

August 22, 2024- Joint meeting- Town and Village of Cape Vincent

At 6:30 pm, Mayor Golden opened the meeting. In attendance, Mayor Jerry Golden, Trustee Christine Stark, Trustee Pamela Youngs, Town Councilman Timothy Maloney, Councilman Al Wood, Councilman Dan Wiley and Town Supervisor Paul Aubertine. There were no attendees.

The Board began with a discussion of the upcoming joint meeting with the CVLDC. The budget requests for the CVLDC was the main topic of discussion. They talked about possible reductions moving forward as an option to present at the September meeting with the CVLDC. As for this upcoming year, the Town would like to propose a \$50,000 budget with their share as \$30,000 for the upcoming year with the Village budgeting \$20,000. This will be presented at the joint meeting on September 12.

The next area of discussion was the Chamber of Commerce. The Town and Village Boards have fielded several complaints about the current status of the Chamber. A lengthy discussion took place, and the Town invited any Village Board members to attend the upcoming budget worksession they are hosting with the Chamber to address some of the concerns and upcoming funding for 2025.

NYForward grant funding was then discussed. The Village has not received much guidance from the State as of yet. There was a short discussion about the \$300,000 small project fund and who will administer that portion of the grant. The Village Board did inform the Town that the State is requiring RFP's to be done for the NYForward projects. Mayor Golden and Trustee Stark also mentioned that as projects move forward it will be important to coordinate materials and "finishes" to ensure areas flow together upon completion. Trustee Youngs mentioned the light posts and bollards being considered under the Edgewater schematic.

The Club Street project was then discussed. Supervisor Aubertine gave an update on the Club Street status and stated that the SEQR is being completed and the consultants are in contact with the Village planning board. Also, it was stated that the DEC wants certain changes to the project and budget amendments will be needed for the project. He also stated that the Town has been in contact with the Figueroa's about the proposed use of the bottom floor of their building. They have submitted a wish list to the town, and they are still in discussions with them. The Town has Tim White working on the projects, and he has been working on permitting and they are hoping to demo the boat house and Capt. Jacks soon. They stated all the surveys and boring are complete. Tim White will also be the administrator for the LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Program) portion of the grant. Trustee Youngs stated her opinion that the steering committee (PAC) should be fully reengaged. She feels that the PAC is not being informed on a regular basis, as set forth by the State. It was proposed by Trustee Stark that a new PAC chair is needed, as she was "let go" as a volunteer from the chair position. Tim White was suggested as a potential replacement. Supervisor Aubertine will inquire with Mr. White. Trustee Stark also inquired about a recent resolution they passed at the last meeting about the large boat house on Club Street. Supervisor Aubertine stated that they passed the resolution so that they could start to make themselves available for grant funding to purchase and demo the large, covered boathouse, as part of their concept plan. Supervisor Aubertine stated they had applied July 31, 2024 for an LWRP Grant as "Part 2" of the Club St. Project. The intent is to purchase the large boat house and remove it to make way for additional docks.

LWRP plan was then discussed. The Village met with Irene and Peter from the State. Much of the language and facts in the plan need to be evaluated. It is the feeling of the Boards that it should be a

living document. The Village is actively reviewing the entire plan and encourages the Town to do the same as it is a very crucial document.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) from Clayton was briefly reviewed and it was decided that both Boards would review but find the document very useful to coordinate communications between their respective boards and the CVLDC.

At 7:34 pm, Trustee Youngs made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Town councilman Dan Wiley seconded the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer