several options.
- Website: Still working on creating new site with North Shore Solutions.
- LWRP: Trustee Youngs made the motion to set a public hearing for May 23rd at 6:00pm, to hear public comments and concerns on the proposed draft of the Joint LWRP with Trustee stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Port-a-johns: Trustee Stark made the motion for the Village to up to \$1,000.00 for the port-a-johns that are place on the Village Green with the Town paying the same for the 2023 summer season with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Village dock: The water and electric of the new dock are not complete for use as of yet. There was a discussion about registration, signs, honor boxes and timeframe for water/electricity. They spoke briefly about dimming the lights. BC&A looking into that option. More details to work out.

Mayor Golden then addressed “new” business as follows:

- Tax Warrant: The Board reviewed the tax warrant for a total collection of \$430,230.60, which includes \$838.80 in unpaid water and \$3,592.80 in unpaid sewer. Trustee Youngs made the motion for the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to sign the warrant for the 2023-2024 budget year with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Boathouse: The Board had a lengthy discussion about the covered boathouse near the Village dock. The Village Board is not in favor of the purchase and or tear down of the property.

At 7:06pm, Trustee Ewing excused himself from the meeting.

- Law building cleaning: Bill Gippe submitted his letter of resignation to be effective June 23rd for the cleaning of the law building. A short discussion took place. Darlene Duly will be asked if she would be interested in the position. A background check will be required.
- NY Forward grant update: The first virtual meeting was Monday and the core team meeting will be on Thursday with a site walk around scheduled as well. The State will in control of the process and they have assigned MJ Consultants from Clifton Park to the Village. The process will start moving forward rapidly.
- French Festival DOT permit: Trustee Stark made the motion for the Mayor to sign the DOT necessary for the road closures for the French Festival with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes. The permit will be submitted after the final review of the map.

At 7:28 pm, Trustee Stark made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer