

August 13, 2024 – Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees meeting

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the July 23, 2024 regular Board meeting and Trustee Stark made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 03 as follows:

General: \$ 18,554.69	Vouchers 4901-4925
Water: \$ 7,640.07	Vouchers 2367-2380
Sewer: \$ 5,527.47	Vouchers 2368-2380

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers with the addition of a payment to Alloy Welding in the amount of \$21,750.00 with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden then signed Abstract 03 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee Jay Ingerson then addressed the Board. Mr. Ingerson thanked the Board for their assistance in getting the "Remember our Friends" monument placed. There was a total of \$16,567.70 raised for the effort and after the monument was placed, there is funds of \$7,267.07 that the group will donate to the CVIL for maintenance and upkeep of the monument and park area.

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

- There is a dead tree at the raw water plant on County Route 6 that needs to be removed and the crew will be able to do the job. Also, Dustin would like to have few other trees evaluated to include the large tree at the Village office and the Board also discussed a few others that need to be looked at further. Dustin will start a list.
- The sidewalk work is going well and the Joseph St. sidewalk work will extend to Market St and should be completed by next week.
- The new sign for East End Park has arrived and the crew will get it installed.
- The streets are ready to pave as soon as the paving company can schedule the time.
- The grinder pumps at the end of Real Street are both having issues. One has completely died and the other is having issues. They are both very old and may just need to be replaced. More to come on this.
- Four out of the six new breakers are in on the Village dock. They are working great so far.
- There was a small water main break on Centre Street. The crew was able to fix it, but it is advised that the Village look into water infrastructure grants to start replacing the aging mains.
- The heater has been installed at the police garage.
- The crew will also start the smaller fence at the EEPark area soon, to assist with keeping the grass free from parking.

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

- Stated that the PD stats were emailed to the Board.
- Taylor Knapp will start patrol for the Village tomorrow.
- OIC does have an accident report for the tree that was damaged on Esselstyne St. during a fire call. Attendee Bill Kirchgessner then stated that the fire district will cover the replacement tree. More details to come after insurance is contacted.

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

- Lot on James St: Nothing new to report.
- REDI updates: The Village has received another reimbursement check. The Village will make a BAN payment this week in the amount of \$675,000.00 and there are still a few parts that the Village is awaiting reimbursement.
- Zoning: Trustee Stark has no update.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Bonney stated that Patty Bach is the new French Festival Chairperson.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs was excused, but did supply a copy of the communication form for the Mayor to sign for the CVLDC about the grant submitted by the Village for the Eveleigh property. Trustee Stark then also inquired about the Club St. project. The most recent designs show items/removal of Village and residential property and she feels the drawings should only show the current plan. A short discussion took place, and Mayor Golden will call Ben from Edgewater to share the Village concern and hopefully this can also be discussed at the upcoming joint meeting.
- Fire Dept./Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing has no update.
- Horne’s Ferry: Mayor Golden has meet with George and Colin. Jerry is hopeful to have a meeting with them next week. Trustee Stark inquired about having them attend the August 27th Board meeting in order to present their repayment plan for money owed to the Village. As discussed, the Village would like to have plan of repayment going forward.
- NYForward: An email was sent today that the Mayor will have to respond to regarding appropriate contact information. This individual or group will be the point of contact for the NYForward State Dept Office of Housing and Urban Renewal to manage the \$300,000 small project fund.
- EEPark: There has been a concern about swimmers in the dock areas. The Village has installed signs. Darlene Duly, Pavilion caretaker, then also addressed the Board with concerns about how some visitors are leaving the bathrooms. There was a discussion. There is an upcoming bass tournament and it has been decided that the Mayor will send an email to the tournament director addressing several concerns to hopefully help open communication with the fisherman/women.

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

- Stroll on Broadway: The stroll has requested some street closures for their event. Portions of Esselstyne, James and Point Streets from 8:00am – 6:00pm on Saturday August 24. Trustee Ewing made the motion to approve the street closures with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Mayor Golden then read a thank you letter submitted to the Village from the CV Food Pantry.

- There will be a joint meeting on Thursday August 22, 2024 starting at 6:30pm at the Community House and Trustee Youngs will create the agenda.
- Attendee and Planning Board Chair, Jeffery Herpel, then addressed the Board. The couple that purchased the "Sovie" property are looking to subdivide the parcel for 2- 4 homes. There is a 30 foot water line easement on the property, which has been marked. The Village does not have a subdivision law, so the Planning Board will refer to the Town's law. There was a discussion on road requirements and more research will need to be done. Nothing official has been submitted for review.

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

Respectively submitted,

Mary E, Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer