

August 27, 2024 – Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees meeting

Mayor Golden opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Dave Bonney, Pamela Youngs, 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 August 13, 2024 regular Board meeting and Trustee Stark made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Barbara Bashaw then addressed the Board. She inquired about the truck/trailer parking situation at EE Park. The Board explained that they are aware of the concerns and they are actively working on new plans to help going forward. Secondly, she stated that there are a few dead small trees on the west side of the EE Park and was inquiring who/when they would be trimmed and/or removed. The CVIL and the Village DPW will work together to get it taken care of.

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

- The crew has finished up the sidewalks.
- Anthony Maracle's (AJ) one year evaluation was due last week, while Dustin was off, so he would like to do the evaluation this week with the Mayor on Thursday. AJ has also started to shadow Gareth Hogan to get acquainted with the water/sewer systems. Dustin is also trying to coordinate with the Workplace to get AJ signed up to get his CDL through their program.
- Dustin and Dan Radley will be attending a free snow/ice class in September.
- Auctions International should have the latest surplus items up by Friday this week.
- Dustin has received 2 quotes to replace the grinder pumps at the end of Real Street. The first one is from Siewert for \$15,000 for the 2 pumps alone without labor to install and the other is from Ron Elmer for \$9,042.72 for the pumps and the install.
- The crew is supposed to be paving next week.

Dustin then gave the Board a copy of the water/sewer report from W/WW Operator Gareth Hogan, who was unable to attend. There are no water/sewer concerns at this time.

The Board then discussed the 2 quotes for the grinder pumps and Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the quote from Ron Elmer for \$9,042.72 with Trustee Ewing seconded the motion and all voting yes.

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

- Lot on James St: No report.
- REDI updates: BC&A is still trying to look to capture some of the admin. costs covered.
- Zoning: Trustee Stark stated that she would like to reengage with ZEO Higgins about enforcing the dumpster and travel trailer regulations. There was a quick question about the lot on James street that could potentially be subdivided and that the Village would have to follow the Town subdivision law as the Village doesn't have one. The Village will look into creating their own.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Bonney had no new update. The Board discussed the Chamber after discussing it with the Town at the last joint meeting. Both Town and Village Board members would like to have more involvement in Chamber Board decisions.

- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs stated that Mary Farrell and herself had a conference call with National Grid in reference to the car chargers. The car charger stations were discussed. There will be a site visit scheduled.
- Fire department/Youth Commission: No updates.
- Horne's Ferry: Mayor Golden has had an opportunity to talk with Mr. Horne and Mayor Golden expressed the urgency to Mr. Horne to have a meeting to update the Village on repayment and updating new lease. Trustee Stark has suggested supplying Mr. Horne specific dates and ask him to confirm.
- NYForward: The Village needs to select the point of contacts for the small projects fund for the Housing and Urban Renewal agency to work with. The Village is still researching a few options of who will administer the grant and work with the state agencies. After a discussion, Trustee stark stated that she will call the State for more information for the Village. There was also a discussion on the streetscape/Club street portions of the NYForward grant and who may be the points of contact. No official decisions were made at this time.

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

- Water schedule: The Board reviewed the draft water rate schedule from Bowers & Co. After discussion and review, the Board agrees to have the draft to move to final.

Trustee Ewing excused himself from the meeting.

At 6:23pm, Trustee Youngs made the motion to enter into executive session with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 6:29pm, Trustee Stark made a motion to exit the executive session with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Stark made a motion to increase the payrate for Anthony (AJ) Maracle by \$0.50 per hour effective after his evaluation given on Thursday with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Bonney then spoke briefly about parking at the EE Park. He suggested possible creating diagonal parking in the green area of the semi-circle area of the west side of the park. A discussion took place. No decision was made.

At 6:32pm, Trustee Youngs made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer