

April 23, 2024- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the April 9, 2024 regular Board meeting and the joint meeting on April 11, 2024 and Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Jacob Cashel who resides on the corner of Kelsey Lane and James Street then addressed the Board. He inquired about the Village placing the speed bump on Kelsey Lane as he has safety concerns. The Board agreed and Marty will get the speed bump installed.

Attendee Lee Edsall then extended a thank you to the DPW crew for their work this past winter to keep the roads and sidewalks clear.

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

- Mayor Golden first stated that the furnace in the Community House was sounding very loud, Marty will check the warranty and call Hyde-Stone.
- The crew has been working with the Town of Lyme doing sidewalks at their new park as a shared service.
- The semi-annual sewer main cleaning will start soon.
- Gareth Hogan has been working on the cattail beds. He has been working on all 4 beds at once and also working on a couple ways to control the tomato plant issues in the cattail beds.
- Ray Stone is back mowing throughout the Village. The mower does have a recall, that will be fixed.
- All the snow equipment has been removed and stored for the season.

At 5:36pm, Trustee Robert Ewing arrives.

- The surplus docks have been sold on Auctions International. The lot where they are stored is very wet, and if they purchaser can wait until it is drier, would be good.
- The crew also did the drain at EE Park to correct the large "dip" area.
 - Mayor Golden inquired if the crew can put space heaters in the pavilion bathrooms with the temperature dropping over the next day or so. Marty will do that.
 - Trustee Stark inquired about the bushes that are to be removed at the Community House.
- Planters on the corner of Broadway and Market: Marty will take a look at the planters to see if they can be leveled, but the concrete bases have been damaged, and it could be a challenge.

Shaun Cuddeback, OIC, was excused from the meeting. Trustee Stark stated that the French Festival committee needs the traffic control plan from OIC Cuddeback and also that the MP's from Fort Drum will be able to volunteer again this year.

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

- Lot on James St: No new report.
- REDI: Working to complete the MWBE portion of the LWRP grant. The Point St. reimbursement has been finalized and submitted.
- Zoning: Mayor Golden stated that Paul Handley had spoke to him about the house next door to his home that is poor condition. A complaint will need to be filed. Trustee Stark then stated that she had spoken with ZEO Higgins in reference to the fire at the corner of Lee and Joseph Streets that has not been cleared. The County has become involved and Ron Trottier will be receiving a notice to get the site cleaned up.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Bonney stated that he had spoken with Nicole Paratore. The Chamber is looking at placing a ad to hire Executive director. They are currently working on a job description.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs stated that prior to the joint meeting on April 11, the CVLDC had guests from Clayton come and speak at their meeting to discuss several things and the group found it very helpful and hope to have another meeting to include representatives from Alex Bay and Orleans. The next regular meeting will be 5/9 at 5:30.
- Fire Department/Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing said that the Youth Commission is not in need of anything at this time and the Fire Department has the spring fishing derby coming up.
- Horne’s Ferry: Mayor Golden has left more messages with no response from Mr. Horne. He will try to meet with him ASAP prior to the May opening. Trustee Stark stated that she had spoken to Colin and Colin had stated that he would reach out to Mayor Golden, but he has yet to do that. Mayor Golden stated that he will reach out to Don Glazer again for some assistance.
- Memorial Stone: Trustee Stark continues to work with Jay Ingerson. There maybe a hold up at Cozzi monuments to get the stone by the July date they were hoping for.
- NYForward: The program website will go offline May 1st. There is no announcement of selected projects yet.
- License agreement: Trustee Youngs stated that she will reach out to get an update on the status.
- Signs/donation boxes: The donation boxes are in place at the ramps. The signs still need to be finalized. There was also a discussion about signage for the Esselstyne dock. Marty will look into the signage.

Marty Mason then asked the Board to review two invoices, one to Gareth Hogan, who purchased a necessary pump for the water plant from Home Depot and another for Legacy Pest control. \$365.00 and \$1150.00 respectively. Trustee Stark made the motion to approve paying these two invoices as part of Abstract 12 with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Marty also stated that Auctions International has concluded the auctions as follows: The ramp for \$6,400, docks for \$2,600, pipe for \$1,500 and no bid on the chlorine equipment. Trustee Ewing made the motion to approve the auctions and to donate the chlorine equipment to the Village of Clayton for their plant with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

- Cannon sign: The cannon sign was replaced under warranty and has been installed. After a brief discussion, Trustee Youngs made the motion that the old sign is deemed to be garbage and no longer needed with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Public hearing: Trustee Stark made a motion to set a public hearing for May 14, at 6:00pm for the budget with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Spring Derby: The spring fishing derby has requested the pavilion and East End Park be used for the weigh-in and awards. The Board approves.
- Village dock: Marty stated that after Wednesday this weekend, the Village dock will have the electric and water hooked up.
- Kelsey Lane: There was an inquiry from Ron Clapp about Kelsey Lane. He recently purchased a property on Broadway that closely abuts the Kelsey Lane extension. The lane shows on the tax maps, but does not exist physically. Mr. Clapp inquired if the Village would approve completing the extension for access to his property/parking. There was a discussion. No decision was made at this time.
- Brush pile: The Generals Mansion property on James St. placed a large pile of brush for pick-up. After a discussion, Mayor Golden will draft a letter to the property owner and let them know that going forward, they can have a truck left at their property over a weekend for them to load and Village to take away as the pile was excessive.
- LWRP grant: There was a discussion about the Eveleigh property and the potential grant funding. This is the last year that the property purchase will be eligible to be used as the match for the grant. There was discussion with many ideas spoken about. Mayor Golden will reach out to Mark Morgia and ask him to attend a Board meeting to discuss his project that will be in the Town but will require access from the Village property. No decisions were made at this meeting.
- Budget: There was further discussion on the few key items that still need to be decided on, to include CVLDC, Chamber, debt, Horne's Ferry debt and police garage funds.

At 6:35pm, Mayor Golden made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the interviews for the DPW Superintendent position with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 7:20 pm, Trustee Ewing made a motion to exit the executive session with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Stark made a motion to hire Dustin Cooley at the rate of \$58,000.00 annual salary upon the retirement of Marty Mason with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Stark then made the motion to hire Marty Mason on a consultant basis upon his retirement at a rate of \$25.00 with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Stark then made a motion advertise for a DPW laborer position with salary based on qualifications with a CDL preferred with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 7:33, Trustee Ewing excuses himself from the meeting.

Trustee Stark then updated the Board about a recent meeting about Club St. with Paul Aubertine, Dan Wiley, Ben from Edgewater, Scott Burto and NY State officials. She stated that Edgewater needs to start

doing pre-operational meetings and a design development product will need to be done and sent out for review as it get to 30% and 50% complete. Edgewater will be making some changes after the recent meeting. More discussion took place.

It was stated that May 2, at 6:30pm, the Town will be holding a special me funding for the project at Club St.

At 8:00pm, Trustee Youngs made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer