

September 24, 2024 – Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees meeting

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the September 10, 2024 regular Board meeting and Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and Mayor Golden voting yes.

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

- There were two trees taken down, one on Bay Street and one on Broadway. The arborist from Cornell was also in the Village to evaluate several trees. He stated that the trees he viewed need to be “watched” over the next year and the one on the Joseph Street side of the Community House will need to be evaluated again next year.

Trustee Stark arrived.

- The garbage truck has been “down” due to an issue with the turbo. Tracey Road has done the repairs for \$10,131.40 and it is working great now. The freightliner truck is also at Tracey Road for work before the winter.
- The PM for the pumps has been scheduled with Siewert to be done within the next 3-4 weeks. Also, Kraft Power is scheduled to be here to PM the generators within the next 1-2 weeks.
- The auction on Auctions International has ended. The lights were bid at \$1,325 and the sections of dock frames at \$1,550 and \$165. Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the bids with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- The tree at the raw water plant was also taken down today by the Village crew.
- Dustin inquired about when the Board would like the barriers on James Street removed for the season. It was decided that they should be removed at any time after Columbus Day, at the crew’s convenience.
- Dustin was contacted by the county youth program. They stated that Village can have 2 of the “summer” kids throughout the fall, winter and spring, over school breaks, if we are interested. They will be paid through the county work program.

Gareth Hogan, W/WW Operator, gave his report as follows:

- Gareth gave the Board a report on all the levels/reports for the water and the sewer plants. Both plants are online and no issues or concerns.
- The Dept. of Health was in the Village and Gareth got all the information about the led line survey. He is working on the template that they require and Gareth’s plan is to submit the information a week prior to the deadline.

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

- Lot on James St: No report.
- REDI: Another reimbursement check has been sent and the Village will continue to look for financing and the recent reduction in the interest rates will help.

- Zoning: Trustee Stark had no report.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Bonney was absent, but Town councilwoman Heather Jones was in attendance and Trustee Stark asked her if she had attended the last Chamber meeting and could update the Village. Ms. Jones stated that the Chamber board was receptive to the new ideas that were brought up at the Town budget work session with the Chamber. The Chamber would like to know what the Town/Village are expecting and how to keep the communication between the Boards open. The Town will be discussing further and will share the information with the Village. The Chamber is trying to work on growing their membership and want to start focusing on marketing. They have a college marketing student that has agreed to help/work for the Chamber. All the details have not been worked out yet. Trustee Youngs asked if the Chamber had a chance to consider any of the ideas brought up at the joint CVLDC meeting about combining services. Ms. Jones was uncertain if they had been approached about the idea yet.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs then spoke about the documents that were sent for review by the CVLDC to include the new IMA 2025 and two communication forms, one for EV Chargers and one for the NYForward \$300,000 grant. After a discussion, the Board would like to review the IMA and the communication form for the NYForward further and discuss again at the next meeting. They do agree to sign the EV Charger form now.

At 5:47pm, Trustee Bonney arrives.

- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing had no report.
- Horne Ferry: Mayor Golden reported that Mr. George Horne has passed away and at this time, the Horne family doesn't have a path going forward. The family has been in contact with Mayor Golden and he will be talking with them soon.
- NYForward: Mayor Golden, Trustee Youngs and Clerk Rupp did the webinar about the small projects fund and Mayor Golden had heard from Kylie Peck that the process could still take a few more months before we have any more information.

Mayor Golden informed the Board that he had been contacted by Border Patrol and the Federal Government will no longer supply computers and/or software to sites that have special ports of entry, to include the ferry landing, as of September 2025. There are currently 6 computers in the building for Border Patrol. Trustee Youngs did send a letter to Scott Gray's office for assistance with this matter. More information will be needed to make decisions.

Mayor Golden also then stated that there is an abandoned bike near the marina at Point St. He asked Dustin to collect it and place it in storage and reach out to OIC Cuddeback, as it potentially could have been stolen.

Trustee Youngs then stated that the Club St. steering group had received an email from Tim White about the status of the project. At this point, Capt. Jacks is set to be demoed within the next 2-3 weeks. The demo permit has been submitted. Trustee Stark did ask Ms. Jones if the Town purchased the lights and bollards yet, or did they hold off to order what the Village already has purchased. She stated they will be buying the same items that the Village has. Trustee Youngs also stated that the SEQR is not complete yet but the planning board is working on the site plan review and will complete once the SEQR is submitted.

At 6:02pm, Trustee Ewing made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Stark seconded the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer