

May 28, 2024- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the May 14, 2024 regular Board meeting and Trustee Ewing made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 013 as follows:

General: \$ 8,220.01	Vouchers 4838-4845
Water: \$ 3,395.75	Vouchers 2342-2345
Sewer: \$ 2,372.17	Vouchers 2343-2345

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers and include an add on voucher to Brite Computers for \$1,200.00 for the police line A3120.4 with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden then signed Abstract 013 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee Sarah Dayton then addressed the Board. She expressed concerns over the project in the Town with the Villa and glamping on Carleton Island. The owner of the Villa has recently purchased property in the Village and the concern is that the property will be converted to a parking lot. The Board appreciates the concerns and assured her that there are limits as to what can be done in the Village based on the Zoning code and comprehensive plan.

Marty Mason was excused. Incoming DPW Superintendent, Dustin Cooley, then gave the DPW report as follows:

- Dustin stated that he had passed the sewer exam.
- The inspection at the sewer plant last week went well.
- The donation signs are in at the boat ramps at the EE Park.
- The crew will be paving Lake St. tomorrow.
- The benches and table are out at Real St. There is another bike rack that needs to be put out. After a short discussion, the bike rack can replace the one at the Chamber or Aubrey's and move that older one to Cup of Joy area.
- The hydrant flushing went well. There were 2 water main breaks at the same time and the repairs went well.
 - Mayor Golden inquired about the barriers at the end of James Street. The Board discussed and asked to have them moved back towards the buildings at least 6-8 inches.
 - Trustee Youngs inquired about the water leaks at Aubrey Court. Aubrey Court currently does not have shut off other than at the main on their property. They can put in shut-offs at their own expense as the Village does not install those.
 - Trustee Stark stated that the Improvement League will be looking for the rest of the mulch to finish the Law Building and the Community House. The crew will work with the Improvement League on Friday to finish the mulching.

- It was also discussed that Dustin will need a Village cell phone. Marty will start that process.

There was no police report given but the Mayor stated that a FOIL request has come in about IT and copier carriers. The Clerk will respond to FOIL.

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

- Lot on James St: No report.
- REDI: Some more paperwork has been submitted. Mike Alteri continues to work to try to get more grant funding to cover the access.
- Zoning: Mayor Golden thanked Trustee Stark for working with ZEO Higgins to get the permit ledgers for 2019-2023 for the hazard mitigation plan. Trustee Youngs inquired if soil sampling will be required at the fire site on the corner of Joseph and Lee Streets. The DEC is handling all those concerns.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Bonney has spoken with Nicole Paratore and no updates other than the permits have been submitted.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs reported that there was a call on the 21st with the Department of State about the Club Street project. There is going to be a kick-off meeting in late June and this will be an advertised public meeting. Trustee Stark inquired if the Town had been in contact with the neighboring property owners, The Figueroa’s about the plans. The surveyors are going to start the surveying. It was stated that Dustin Cooley had already completed marking out utilities for the area. There was a discussion that took place that included Village Board concerns about a Village employee doing all the utility marking. There is also an underwater survey to be completed. More discussion followed. There is still concern that the Village Board and advisory committee are not being included in the necessary Club Street information. The CVLDC does have the strategic plan. The CVLDC has created a sub-committee and once it is reviewed, it will then be released to the Boards.
- Fire Dept/ Youth Commission: The spring fishing derby went well. The Fire Dept. is continuing to fundraise for a new roof. All is well with the Youth Commission.
- Horne’s Ferry: The ferry is not running as there are issues on the Canadian side holding up the opening. Mayor Golden is still trying to get Mr. Horne to meet with him.
- Memorial Stone: Trustee Stark is working to get answers as to when the stone will be ready and the financial information.
- NYForward: No update.
- License agreement: The restaurant is closing. The structure will need to be removed.
- Signs/donation boxes: A few of the signs need to go up still.

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

- Villa Support letter request: The Villa owner, Ron Clapp, is trying to obtain a \$2 million Restore NY grant. The support letter is for restoring the Villa only. There was a short discussion. Trustee

Ewing made the motion to approve sending a support letter, but not the letter supplied with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

- Large trash pick-up: The Village will do large trash pick-up on Monday June 10 through Wednesday June 12th.

Reserves: The Clerk/Treasurer read the following for the Board review:

Sewer Fund:

Move \$15,000.00 from account 7345(Sewer Savings) to account 9813 (Sewer Repair Reserve) as per budget

Water Fund:

Move \$1767.00 from account 9377(Water savings) to account 10016038 – as per water grant agreement and budget

General Fund:

- Transfer \$10,000.00 from account 5425 (General savings) to account 9812 (DPW Equipment Reserve) as per budget.

The Board discussed. Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the Sewer and Water fund transfers and to not do the General Fund transfer with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 6:40 pm, Trustee Stark made the motion to enter into an executive session to discuss salaries with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 7:04pm, Trustee Youngs made a motion to exit the executive session with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Ewing made a motion to raise the pay rate for AJ Maracle to \$18.50 after his evaluation to be effective before May 31, 2024 and to also increase the salary rate for Dustin Cooley to \$60,000 at Marty Mason's official retirement and to hire Jay Gault at a rate of \$20.00 per hour to start after he gives his two week notice to current employer with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 7:07pm, Trustee Youngs made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer