

July 9, 2024- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the June 25, 2024 regular Board meeting and Trustee Ewing made the motion to accept them as written with one small correction with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 02 as follows:

General: \$ 81,122.96	Vouchers 4870-4900
Water: \$ 9,869.24	Vouchers 2356-2366
Sewer: \$ 9,102.47	Vouchers 2356-2366

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden then signed Abstract 02 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee Collen Knuth then addressed the Board. Ms. Knuth extended a congratulations to DPW Superintendent Dustin Cooley and then proceeded to request that the storm drain near her residence on Murray Street be cleared consistently to keep it free from roots/leaves. The DPW will do their best to keep it clear.

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

- Paving: Dustin got a quote from John Clement to pave portions of 3 streets in the Village. The paving of portions of Bay, Point and Lake will most likely happen in August. If the milling is done, the paving would be \$32,000.
- EE Park: The new larger sign is on order and will be complete in a few weeks.
- Hydrants: Dustin is continuing to research the flow meters for the selected hydrants.
- Village dock: A boater left a message for the Board stating that 50amp breakers on the east side of the dock would be more useful for larger boats, as the current 30amp's are not working for larger boats. After a brief discussion, the wiring under the dock will need to be evaluated to be certain they can handle the 50amp. Dustin will be asking Marty Mason to do the replacement breakers and only the east side of the dock will need to be done.
- Auction: The items on auctions international are doing well and have one week left, closing on July 17.
- EE P signs: There was a suggestion to put up more signs for the overflow parking at the ramps. Trustee Stark then spoke about an idea to help keep vehicles from parking on the grass at the EE Park. There was a discussion that included marking out the overflow parking on Elm St. The Board all agrees that fencing and marking should be done and should hopefully start next week.
- Clothing allowance: Dustin spoke to the Board about changing the current uniform company to give a clothing allowance to the DPW crew up to \$450 per year that will be reimbursable. After a

short discussion, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the clothing allowance with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

- Street sweeping: Broadway will have the street sweeping done tomorrow morning. Notifications have gone out via phone system and flyers on vehicles and businesses.
- Surplus equipment: The following items were discussed to be deem surplus; old lawnmower, fuel tanks and 3 aluminum light poles. After discussion, Trustee Stark made the motion to deem all the items as surplus with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Trees: Several trees at EE Park were discussed. The trees on the point of the of park will be evaluated and the tree that is near the handicap parking area will need to be removed.

Attendee Sarah Dayton then spoke briefly stating that a directional sign as boaters exit the Village dock would be helpful for visitors. Trustee Youngs stated that concern should be addressed with the NY Forward grant for Club Street that the Village was granted.

OIC Shaun Cuddeback was unable to attend the meeting, but Mayor Golden had the following:

- Hire Taylor Knapp and Jeff Froelick at the payrate of \$28.00 per hour as part-time officers. Trustee Stark made the motion to approve with Trustee Ewing seconded the motion and all voting yes.
- French Festival police pay: Trustee Youngs made the motion to set the payrate for French Festival police officers at \$42.00 per hour with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

- Lot on James St.: No report.
- REDI update: The Village has received one more reimbursement but is still awaiting more reimbursement.
- Zoning: No update from ZEO Higgins to give. Trustee Stark did bring the topic for discussion of food trucks/peddling law. A discussion took place that resulting in the Village Board looking into several local laws that need some revision. Once they are reviewed, it will all be sent to the attorney for review.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Bonney stated that the DPAO concert that was scheduled for July 13th has been cancelled. There was a short discussion. Trustee Stark then informed the Village Board that the French Festival parade will be leaving from Rec Park this year as there is no access to the school due to the construction project.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs didn’t have a new report. Trustee Stark inquired if the CVLDC has received the charging station paperwork yet? The paperwork will be resubmitted at the August meeting.
- Fire Department/Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing will inquire about how the new state mandates will effect the budget for the Fire department. No update on Youth Commission.
- Horne’s Ferry: Mayor Golden and Trustee Youngs are going to the ferry landing at the end of this meeting to try to meet up with Mr. Horne.

- Memorial Stone: The Village crew will have the area prepped for the pad to be placed. The dedication ceremony will be held on July 20th. Mayor Golden has been requested to speak at the ceremony.
- NYForward: No update. The DOT sidewalk/crosswalk plan has been pushed back to 2025 and the DOT will work in coordination with the NYForward for the funding of the sidewalks/crosswalks. Trustee Stark suggested that the Village have a joint meeting with the Town in reference to the Club St. project/NYForward funding and guidelines. Mayor Golden stated that he agrees, but would like more guidance from NYS before holding a joint meeting and also the Board agrees that the joint meeting should also be about the LWRP as well. They are hopeful for an August meeting.
- EEPark: There was a discussion about whether a part-time employee would be helpful to control the parking and donations at the ramps. The Village will order more signs. No other decision was made at this time.

At 6:36pm, 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