

July 11, 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 June 27, 2023 regular Board meeting and Trustee Stark made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 02 as follows:

General: \$ 88,304.49	Vouchers 4544-4572
Water: \$ 7,125.40	Vouchers 2157-2168
Sewer: \$ 5,761.28	Vouchers 2157-2168

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Ewing 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 02 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Trustee Christine Stark then addressed the Board as the CVIL president. She stated that the CVIL would like permission to paint "I (heart) Cape Vincent" on one of the jersey barriers. The Board approves the request.

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

- The crew has completed all the clean-up from French Festival. The Town has all the road signs.
- The crew has started working on sidewalks. They will complete Point Street to Broadway and then will go on Joseph towards James Street and fixing spots here and there. The sidewalk budget won't go as far this year as the concrete is now at \$200.00 per yard. The Village was made aware of a person falling near Ann's Fisherman's Faire and claimed a sidewalk was the issue. The crew has reported to the scene of the incident and has started to repair the area, keeping the business hours of the restaurant in mind. Repairs are set to be complete by Thursday July 13.
- The police garage is almost 100% complete.
- Gene Aubertine has been doing some sewer lateral work in the Village for some residents with issues. Marty has assisted when possible.
- The dump truck is set to go to Buffalo near the end of July for work and will be back early fall.
- It has been requested again this season by Andrew White to cut and collect the hay at the sewer plant lot. The Village Board agrees to allow him to do so again this season.
- Employee Pablo Rubio's last day of employment will be Friday July 14. The Village has 2 summer kids from the summer work program with Jefferson County. After a discussion, the Village Board has asked to advertise a full-time DPW position with salary dependent on qualifications and for applications to be submitted by Aug. 4th for review at the following Board meeting.

- Mayor Golden thanked the entire DPW crew for their hard work in assisting with the French Festival. Trustee Ewing also thanked the Village from the Chamber and also inquired about “Dan’s place” that has recently sold. Marty did state that the trailer on Murray St. will be moved. Trustee Ewing also inquired about James St. being closed on Sat. August 6th for the annual Troopers assisting Troops block party. The Village approves the closure.

Mayor Golden then addresses “old” business as follows:

- Lot on James: No report.
- REDI projects: For East End Park, the docks are set to be done by the end of the month. There is still some details to work out for the kayak launch and the wave attenuator is set to be here Sept. 25th. There was then a discussion about landscaping at the East End Park.
- Zoning: Trustee Stark stated that Todd Ewing has been working with ZEO Higgins for a site plan for the demolition of his Broadway property and his new project idea that will be submitted under the NY Forward program for consideration. For the Bay St. property in question for planning/zoning compliance, ZEO Higgins has all the documentation needed and will keep the Board updated on the situation as needed. Trustee Stark then stated that she has concerns about the uncooperative and unprofessional behaviors of the Planning Board members in some of their actions. She would like to draft a letter for all the Village Board to review at our next meeting that will outline all expectations moving forward.
- Village Dock: Mayor Golden stated that he would like to see a “honor” box placed on the dock for collecting a suggested rate of \$20.00 per night for the electric use while docked. The Village will look into shifting some solar credits to the dock usage. There was also more discussion about the dock lights. Talk of a timer/simmer system was discussed further as bugs at night have become more of an issue.
- Horne’s Ferry: The Village received an appraisal from Vicki Staie for the ferry landing area. It was appraised at \$175,000.00. This is right inline with the talks that the Village has been in with the Ferry owners. Trustee Stark made the motion to allow Mayor Golden to sign the purchase agreement with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion. The agreement will allow for debt reduction for the current owners and allow for a “rent free” option for the Law building for a period of time. The Board reviewed the resolution for the purchase agreement and the Clerk will forward the signed agreement to the attorney and other party.
- Trustee Bonney stated that he has spoken to the owners at the Brewery with the resident concerns about the tables on the sidewalks and dog owners in the table area. They will continue to do their best to keep that area walk-friendly.
- French Festival Police rate: Mayor Golden made the motion to increase the pay rate for French Festival police officers to \$34.82 to be in-line with the rate of the other officers with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Water course: The Board reviewed the proposal for employees Dustin Cooley, Dan Radley and James Johnson to attend a class in Alex. Bay on August 11 at a rate of \$80.00 per person. Trustee

Stark made the motion to approve the proposal with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

- CVDC resume: The Board then reviewed the submitted resume for CVDC candidate James McQueeney as a replacement for Nadirah Chestnut. Trustee Stark made the motion to recommend Mr. McQueeney to the CVDC with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Letter: Mayor Golden then read a letter submitted by Bill Gippe. Mayor Golden will draft a letter of thanks for years of service to the Village. OIC Cuddeback still needs to do the background for Darlene Duly to replace Bill for cleaning at the law building.
- Benches: There was a discussion on several requests for memorial benches placed at several different locations in the Village. After the discussion, it was determined that there will be a standard design, that will match what the Village already has in place, going forward. Trustee Youngs is to get with housing for further discussion on the bench details and proposed placement. Marty will speak with the friends of Luann Docteur about the placement at Murray St. public park.
- Picnic table: Marty stated that many of the boaters have expressed that they really enjoyed having a picnic table or two on the dock. A brief discussion took place and we will try one picnic table for now.
- Ferry resolution: Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the resolution for the Ferry purchase agreement with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
 - Trustee Stark then spoke about use of the Community House and maintenance of the Community House. A brief discussion took place.
 - Mayor Golden spoke about the NY Forward grant and what projects the Village would submit. Currently looking at the parking lot behind the Chamber building, a street scape plan. The MJ Consultants will be assisting the Village with projects.
 - Eveleigh property: There is someone who continues to express interest in purchasing the property. Mayor Golden stated that we have not thought about selling it, but will consider if plans don't work out for grant funding.

At 7:18pm, Trustee Youngs made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer