

March 12, 2024- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the February 27, 2023 regular Board meeting and Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 010 as follows:

General: \$ 45,378.96	Vouchers 4765-4788
Water: \$ 74,212.03	Vouchers 2285-2303
Sewer: \$ 10,878.35	Vouchers 2285-2304

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Ewing made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden then signed Abstract 010 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

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

- Lake Street: The water line work is complete and the road work is almost complete. As soon as the plants open with paving material, the road will be paved. As soon as the paving is done, it will all be submitted for CHIPS reimbursement.
- Ben Davis will be doing tree work throughout the Village for the next week or so.
- The water intake was pigged, with DOH on site and it went well. The pigging can be done every three years now, instead of two years. The intake will have to be cleaned, as it has been roughly eight to ten years.
- The flagpole rope will be strung and the DPW will get a new flag from the Legion to go on the pole, which Ben Davis will be assisting with.
- Marty had a meeting with the DOT about the sidewalk work that is supposed to be done on Market and Broadway Streets. He learned that the crosswalk projects that were to be done by the DOT has been pushed back to 2025, but the drawings sent to the Village excluded all the crosswalks from Market and Broadway to Esselstyne and Broadway, as those were submitted under the NYForward program. After discussing with the DOT, they will be including those crosswalks now in their project.
- Still looking into the CDL courses and funding for employees James Johnson and maybe AJ Maracle.
- Dustin Cooley will be submitting his application for the ABC exam and once approved, he will get dates of the testing.
- Trees: The DEC arborist was in the Village today to evaluate a few trees, to include the trees near the Cookson's house on Point Street. The DEC provided a letter about the trees and their findings. At this time, the trees are disease free and not suggested to be taken down. The Cookson's will get a copy of the letter from the Village office. The arborist did look at the tree at

Kirk Grant's house. It is a privately owned tree, but it is diseased and should be taken down. The Village will look into whether there is a tree ordinance on file in the Village.

- Material Handling Arm: Marty has done some research and found an "arm" on State contract that will assist the Village in pulling and launching the docks. The arm attaches to the backhoe and will make the movement of the docks safer and easier. Trustee Ewing made the motion for the purchase at the \$5,940.00 contract price with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Wave attenuator: Kehoe has come and fixed the wave attenuator under the 5 year warranty and everything looks good.
  - Trustee Ewing inquired about the flag going back up at the monument. Marty said yes, it was going back up tomorrow. Trustee Ewing also inquired when the flags typically go back on the telephone poles. Typically, by Memorial Day. With the upcoming Honor Flight at the end of April, the crew can try to have them up by then, at least near the Legion.
  - Trustee Stark then inquired if Marty has planned on removing the bushes at the Community House as presented last fall by the CVIL. Marty stated yes, the crew will be removing them. She also asked about shelving being built in the Kelsey Lane garage for the Christmas decorations storage for the CVIL. Attendee James Johnson volunteered to build the shelving with the CVIL purchasing all supplies. Trustee Stark then inquired if the pavilion restrooms will be open for the upcoming eclipse? The Village would like to have them open, but temperature dependent.
  - There was then a discussion about surplus docks. Trustee Stark made a motion to deem the docks, keeping only one 20 foot section, surplus and list for auction with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Golden then addressed the "old" business as follows:

- Lot on James St.: Nothing new to report.
- REDI project: There is supposed to be a \$130,000 deposit on Friday. The State is giving push back on several of the items submitted for reimbursement, mainly equipment time for work that the Town did at the Real St. project. There is still some more work to be done to complete the LWRP portion of the East End Park project. Mayor Golden is now more optimistic about the funding of the REDI, as the engineers are looking into other funding/grants to assist the Village, to include Jefferson County and reaching out to Assemblyman Scott Gray. More information to follow.
- Zoning: No update.
- Chamber/French Fest: No update.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs had no update but would like to discuss the Club Street project later in the meeting.
- Fire Dept./Youth Commission: No new updates, but Trustee Ewing stated that the Fire Dept. has purchased a new truck.

- Horne's Ferry: No update, still trying to get a response from Mr. Horne.
- Memorial Stone: No update.
- NYForward: Nothing new to report. Mayor Golden did do a survey for MJ Consultants for their assistance in the process thus far.
- License agreement: Nothing new to report, Trustee Youngs will follow up.
- Signs/donation boxes: Marty has the boxes and will get those taken care of. The LWRP signage is posted and it has been decided that the other signage for the park will be drafted by May 1.
- Joint meeting: There is still not a confirmed date for the meeting.
- DPW Superintendent position: Trustee Youngs made the motion to post the job announcement ASAP through March 29<sup>th</sup> with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Golden then addressed the "new" business as follows:

- Bass tournament request: There is a request for a small 15-20 boat tournament on Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> with a public weigh-in at 3:00pm. The Board discussed and agrees to request donations for use by public groups/businesses for pavilion use to assist in cleaning/maintenance.
- Password policy: The Board then reviewed the password policy as the last step of Cyber security coverage. Trustee Ewing made the motion to approve the policy with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Bank accounts to close due to no activity: Clerk/Treasurer Rupp presented the following accounts to be closed and moved to the general fund account 5425. ACCOUNT 13279 \$12,777.98, ACCOUNT 10016644 \$1.05, ACCOUNT 9636 \$788.90, ACCOUNT 10015225 \$6,471.90  
TOTAL TO TRANSFER \$20,039.83. Mayor Golden made the motion to approve the information as presented with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

- Mayor Golden spoke more about the grant that the Village could use the Eveleigh property purchase as the match for the grant to create a different public space. This will be the Village's last year to get the property included as the match. More to follow at the next meeting.

Trustee Youngs and Trustee Stark then expressed concerns about the Club Street project. They have expressed their concerns of how the project is moving forward and how it appears that the Town of Cape Vincent is not including the steering committee in the project. There are concerns about the proposals and concepts and if there is anyway to look at other options. The steering committee has been feeling that they have not been included in the project as the State intended. A discussion took place. It was concluded that Trustee Stark and Youngs would be drafting a letter of concern to the Town of Cape Vincent and Trustee Youngs will call Town Councilman Tim Maloney as the Village liaison with an update about the concerns.

At 6:40 pm, Trustee Ewing made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer