

March 26, 2024- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Golden opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Dave Bonney and Pamela Youngs present. Trustee Christine Stark participated via ZOOM and 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 March 12, 2024 regular Board meeting and Trustee Bonney made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Marty Mason was excused from the meeting, but Clerk Rupp and Mayor Golden had the following for the DPW report:

- There are more items that the Village can review to be deemed surplus. There is old water line pipe, from the Lake St project, all the equipment from the sewer plant from the conversion from liquid to gas chlorine and 3 old fuel tanks that were in the Community House. Trustee Youngs made the motion to deem all the items as surplus with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Tug Hill Conference: Marty would also like to attend the Tug Hill conference on May 2 for some of the DPW courses. Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve Marty going to the course at the early rate before April 1st of \$85.00 with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
 - Mayor Golden also stated that he met with WWO Gareth Hogan and Marty about Gareth taking the supervisory section of the Water/wastewater after Marty's retirement, if necessary. Gareth agreed.
 - Mayor Golden also spoke about the CDL courses. For the Workplace to pay for the course, the employee needs to make \$21.00 or under. James Johnson does not qualify for this program, but employee Anthony Maracle does. There is a program through BOCES for \$4,600.00. After a discussion, Trustee Bonney made the motion to approve that James Johnson could apply for the BOCES program and try to get Anthony Maracle in under the Workplace program with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

- Shaun helped with viewing area surveillance cameras to assist in the fire investigation of the storage building fire at the corner of Lee and Joseph streets. No information to pass along at this time.
- The patrol car is having issues with the wifi. Shaun has one quote from Brite Electronics for \$1,000. He will get a few more quotes for the Board.
- Shaun will also be at the upcoming logistics meeting for French Festival on April 1.

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

- Lot on James St.: Nothing new to report.

- REDI: BC&A continues to work toward the additional funding/grants. Mayor Golden is feeling more optimistic. There are still more reimbursement checks to come in.

At 5:44pm, Trustee Robert Ewing arrives.

- Zoning: Trustee Stark stated that Planning Board secretary Kathleen Pierce has reached out to her and to ZEO Cody Higgins about getting all the paperwork from the Town office to be filed at the Village Zoning office. Trustee Stark asked Cody to make all the paperwork available.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Bonney stated that he message Nicole Paratore for an update, but didn't get a response, as he didn't make it to the most recent meetings. Mayor Golden asked that if anyone can't make it to their special section meetings, to reach out so someone else can attend. Also Mayor Golden stated that he is working on the specialty permit for French Festival and he has left a message for the correct person in the Watertown office. He hopes to have response by the April 1 meeting.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs stated that the CVLDC created an ad for the T.I. Sun about the upcoming vote for the Club St. project. Trustee Youngs has some concern about the ad. Mayor Golden inquired if the CVLDC Board approved the ad. There was also a discussion if the Village has received any correspondence from the Town in regards to the letter of concern sent to the Town prior to their last meeting. There has been no correspondence. They next discussed what topics should be on the agenda for the upcoming joint meeting. They discussed the what the CVLDC has been working on, which is mainly the strategic plan. Trustee Youngs will get an update on the due date of the strategic plan.
- Fire Dept./Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing stated that he had no update on the Youth Commission. The Fire Dept. also just had their Dutch supper, that was well attended. Trustee Ewing thanked the Fire Dept. for their quick response to the Village's recent fire. Lastly, Trustee Ewing stated the honor flight will be leaving 12:00 on Friday April 26 from the Legion and they will return on Saturday April 27th.
- Mayor Golden then stated that he had got response from the Ambulance that they will have services available in the Town/Village for the eclipse April 8th.
- Horne's Ferry: Mayor Golden then stated that he has reached out via text message and received response for Mr. Horne. Mr. Horne will be back in New York after Easter. Mayor Golden would like Trustee Youngs to meet with him and Mr. Horne after his return to come to an agreement moving forward.
- Memorial Stone: Trustee Stark has no new update, but Mayor Golden stated that they have received some large donations as of late.
- NYForward: Nothing new to report. Mayor Golden did state that even if the Village is awarded, he would like to hold off on any construction until the next budget year 2025-2026.
- License agreement: Trustee Youngs will reach out for an update on status.
- Signs/boxes at East End Park: Still need to work on sign details so Marty can get ordered. The donation boxes are here.

- Joint meeting: The Town, Village and CVLDC will have a meeting on Thursday April 11th at 6:30 at the Rec Park.
- LWRP: Irene from the State has been in touch with the Town and the Village with some questions before final approval.

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

- Public hearing: There will be a public hearing for the tentative budget at the April 9th meeting at 6:00pm.
- Mini-cruise request: The Village was forwarded a request from the Chamber for a mini cruise of 20 boats, 36 feet long for the weekend of the July 5th. A discussion took place. Clerk Rupp will reach out to group and let them know that the Village will not be able to accommodate the group, as our docks are at a first come, first serve basis and our docks at East End are not for overnight dockage and they have no utilities.
- IMA Addendum: The CVLDC asked the Town and Village to review the Addendum as they are now an official 501c3. Trustee Ewing made the motion for Mayor Golden to sign the agreement with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Letter: Mayor Golden read a letter he drafted to resident Kirk Grant about a tree in his property that is diseased and is in need of removal. The letter is to give him notice of the tree’s health.
- LWRP grant: There will be another round of the grant that would allow for the purchase of the Eveleigh property to be included for the grant match. This is the final year that the property will be eligible for the match. Mayor Golden feels that the Board should try to apply once again as it will not be a cost to the taxpayers. The application will be done in-house. Trustee Stark then stated that she doesn’t fully support of idea. She would prefer the lot be subdivided. Trustee Bonney made the motion for the Village to apply once the application is open with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion. Trustee Youngs and Mayor Golden voting yes and Trustee Stark voting no.
- Sewer exam: Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the \$195.00 application fee for employee Dustin Cooley to sit for the state exam with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 6:39pm, Trustee Ewing made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer