

September 10, 2024 – Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees meeting

Mayor Golden opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Christine Stark and Pamela Youngs present. Trustee Ewing and Bonney were running late. Mayor Golden welcomed the attendees and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees George Horne and Colin Smith then addressed the Board regarding the Horne's Ferry. Mayor Golden updated everyone on the status of the debt due to the Village from Horne's ferry, as the auditors from Bowers & Co. are recommending the debt be cleared, as it has been carried by the Village for a number of years. Mr. Horne didn't offer a payment schedule at this time. Trustee Youngs did inquire about the land contract that the Village proposed to Mr. Horne and also informed Mr. Horne that the Village would potentially be able to be awarded some grant funding for the ferry landing. The Village Board expressed that they will need a response soon to create a path forward. It was decided that they will meet with Trustee Youngs and Mayor Golden on Thursday September 19 at 5:00 at the Village office.

Trustee Ewing arrives.

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the August 22, 2024 joint meeting with the Town and the August 27, 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.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 04 as follows:

General:	\$ 50,108.12	Vouchers 4927-4943
Water:	\$ 10,792.05	Vouchers 2382-2391
Sewer:	\$ 6,755.54	Vouchers 2382-2391

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden then signed Abstract 04 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee Sarah Dayton then addressed the Board with questions regarding two separate trees. One is located at her building at 261/263 E. Broadway, where there are several branches are on the wires. Also, at her home at 184 N. Real, there is an old tree, to the left of her driveway that has bad branches at the top, one already punctured the roof, prior to her purchase. Dustin stated that he will reach out to National Grid about the tree on Broadway and the tree on Real Street will be added to the list for evaluation.

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

- The fence posts are all installed at EEPark. The crew still needs to string the rope between the posts.
- The streets have been paved and they look great.
- Dustin inquired when the Board would like the crew to pull the docks at EEPark. Mayor Golden stated that Columbus Day is typically a good time to get them out and prepare the area for winter. Dustin also inquired about the floats from the floating docks. They may leave the floats in for another winter to see how they hold up.
- The dock sections and lights are listed on Auctions International. Mayor Golden asked Dustin if Ron Clapp has picked up the docks he purchased from the Village via Auctions International a

while back. Mr. Clapp has not picked up the docks as of yet, and the Mayor and/or Dustin will reach out to him to get a timeframe.

- Trustee Stark inquired about the trees at the sunken garden house and one on Bay Street. Dustin stated that he has looked at the trees and they will be evaluated.

Trustee Bonney arrives.

- Dustin then stated that Mike Paladino has left his position at Hyde-Stone and has begun his own business. He inquired if the Village would like to contract with him. We are still under contract with Hyde-Stone and after that contract is up, the Village can do an RFP if they choose to do so.
- The pump stations will need to have PM work done. Gareth and Dustin will look into quotes for the work.
- Anthony Maracle (AJ) has signed up for the CDL course and is currently 20th on the list. He also continues to do water/sewer rounds with Gareth for training.
 - Trustee Stark inquired, on behalf of the CVIL, if the crew would be able to have a truck at EEPark for the CVIL to remove all the dead bushes/small trees from the park on September 24th around 10:00am. Dustin will check and confirm with her.

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

- Shaun presented 4 policies for approval; hiring practices, physical exam, background checks and officer misconduct. Trustee Ewing made the motion to approve the policies as presented with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

- Lot on James St: No report.
- REDI: The State has confirmed that they have received all the required documents for the final payment. The Village has started to inquire about financing.
- Zoning: Trustee Stark stated that she has been in contact with ZEO Higgins and he is preparing compliance letters to go out for dumpster/travel trailers zoning.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Bonney had no update. Trustee Stark remind the Board that they are all invited to attend the budget meeting Wednesday evening at 7:00 that the Town is hosting with the Chamber. Trustee Stark and Youngs will try to attend.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs stated that Monday, Mary Farrell, Trustee Stark, Trustee Youngs and Dustin Cooley met with the contractor for a site visit for EV Chargers. There was a short discussion.
- Horne’s Ferry: Discussed previously in the meeting.
- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing had no report.
- NYForward: There was a discussion for the points of contact for the \$300,000 small projects fund portion of the grant. The following was decided. For points of contact for authorized contract signers are Mayor Jerry Golden, Deputy Mayor Pamela Youngs and/or Clerk/Treasurer Mary Rupp and as for the point of contact for administration of the grant is Deputy Mayor Pamela Youngs and/or CVLDC director Mary Farrell. There is a webinar on September 17th at 10:00am to explain more about the small projects grant administration and guidance.

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

- Trustee Ewing made the motion to officially approve the water rate schedule provided by Bowers & Co. as presented with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- There will be a joint meeting on Thursday September 12 at 6:00pm at the Rec Park with the Town and the CVLDC.
 - Trustee Stark and Trustee Youngs spoke about the lamp posts for the Club Street project. Towncouncil member Heather Jones was in attendance at the meeting and they supplied her with the specs of the lamp posts that the Village has already purchased, so that the Town will have the specs and they can order the same lights.

At 6:06pm, Trustee Youngs made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer