

January 28, 2025- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the January 14, 2025 regular Board meeting and Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

- The tree at East End Park is down and the stump will be taken care of in the spring, along with the other stump at the entrance to the park.
- One Cut Above is all set to take care of the 2 dead trees in the Village and they will contact us a few days prior to coming, so we can prepare for them, but they are thinking February/March.
- The John Deere tractor needs some repair. A fan broke and punctured the radiator. The total costs will be under \$600.00.
- Still waiting for a quote from Hazelwood for the boiler at the water plant.
- Hyde-Stone will be back this week to redo the boiler PM's at the Water and Sewer plants. Dustin is hopeful they will be back next week to do the rest of the sites. Dustin also would like to look into getting quotes on switching to another company as Hyde-Stone has not been performing PM's in a timely fashion.
- Law Building: There is a phone/alarm system issue at the Law Building on the Customs side. Dustin has contacted Border Patrol and he has been working with him to correct the issue, as it seems to be an issue with their TDS phone line. One solution would be a radio for the alarm company. Dustin is still working on a solution.
- The 2A water course for Anthony Maracle would be \$1,150.00 plus room and board starting March 3 through March 13. Trustee Ewing made the motion to approve the 2A water course with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

No police report at this time. Mayor Golden stated that he will reach out to OIC Cuddeback via email about the information that was requested by the French Festival committee.

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

- Lot on James: No report.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Stark updated that the Chamber selected a new Board of Directors with Ariel Pink as President, Patty Bach as Vice President, Lorrie Moss as Secretary and Lyndi Hill as the Treasurer. There are still seats available on the Board and they are looking for more volunteers. February 10th at 6:00pm is the first French Fest meeting. The Board then discussed the event promoter position that has been proposed. No decision at this time. At this time, OIC Cuddeback arrived to the meeting. He stated that he is working on the information for the French Fest but also explained the difficulties that will come with not having enough armed officers. It was also stated that the ambulance is also working on their French Fest plan.

- Zoning: No update, Mayor Golden and Trustee Chavoustie still plan to meet with ZEO Higgins.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs updated that there will be a ZOOM meeting with the Heritage group for the first steps of the NYForward small project grant process. The applications are due March 7th. We now have the login for the grant portal for the EV Charger grant. There was an exit interview for the LWRP grant for EEPark phase 2 that was not awarded. It was stated that our application was very good but the grant pool was highly competitive. The discussion then shifted to the Club Street project and the continued lack of communication from the Town on changes/updates on the project. As a result of the conversation, it was requested that Town Board liaison Ron Jacobs take the concerns to the Town Board. Next was a discussion about the “Community Planner” position. There are some concerns that the Village is not being considered/included. Back to the Club Street project, the Village has received an email that requires a response to the State within 30-days of receipt regarding comments or concerns we may have related to permitting actions within our water front revitalization area. As the Board discussed, Trustee Youngs or Trustee Chavoustie will reach out as PAC members to Edgewater for a copy of the current design and to inquire about the current designs’ effects upon the shoreline.
- REDI documents: Mayor Golden then stated that he will reach out to Scott Burto, via email, for him to return the REDI documents to the Village office.
- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing stated that he is not sure if the Fire Dept. work is complete and has still requested they develop a contingency plan.
- Horne’s Ferry: Mayor Golden has reached out to Bruce Horne, but no reply prior to the meeting. He will continue to reach out to him for a status update.
- NYForward: There was a Webex meeting last week that Mayor Golden, Trustee Youngs and Clerk Rupp attended. There is no contract in place yet, and that most likely won’t happen until mid-late summer. There was also a discussion about the DOT sidewalk program that needs to be addressed as a portion of their project will overlap the streetscape project. As the discussion continued, Trustee Stark stated that she feels an administrative group is necessary for the Village projects and we need to be certain that the Town and Village projects flow with same materials and designs. It was discussed that Mayor Golden would reach out to Marty Mason to ask if he would be interested in grant admin. work. Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the Mayor contacting Mr. Mason with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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- Evaluation: Trustee Ewing made the motion approve the \$0.50 per hour pay raise for employee Thomas Golden after his evaluation with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and Trustee Youngs and Trustee Chavoustie voting yes and Mayor Golden abstaining.
- The Village received a 30-day liquor license waiver request from the Cape Vincent Brewing Company. Trustee Chavoustie made the motion to approve the waiver with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes. Clerk Rupp will draft and send the letter.
- Trustee Youngs stated that she had a call from a Town Councilman with concerns about a fishing tournament group that was going to hold a fishing tournament in Cape Vincent and the Council

person stated that the Village Clerk “turned them away”. Clerk Rupp then updated the Board that the group in question required that the Village fulfill their RFP that included that the Village would supply meals and lodging for tournament. Clerk Rupp informed the director that was not something the Village is legally allowed to do, and advised them to reach out to the Chamber.

- Trustee Ewing reminded the Board of the upcoming Lions Club breakfast that will be held February 9th that will benefit the Honor Flight.

At 7:00pm, Trustee Ewing made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Chavoustie seconded the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer