

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

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

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

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

- The new ramp signs have been installed and we are still waiting for the large sign to be completed.
- The Auctions International auction is complete.
- French Festival went well with no issues.
- The crew will start sidewalks next week.
- Next week, the truck will be going to Buffalo for the box work.
- The skidsteer is in need of new tires. The skidsteer would not be traded in for several years, so updated tires are necessary. Dustin gave the 3 quotes to the Board.
- Dustin has the fencing posts for EEPark but still needs to find the proper rope to string between the posts.
- Dustin also let the Board know that there are 3 light poles that were on the old dock and 5-6 metal dock frames at the barn that could be deemed surplus and auctioned.
- Prior employee Derek Wiley expressed interest in working for the Village a few days per week until the end of September, if a position is available.
 - Mayor Golden expressed a sincere thank you to the Village crew for all the extra time and effort given for the French Festival. Trustee Stark expanded on that comment and Dustin and Dan Radley went above and beyond even prior to the festival.
 - Trustee Stark then stated that there is an upcoming fishing tournament and that the Chamber should look into getting a food truck to come in for the event and also she would suggest that the Village staff 1-2 crew members to do overtime to assist in overflow parking and encourage donations for ramp use. Attendee Sarah Dayton then asked if she could interject and stated that she thinks that perhaps the donation boxes are hard to see in their current locations and she then stated that she has purchased several, brightly colored donation boxes and would be willing to give to the Village if they wished.

Gareth Hogan, W/WW Operator, gave his report as follows:

- To start, Mayor Golden read a note that was sent from a group of people from TI Park that came to tour the facility, to help with their own plant, and Gareth gave the tour and they were very thankful.

- Gareth supplied a handout to the Board members on current plant operations and testing. Gareth walked through the handout and explained certain lab terms for the Board to get familiar with and stated that all the Village's numbers are very good on the water and the sewer.
- The bimba tube at the water plant is having an issue. It is a common issue that is able to be cleaned and fixed a few times before replacement, but this certain tube is at the end of its useful life and will need to be replaced. Gareth will have to order and pay via his personal credit card and submit for reimbursement as the company does not supply invoices. Mayor Golden stated that getting a back up tube would be ideal.
- There is an upcoming course for water at Edgewood in Alexandria Bay on Aug. 9th for credit hours and Gareth would like to have himself, Dan Radley, Dustin Cooley and Marty Mason at \$60.00 per person and a total of \$240.00. Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the course and for the check to be made prior to the next meeting with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

- The French Festival went well, with no police issues. The assistance from the parole and correction officers was very helpful. He feels that next year will have different challenges, but this year went well. Trustee Stark inquired if OIC had a point of contact for probation and corrections, so a thank you note can be drafted.
- There was a reimbursement request submitted for uniform items needed for the new officers.

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

- Lot on James St: No report.
- REDI update: The Village got an update that there is \$178,119.20 outstanding on the EEP portion and still \$330,000 on the Market St project. They are both under state review at this point.
- Zoning: Trustee Stark stated that ZEO Higgins stated that there have been no permit applications or complaints submitted.
- French Festival/Chamber: Trustee Bonney stated that he will follow up with the French Fest committee is the DPAO concert will be considered again next year. Trustee Stark stated that she attended the last Chamber meeting and that there is a new French Festival committee chairperson, Patty Bach. Also, OIC Cuddeback made mention that the French Festival committee will have to be made aware of certain items placed in the road on Sunday to deter traffic can not happen next year. The street will only be blocked on Saturday.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs stated that the Town is submitting an application for a smart growth comp plan and the Village can be included as a joint submittal. There was a discussion. As a result, Trustee Youngs made a motion for the Village to enter into the application with the Town with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Youngs will get clarification on the financial contribution that will be required. Secondly, Trustee Youngs spoke about the EEP, phase 2 grant that is due at the end of July. Trustee Youngs had made contact with Mike Alteri and has the drawings for the area and the all revisions to the submission will be

due by Friday and Trustee Youngs will need some assistance. This is the last year that the Village can use the property purchase on Broadway as a match for the grant.

- Horne's Ferry: Trustee Youngs and Mayor Golden did make contact with Mr. Horne and he fully acknowledged that he owes back pay to the Village. He stated that he would make contact with them, via the Village office to establish an meeting.
- Memorial Stone: Project is completed.
- NYForward: There will be a conference call on Wednesday at 2:00pm with Kylie Peck for the most recent updates.
 - After discussion from topics brought to the Board by Dustin Cooley, Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the purchase of 4 new tires from Long Park tire for the skidsteer for the price of \$1178.00 with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes. For the Auctions International items, Trustee Youngs makes the motion to approve the bids as the 2 tanks for \$87.50 and \$70.00 and the lawnmower at \$4,450.00 with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes. Lastly, Trustee Stark made the motion to deem the following as surplus and ready to list for auction: the 3 light poles from the old dock and the metal dock frames, with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

- Trustee Stark made the motion to hire Thomas Golden effective July 22, 2024 at the payrate of \$18.50 with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Autos on the River: The Chamber submitted a road closure request for Gouvello and Esselstyne Street at the north from 9:00am-4:00 on August 31. Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the request with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Trustee Youngs that spoke briefly about the example MOU that was supplied by Kristi Dippel from Clayton and she asked the Board to all review and asked for them to all be ready to discuss at the next meeting. She then also gave a brief update on the meeting that Mayor Golden and Trustee Youngs had with Paul Aubertine and Dan Wiley about the Club St. project. This update then became a discussion. As a result, it is requested that all meetings with the Town on these issues be done with full Boards present.
- Breakers on dock: Trustee Youngs made then motion to approve the purchase of the 50 amp breakers for \$1062.00 for the east side of the Village dock with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 6:30pm, Trustee Stark made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a real property topic with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 6:54 pm, Trustee Stark made a motion to exit the executive session with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

There was a short discussion on the LWRP grant application.

At 6:59pm, Trustee Bonney made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer