

October 22, 2024 – Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees meeting

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the October 08, 2024 regular Board meeting and Trustee Ewing made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Sarah Dayton inquired about the list of expectations that the Village and Town gave to the Chamber of Commerce at their public meeting. Trustee Stark has a copy on her computer that she can share with Ms. Dayton.

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

- Gareth has started seasonal shut-offs.
- Both plants are online and all is going well. Mr. Hogan supplied the Board with a handout of the plant numbers/tests.

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

- The docks at the EEPark were pulled out yesterday. The shoal markers were pulled out and also the barriers on James St. were stored for the winter.
- The leaf vac is working well.
- The PM's at the pump stations have been completed.
- The sewer main cleaning has been completed and the storm drain on Murray St. was done again. The crew will look into the one spot on the drain that seems to have a partial blockage.
- The main dock has been winterized and the pavilion will be done soon, weather depending.
- Ben Davis will be in late fall/early spring to do some tree work. There is one bad tree on James St. that needs to be come down. The crew will be getting the lift from Steven Hall November 4th to do tree trimming and to decorate for Christmas.
 - Mayor Golden inquired about the sewer/grinder station on Real St. Dustin stated that the pump is supposed to be completed this fall. He will reach out for a status update.

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

- Things have been fairly quiet around the Village.
- He got a call from the owner of the building on the corner of Broadway and Murray that had some damage. He is looking into the situation.
- Officer Knapp has been working more on a regular basis and Officer Froelick will start working in the rotation soon.

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

- Lot on James St: No new report.
- REDI update: The Village is still awaiting the final reimbursement check from NYS. The current amount due is \$1,590,306.73. The funding selections must be done selected by November 13,

2024. Trustee Stark made a motion to move forward in researching funding with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

- Zoning: Trustee Stark has been working on communication with ZEO.
- Chamber/French fest: Mayor Golden and Trustee Stark attending the public Chamber meeting and Mayor Golden thanked Trustee Stark for drafting the expectation letter for the Chamber. Trustee Stark stated that the Chamber is currently having organizational challenges but she feels positive that the Chamber may try to work with the Town and Village on expectations. There was also a funding discussion, as the Town has reduced the Chamber funding for the upcoming year. There was further discussion on the public meeting and a few key points brought up were that the Chamber should have a representative on the CVLDC and that Ariel Pink is now the Vice President of the Chamber, with the rest of the officers remaining the same.
- CVLDC: Mayor Golden attended a meeting with the CVLDC and grocery store owner, Mike Chavoustie, about the upcoming seasonal closure of the store and its impact on Village residents. There was a discussion. The CVLDC is looking at possible grants that could assist the small business. Trustee Youngs inquired if the Village authorized confirmation for the CVLEC to do an RFP for the NYForward small projects fund. Yes, it is authorized. Mayor Golden also stated that he dropped off the signed IMA to the Town for their signature. It was then discussed that the Clayton Paytner Center will assist with transportation for applicants that need transportation to the Surfline in Clayton. There was a further discussion on the EV chargers. Mayor Golden asked all the Board members to visit the Gouvello Street site.
- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: No new report.
- Horne's Ferry: Mayor Golden stated that he has had communication with Paul Fay and Bruce Horne. At this time, the thought it to move forward with the land contract proposal with some minor changes. No official information, as they work to deal with the Estate of George Horne.
- NYForward: The Village still only have limited information on the small projects fund and nothing new on the large portion of the grant. Several businesses have inquired about the small project grant. There was further discussion and The Village will hold a public meeting once more information is given from NYS.

Mayor Golden then addressed "new" business as follows:

- Retiree medical coverage: The coverage options were just received late today and the Village Board will table a decision at this time and do further review for the next meeting.

Mayor Golden did state that the dock and ramp fees collected thus far this year have totaled \$6,235.95.

At 6:29pm, Trustee Ewing made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer

