

February 11, 2025- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Jerry Golden opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Pamela Youngs, Christine Stark and Michael Chavoustie present. Trustee Robert Ewing was absent. Mayor Golden welcomed the attendees and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the January 28, 2025 regular Board meeting and Trustee Stark made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 09 as follows:

General: \$ 45,088.61	Vouchers 5040-5067
Water: \$ 13,031.72	Vouchers 2450-2464
Sewer: \$ 7,512.12	Vouchers 2450-2464

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 09 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

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

- Still no quote from Hazelwood Mechanicals for the boiler replacement at the Water Plant. At this point, still only have 2 quotes.
- There was a water main break on the corner of Esselstyne and Lake Streets on February 2nd with the Village crew responding at 3:00am. There was a hole in the bottom of the main and some pitting. The crew was able to fix the main. The Village should consider looking into some grant funding for water main infrastructure as many of the mains are aging. Trustee Stark inquired if the Village should submit a communication form to the LDC for them to research potential infrastructure grants for water mains. The Board agrees and Trustee Stark will submit the form to the LDC.
- Anthony Maracle is enrolled in the Water course and awaiting response from the hotel. He will be taking the Village vehicle. Daniel Radley and Dustin Cooley would also like to attend the annual NY Rural water conference in May. They have not released all the information yet. Dustin will get credit hours for his water and sewer license and Daniel will get credit hours for his water license.
- Dustin has ordered jackets for the crew from McQuade and Bannigan. Once they are delivered, they will be embroidered.
- Outdoor lights have been replaced at the water plant to increase visibility with the new security camera system.
- Dustin continues to work with Doyle security systems with issues at the law building. There continues to be an issue with the alarm doing the daily check-in.
- The water heater at the DPW barn has stopped working. Dustin has obtained 3 quotes for a tankless propane heater, and he is still waiting for one more for a slightly used one. The crew will be able to do all the replacement work.

- Hyde-Stone would like to renew the contract with us for PM of all furnace/boiler work. Dustin would like to get quotes from other companies as there have been issues with Hyde-Stone over the past year.
- The Village will need more road salt. There have been issues with getting orders filled by American Rock Salt Co. as there is a statewide shortage.
 - Trustee Stark then stated that she met with Delaney Aubertine from TILT on behalf of the CVIL and the Village about the earth day tree planting. It has been decided that they will be placing two fruit trees at the Community Garden and three oak trees and one cedar tree at East End Park. There will be further discussion on placement, sizes and prices and TILT will reimburse up to a certain amount that is not fully determined.
 - Trustee Chavoustie inquired about if the Village has responded to a concern about the dock ramp at the Village dock by Joe Dejoya, who fell last fall. Yes, the Village has tread grippers on the ramp on the dock after his call.

Shaun Cuddeback, OIC, then gave his report as follows:

- The concerns that came in recently about footprints around residents on Bay Street has been determined to be a delivery driver. Also, there is still issue with one car on Broadway that is not responding to warning tickets for no overnight parking. OIC Cuddeback will reach out to the resident.
 - Trustee Stark thanked OIC Cuddeback for submitting the traffic plan for the French Festival.

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

- Lot on James St: No new report.
- Chamber/French Festival: Trustee Stark stated that the most recent French Festival went well. All aspects were discussed and are being planned. The ambulance still has to submit their response plan. For the Chamber, the event promoter position was discussed and it is their opinion that the position should be under the LDC. The Town also feels the position should be under the LDC, however, they don’t want to give additional funding. A discussion took place, and it was decided that it would be requested that the position be added to the agenda for the LDC meeting for discussion. The Village still feels the position would be best housed in the Chamber but would support the LDC taking the position on.
- Zoning: There has been no meeting with the ZEO as of yet.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs reported that the small project fund grant consultants for the NYForward have been in the Village, and will be meeting with nine businesses over the two day stay. She also reported that the LDC meeting discussed the Economic Development RFP. The \$20,000.00 was too large for the LDC at this time, but their research continues. For the LRWP, the County will help the Village with maps and the Village is at the top of the list for the County to help the Village with the Comprehensive Plan. Moving on to Club Street project, the State has requested a response from the Village on the proposal. After a discussion, the Village would like to have

Edgewater give a written response about the wave action and potential shoreline erosion. Trustee Youngs will reach out to Edgewater with the questions.

- Horne's Ferry: There is still no update from the Horne estate. The May re-opening may not happen, and a discussion took place. Mayor Golden will reach out to the family and the Village attorney for guidance to move forward.
- NYForward: Trustee Stark stated that she feels that there are many misunderstandings with residents and feels a public meeting is necessary soon to give the information we have available. There was a discussion, and no date was set at this time.
- Police Garage grant was then discussed and wondering if it is time to reach out to the media, as it has been an issue to get the reimbursement. Trustee Chavoustie then updated the Board that he has made several phone calls and he is still waiting for a few responses. It was decided to wait until the next meeting to see what response is from the DASNY. Trustee Chavoustie will also be in contact with Mark Walczyk's office for help.

Mayor Golden then moved on to "new" business as follows:

- Trustee Chavoustie then inquired about a "no wake zone" within the waterfront development area. The Village doesn't have a local law but there is state law. There was a discussion to include signage and enforcement. It was also brought to the attention of Ron Jacobs, who works for the Seaway pilots, that the pilot boat creates a large wake on a regular basis. He will address the concern with the operators.

At 6:54 pm, Trustee Stark made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer