

October 8, 2024 – Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees meeting

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the September 24, 2024 regular Board meeting and Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 05 as follows:

General: \$ 19,979.84	Vouchers 4944-4961
Water: \$ 4,721.24	Vouchers 2392-2400
Sewer: \$ 2,720.26	Vouchers 2392-2400

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden then signed Abstract 05 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

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

- The crew has been cleaning the sewer mains last week and will continue this week. Dustin will have the crew also clean the storm drain on Murray Street.
- The water meter has been pulled from Capt. Jacks, as it will be demolished this fall.
- The leaf vac is up and ready to go.
- The PM for the generators was completed last Friday.
- The boiler inspections for the Water and Sewer plants and the Library are scheduled to be completed October 29th.
- The crew plans to remove the barriers on James Street and pull the floating docks next week.
- The pump station PM's have also been scheduled.
- The front-end alignment on the F150 will be done within the next week. The tires may need to be replaced soon.
- Dustin visited resident, Robert Sixberry, on Broadway, about a drain in/near his driveway. He had been in touch with the State and the Town, but wasn't satisfied with the solutions, and he is looking to pave in the spring. The Village provided a temporary fix that will be address further in the Spring. The neighboring property owner wants to do some driveway/drain work as well in the Spring.
 - Trustee Ewing stated that appreciated the crew as he called Dustin around 6:00am to fix an American flag that was not attached to the electrical pole correctly and it was addressed right away.

No police report was given.

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

- Lot on James St: No report.
- REDI: Still awaiting final reimbursement and will continue to work on long-term financing.

- Zoning: Trustee Stark updated that she had contacted ZEO Higgins on the status of the compliance letters. ZEO Higgins had not mailed yet, but will do so soon.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Bonney stated that he had spoken with Patty Bach about the French Festival. She had stated that they had a slight surplus after the 2024 festival and stated that they plan to request the same funding from the Village for the 2025 festival. Trustee Stark stated that she plans to attend the next Chamber meeting remotely. She plans to inform the Chamber that they should have a Board member attending the CVLDC meeting and to also address the current status of the Chamber organization and personnel. It is her feeling that a list of expectations should be provided to the Chamber. A short discussion took place and Trustee Stark volunteered to create a list of expectations for the Village Board to review.
- CVLDC: The Board reviewed the revised IMA and discussed. Trustee Youngs made a motion to approve the Mayor signing the IMA for 2025 with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes. The Board then discussed the communication form for the consultant for the \$300,000 small project funds. Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the form with Trustee's Bonney and Youngs signing the form with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing stated that the Fire Dept has a new roof and the floors have been painted. All is well with the Youth Commission.
- Horne's Ferry: Mayor Golden stated that it is nice that the ferry is running again for the rest of the season after Mr. Horne's passing. Mayor Golden has been in contact with Paul Fay, the attorney for Mr. Horne, and he stated that the business/family would like to move forward with the land contract with the Village. There was a discussion as certain portions of the agreement will need to be revised to include a discussion about the computers that will now have to be supplied to the Border Patrol by the Village starting in Sept. 2025. More discussion took place. Mayor Golden will be in further contact with the attorney.
- NYForward: No new information to report.
 - Trustee Stark then inquired about the most recent emails/discussions with Irene from the State about the LWRP plan. Irene is working with the Town and the Village. There is an upcoming meeting November 12th from 10:30-12:00. The Board then discussed several concerns they have about the draft LWRP plan.
 - Trustee Stark then also inquired about the local laws that need to be revised and created. She will start drafting revisions/new laws for Board review.

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

- Aubrey's: Mr. Joseph Chavoustie made an inquiry if the Village would reduce the EDU charges for the grocery store, as it is closing for the upcoming winter season. There was a discussion. The Village Board will not be able to approve a reduction in the EDU charge, as it would set a precedent for others to take advantage of the reduction and this would cause a tremendous stress on the year-round residents to bear all the costs. Trustee Bonney will reach out to Mr. Chavoustie to inform him of the discussion.
- Resident Colleen Knuth submitted a letter in reference to her previous visit to the Village Board and the minutes of the meeting she attended. Mayor Golden read the letter aloud. A copy of the letter will be filed in the Village office and in the minutes book, but the official minutes of the July 9, 2024 meeting will not be changed as they have already been accepted by the Village Board.

- Cape Vincent Arts Council: The CVAC requested a support letter from the Board for a grant they are submitting to continue the Concerts on the Green music series. Trustee Youngs made a motion for Mayor Golden to sign the support letter with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- DANC meeting: Mayor Golden and Trustee Stark will attend the upcoming DANC meeting, as according to the MOU, about the past year and the new rate. Clerk Rupp will check with DANC that November 14th from 9:00am-10:30am will work.
- North Star Health Alliance: Mayor Golden read the letter that was sent requesting a letter of support for paramedic-level interfacility transfer services. The Board discussed. No action was taken at this time and no letter of support will be drafted.

At 6:39 pm, Trustee Ewing made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Stark seconded the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer