

October 24, 2023 – Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Jerry Golden opened the meeting at 5:30 pm with Trustees Christine Stark and Dave Bonney present. Trustees Robert Ewing was absent and Pamela Youngs arrived late. Mayor Golden welcomed everyone and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 10, 2023 regular meeting. Trustee Stark made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and Mayor Golden voting yes.

Mayor Golden turned the discussion over to Trustee Stark to give an update regarding the status of the memorial stone and its placement. Trustee Stark acknowledged a letter received regarding placement and, with that in mind, Trustee Stark proposed to the Board that placement be at the west end of East End Park, to the left of the cannon. This is an area that could accommodate further memorial benches or stones if requested. It also has good access for maintenance and upkeep purposes, as well as easy access for the families. Trustee Stark also shared that she talked with Jay Ingerson, who was present at the meeting, regarding a lower profile stone. Trustee Stark made a motion to establish an area for the placement of the stone to be at the west end of East End Park, to the left of the cannon, so further planning can continue. Mayor Golden seconded the motion and Trustee Bonney voted yes. Jay will stay in contact with Trustee Stark as point of contact as plans move forward.

Trustee Pamela Youngs arrived at approximately 5:35 pm. Above was relayed and she agreed with all.

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

- Last week and this week the crew has been working on picking up leaves.
- Sidewalks have been completed for this year.
- A section of walk was poured to the playground drinking fountain, which has been installed.
- The Jersey barriers have been picked up and put away for the winter.
- The Police car was sent out and fixed. The two CV joints on the front end were bad.
- Marty presented a proposal from Hyde-Stone for regular maintenance on Village furnaces in the Spring and Fall for \$3,583. After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Stark to approve the Hyde-Stone maintenance contract. Trustee Youngs seconded the motion, with Mayor Golden and Trustee Bonney voting yes.
- Ferrell Gas put in the second tank at the Village Office Building and hooked up all the pipes. Mike from Hyde-Stone will finish the work to complete his part of the contract.
- The Esselstyne Street dock has been winterized. The village crew will be winterizing the bathhouse.
- One of the pedestal bases on the dock is broken. A base will need to be ordered to replace it. Since the damage was done by being hit, it does not fall under the warrantee.
- The sidewalk plow has been sent out to prepare for winter with a quote forthcoming.
- The lift from Steve Hall will be available in November to address several tree issues around the Village.
- Marie Purcell contacted Marty regarding removal of older trees and planting of new trees. They are doing the work themselves and are requesting nothing from the Village.

Mayor Golden then addressed “old” business as follows:

- Lot on James Street: Nothing new.
- REDI:
  - The ribbon cutting was canceled last Friday and rescheduled for this next Friday at 11:00 am.
  - The Village is still waiting on money from the State. An email was received that one of the checks is coming 11/1/23. Scott is still working on the LWRP side, both are needed to pay the outstanding bills. Checking into short-term financing revealed that municipalities are not eligible to borrow money. It must be done through a BAN, which we do not have available. A discussion of options and follow-ups measures ensued.
- Zoning: Nothing new.

- Horne's Ferry: Mayor Golden's contact with the attorneys resulted in the suggestion for the Village to produce a lease agreement and get it to Attorney Paul Fay.
- NYForward:
  - The Childcare project for Todd Ewing was not advanced. Trustee Stark reached out to him regarding the need for a business plan and discussed options. He has a good project and there is a need. He does have the space and has financing identified but is in need of a matching grant.
  - Trustee Stark made a motion that the NYForward project from Todd Ewing be given to the LDC, with Village Board support, for further discussion on grant opportunities. The motion was seconded by Trustee Youngs, with Mayor Golden and Trustee Bonney voting yes.

Mayor Golden then addressed “new” business as follows:

- LDC: Trustee Youngs shared they are going to begin working on a strategic plan. At the last meeting they asked if there were things the Village wanted them to be looking at so they could begin programming out. Kristi Dipple has been invited to the December meeting to share ideas. Kristi is very interested in working with Cape because there is more interest in Regional grants now and they just did a housing study where Cape is referenced throughout.
- French Festival: Trustee Stark talked about the joint meeting between the Town and Village and the French Festival Committee and their request for additional funding, possibly involving the LDC. Different options were discussed that may help with the funding they are looking for, keeping in mind the Village's budget.
- Police Department: A discussion about the current status and future of the Cape Vincent Police Department took place. There will need to be further discussion. Mayor Golden will have a discussion with Officer Cuddeback regarding his thoughts on the future of the Police Department.
- Colleen Knuth provided a letter to the Board regarding the flooding of her basement and information from the insurance company. The insurance companies will determine how to proceed.
- Marty provided a quote from Milton Cat for forks for the front end loader backhoe for \$3,705.15. A motion was made by Trustee Youngs to purchase the forks and seconded by Trustee Stark, with Mayor Golden and Trustee Bonney voting yes.
- Mary Hayman from Reinman's notified Trustee Youngs that the bench for Tyke Woods' memorial has arrived and requested where to deliver it. It will be delivered to Marty Mason for placement. A discussion continued regarding various requests for donation of chairs and benches and their placement possibilities.
- Trustee Youngs made a motion for Jim McQueeney to fill the Village appointee position on the LDC for a three-year term, beginning January 2024. Motion seconded by Trustee Stark, with Mayor Golden and Trustee Bonney voting yes.
- Marty attended the DANC meeting. Carrie Tuttle requested a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the budget and have a tour of the Water Plant. A date was set for November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.
- The Joint Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated, which is required every five years. A discussion ensued regarding how to best accomplish this. It was decided that Marty will take this back to the LDC for them to work on and draft a proposal for the Village and Town Boards to review and approve. Trustee Youngs will forward the most recent word document or PDF to the Board members.
- NYClass: This is a way to invest money and get a higher rate of return. The LDC is not eligible, but the Town and Village are. Trustee Youngs explained possible options.

At 6:48 pm, Trustee Stark made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and Trustee Youngs and Mayor Golden voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Golden  
Deputy Clerk