

May 14, 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 Youngs present. 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 April 23, 2024 regular Board meeting and Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 012 as follows:

General: \$ 21,077.57	Vouchers 4812-4837
Water: \$ 3,616.32	Vouchers 2322-2340
Sewer: \$ 7,177.29	Vouchers 2322-2341

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Stark 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 012 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Trustee Ewing arrives.

Attendee Kirk Grant, James St. resident, then addressed the Board. Mr. Grant acknowledged the letter that the Village had sent him regarding a tree on his property. He expressed that tree removal was very expensive. Mayor Golden suggested possibly reaching out to National Grid to see if their tree services could be of any assistance. Mr. Grant also expressed concern about the speed limit signs on James St. He stated that some portions show a 20-mph for the school zone and a 30-mph zone in the school zone. He finds the signs confusing. Marty will check the signage. Lastly, he stated his dislike for the barriers at the end of James St. to create a pedestrian area. Mayor Golden informed him that is not a permit thing, as the NYForward streetscape plan will most likely impact that area.

Attendee Mark Morgia then addressed the Board. Mr. Morgia has purchased land in the Town of Cape Vincent and is in the process of starting a large boat storage facility. This venture will require access to the site, proposing from East End Park, via the lot across the street currently owned by the Village. There was a discussion about the project, the economic development and timeline. It was requested that Mr. Morgia supply a map with drawings to the Board.

Marty Mason, DPW Superintendent, then addressed the Board as follows:

- All the benches, trash cans, bike racks and chairs are out, to include all the memorial benches and chairs.
- The ends of the pier at East End Park have been closed in and concrete curb stops are in place to try to stop people parking on the grass.
- The crew has mulched the one to two year old trees in the Village and the crew will be assisting the CVIL with mulch at the East End Park this Thursday. Mayor Golden inquired about the large rocks that need to be moved back to pre-construction locations. Also the other rock beds and an entrance for the crew to get in was discussed, possibly fence posts with a rope that will have a lock system.
- The hydrants are being flushed through Thursday.

- All the sewer main have been cleaned. The chlorine contact tanks have been cleaned at the plant and the DEC will be in the Village on Thursday for sewer inspection.
- All the pest control has been completed.
 - Mayor Golden inquired if the Auctions International items have all been picked up. Marty stated that the ramps and docks still need to be picked up.
- Marty has 3 quotes for the paving on Lake St and will do the binder and the top for \$31,000.00 that will be reimbursable with CHIPS.
- Lawn mower: Typically, the lawnmower is traded-in every 2 years. The current mower is 3 years old and now the state contract is with Burrville power equipment for Toro mower, not Xmark. They go for \$11,999.52 on State contract and the Village should be able to get at least \$3,000-\$4,000 if not more on Auctions International for current mower.

At this time, 6:00pm, Mayor Golden has to pause Marty's report to open the public hearing on the 2024-2025 budget. The Mayor read the budget summary with no increase in water or sewer rates and a \$0.23 per \$1,000 on the taxes. There was no public comment or concern. At 6:02pm, Trustee Ewing made the motion to close the public hearing with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Stark then made the motion to adopt the budget as presented with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Marty then continued with the lawnmower discussion. Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the purchase of the mower to be purchased as part of the 2024-2025 budget with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Marty also stated that the speed bump has been placed on Kelsey Lane behind the church as requested. Mayor Golden stated that placing the speed bumps on James near the school is not a bad idea.

Attendee Kirk Grant then stated his concern with the ATV's traveling throughout the Village streets. They are illegal to run on the streets as they are not registered or licensed.

Mayor Golden then spoke about the water/sewer van. The Village may be interested in looking into an electric van and potential grant funding for purchase. Marty is looking into a few options.

There was no police report. Mayor Golden did state the OIC Cuddeback is working on quotes for a few needed items for the patrol car.

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

- Lot on James St: No report.
- Redi: No real update. The crew did a few of the punch list completion items for the contractor and DC Builders will be contacted about the completion of the other items. Mayor Golden did inquire when the buoys will go out, and Marty stated they will as soon as they can.
- Zoning: Trustee Stark had no update.
- Chamber/French festival: Trustee Bonney stated that he had spoken with Nicole Paratore and the hope is that all the necessary permits will be submitted by Friday. The mass gathering

permit will need to be signed by the Mayor and by the Town Supervisor. They are waiting for OIC Cuddeback to submit the maps for street closures as well.

- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs stated that the CVLDC has their meeting last Thursday. Trustee Stark inquired if everyone received a copy of the draft strategic plan. Trustee Youngs stated that she is part of a sub-committee that will be doing a full review of the strategic plan. Trustee Youngs then spoke about the Club Street project. She had attended a meeting with the Edgewater and the Town about the design. Trustee Youngs inquired about the Village being kept informed of the progress and after some resistance, they agreed. There is a proposed kick-off meeting June 25 or 26th. There was a discussion about the date, as Chairperson Stark won't be able to attend those dates.
- Fire Department/Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing stated that the Fire Department is doing some work in their building.
- Horne's Ferry: Mayor Golden is still trying to meet with George Horne.
- Memorial Stone: No update.
- NYForward: The State will be forwarding guidance once they complete it.
- License agreement: Trustee Youngs has left a message. No response.
- Signs/donation boxes: The Board reviewed the wording for the signage and Marty will order the signs.
- Police Garage grant: Mayor Golden stated that he has resigned all the paperwork in the grant portal. Hopefully the village will get the \$50,000.00 soon.

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- Electric car chargers: Trustee Stark stated that she will fill out the necessary forms for the CVLDC to start the grant searching process.
- The Board then reviewed the 2024-2025 Tax Warrant. Trustee Stark made the motion for the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the document with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- The Mayor then reviewed aloud the engagement letter for Bowers & Co. to do the Village's water rate review and the AUP for the FYE 2024 for a total of \$12,500.00. Trustee Youngs made the motion for the Mayor to sign the engagement letter with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Kevin Jackson, water account 0411, then requested that the Village adjust his water/sewer bill after the fire at his rental home, where the valve was unable to be turned off. This was confirmed by Marty Mason. After review, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the \$45.50 adjustment to his last bill.

At 6:30 pm, Trustee Stark made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss a specific person with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 7:08pm, Trustee Youngs made the motion to exit the executive session with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then discussed having the interviews for the 2 candidates for the DPW opening on May 28th at 4:30 and 5:00pm, respectively. Clerk Rupp will schedule the interviews.

Trustee Youngs spoke briefly about the Town of Lyme's short term rental local law. She gave a copy to Trustee Stark.

At 7:13pm, Trustee Ewing made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer