

June 25, 2024 – Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Jerry Golden opened the meeting at 5:30 pm with Trustees Pamela Youngs, Dave Bonney and Robert Ewing present. Christine Stark attended via phone. Mayor Golden welcomed everyone and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 11, 2024 regular meeting. Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Golden acknowledged the attendees.

- Attendee Bill Gould from the Fire Department asked if there could be flow testing done on the Village hydrants. There have been two structure fires this year where the hydrants did not have enough water. A discussion ensued. Gareth Hogan shared some ideas for testing and options for marking the hydrants. Options will be reviewed to determine the best corrective measure and options to clearly mark the hydrants.
- Attendee Richard Edsall spoke about the dangers of two crosswalks, the intersection at Market Street and Broadway, near the gas station, and the intersection at James Street and Broadway, near the brewery. Mayor Golden explained that the intersection of Market and Broadway is a State road. The State was here in the fall doing surveys. Mayor Golden will check with Marty Mason to see if there was any indication as to a start date to address this. Mr. Edsall stressed that something must be done and he would like to know if nothing will be done by the State. Mayor Golden will make a call to address this and let him know. At the intersection of James and Broadway there is a hazard with the barricades. There needs to be clearer indications of the crosswalk. Mr. Edsall ended by saying the Board is doing a great job.
- Attendee Sarah Dayton asked if the information she dropped off at the Village Office regarding the Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Removal Grant Program and possible funding available to Cape Vincent. This could possibly help private individuals looking to get rid of old boats. She is willing to look into it further. Trustee Stark acknowledged being aware of this information and shared that she felt this may go along with another grant she is working on and suggested they could work together.

Dustin Cooley, DPW Superintendent, then gave his report as follows:

- Trees have been planted, mulched and watered throughout the Village.
- There is an issue with the bolts coming out of the floats on the ramp located on the Clayton side of East End Park. Mayor Golden suggested this may be under warranty and will reach out to Mike Alteri.
- The new sign with larger lettering should be ready Thursday or Friday. Trustee Stark has spoken with Marty Mason and there may be a problem with the larger lettering fitting on the sign. Dustin will contact Marty to clarify.
- Mayor Golden stated that the ice fishing tournament for the Fire Department, which was canceled due to lack of ice, has been rescheduled for August 10th. Dustin shared that Dan would like to reserve the East End Park Pavilion for the weigh-in. Tables will be set up early to occupy the space and make it available to them. Bill Gould will make the divers aware.
- Parking on the grass at East End Park is an issue. Dustin asked about putting a courtesy letter on the windshields to make those violating aware. Options were discussed. It was determined that DPW workers and the Village Police Officers can put courtesy letter on the vehicles in violation. Hopefully the new sign will be clearer and help deter this.
- Mayor Golden stated the Board will need to clarify the dock laws for East End Park. Currently, the rules are for the Esselstyne Street dock. Trustee Stark spoke about the increasing difficulty of parking boats at the dock as well. There was a discussion on how to handle this. Trustee Stark asked that Officer Cuddeback make a courtesy call explaining that the intent of the docks is not for extended parking. Mayor Golden feels there needs to be an ordinance, something more official. Trustee Bonney suggested that limited overnight parking be considered to promote tourism.

Gareth Hogan then gave his water report:

- Waste Water/Water Plant was at 89.6% removal for the month of May, which is good.
- Average flow at the Water Plant for the month of May was 402,000 and everything is going well and is on line.

Shaun Cuddeback, OIC, gave the following report:

- OIC Cuddeback would like a second parking spot designated for Customs to use in the parking lot behind the Police Department. With the Village being busy, the parking lot is full and Customs has needed to utilize the PD parking area, leaving no space for the Village PD or JC Sheriff's Department to park when necessary. Dustin will address this.
- Permission to pay for the installation of the new equipment purchased for the patrol car was given by the Board. There will be a small installation fee.
- OIC Cuddeback shared his concerns about peace officer coverage for the barricades at French Festival. He has eight officers lined up at this time, which would allow for one at each barricade with rotation. Trustee Stark has ten to fifteen soldiers willing to team up with an officer. There would have to be a uniformed officer at each barricade to meet the requirements of the permit. Mayor Golden asked that OIC Cuddeback let them know immediately if any officers back out. If the numbers change, there may need to be some tough decisions made.
- Trustee Youngs asked OIC Cuddeback for a map for the Chamber. Trustee Stark shared that the parade line-up has to be changed from the school to the recreation park, which will close James Street at 12:30.

Mayor Golden then addressed "old" business as follows:

- Lot on James Street: Nothing New
 - REDI Project Updates: Nothing New
 - Zoning: Nothing New
 - Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Bonney stated that the Chamber has hired Ronin Denecke, who will be working 20 hours per week. They also hired Ariel Cherchio as the new Office Manager, who will also be working 20 hours per week.
 - CVLDC/grants:
 - Trustee Youngs stated the LDC renewed their contact with Scott Burdo as their Community Planner, but at half the time and half the cost of previous years.
 - They had their call with the Department of State for the remaining Town LWRP grant on June 18th.
 - There have been continuing talks with the Figueroa's regarding possible space on the first floor for bathrooms and/or boater facilities.
 - The Town expects to close on the two properties in this grant, one this week and one next week.
 - Edgewater is in town for a couple of days for internal meetings, not public meetings. Ben will update Trustee Youngs today or tomorrow regarding the latest on the project. Mayor Golden should be updated as well when he meets with the Village. They did report some design changes to the breakwall in front of Captain Jacks, to add a step-down to protect the shoreline, which was a recommendation from either the DEC or Army Corps.
 - The Town has contracted with Tim White to be the project manager for Club Street, which should be the remaining on the LWRP grant. He will be working with Edgewater in various capacities. Trustee Youngs is hoping to meet with Ben Gladstone to keep the Village updated.
 - Fire Dept./Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing shared that the top of the "Anna" has broken off. He is concerned with the asbestos and lead paint.
 - Horne's Ferry: Mayor Golden shared that the update from the auditors has been received. He was unable to meet with George, but he and Trustee Youngs will continue to try to meet with him soon.
 - Memorial Stone: Nothing New. Trustee Stark will reach out about this soon.
 - NYForward: Nothing New. Mayor Golden will send another email.
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- Signs/donation box – Donations have been good at the Esselstyne Street dock. It may not be as visible or realized yet at the East End Park dock. The boaters have voiced how extremely happy they are with

the service at the main dock.

Mayor Golden then addressed “new” business as follows:

- Mayor Golden stated that the DPW staff shared their concerns about the willow trees at East End Park. There are several that need to be removed for safety reasons. He asked that the Trustees take a look at the tree prior to the next meeting to discuss replacing them with more hardy trees.
- Another Landlord Authorization Form has been received from The Roxy for July 12th and 13th. This is from the new owner, who is looking to be open and have an outside venue for French Festival. Trustee Youngs made a motion to approve the Mayor signing the authorization form, Trustee Ewing seconded the motion, with all voting yes.
- The 1-Ton F-150 DPW Dump truck needs a new bed. Alloy Welding provided a quote for a 9'3” Rugby stainless steel replacement dump body with complete installation for \$22,400.00. The old bed will be returned to the Village and can be auctioned. Transportation may be an additional cost, however, arrangement options can be discussed. Mayor Golden will check to see if this has to be a bid item. It may be able to be done as an existing contractor for the Village. Trustee Ewing made a motion to approve the quote from Alloy Welding, Trustee Bonney seconded, with all voting yes.
- There are five applications received for the DPW position. It was determined that the Board will have a work session and review the applications to decide how to proceed with interviews. Mayor Golden will be available for questions, but will not be part of the decision, as one of the applicants is a relative.

Attendee Randy Sherman presented a “Car Cruise” event that will be happening on September 28th. They would like to gather at East End Park that evening as part of their cruise. There will be approximately 40 – 50 cars. They would like to make provisions to have a food truck available. Mayor Golden asked that he contact Clerk Mary Rupp to make those arrangements.

At 6:30, Trustee Youngs made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss DPW employees wages, Trustee Bonney seconded, with all voting yes.

At 6:34, Trustee Youngs made a motion to exit executive session, Trustee Bonney seconded, with all voting yes.

Mayor Golden asked for a motion to raise Gareth Hogan to \$29.00 per hour and to give Dan Radley a dollar an hour raise with the title of Deputy Supervisor. Trustee Ewing made the motion, with Trustee Bonney seconding, and all voting yes.

At 6:36 pm, Trustee Youngs made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Golden
Deputy Clerk