

April 10, 2025 – Joint meeting of the Village of Cape Vincent and Town of Cape Vincent

Mayor Jerry Golden opened the meeting with Trustees Christine Stark, Pamela Youngs and Michael Chavoustie present along with Town Supervisor Paul Aubertine and Town council members Dan Wiley, Alan Wood, Ron Jacobs and Heather Miller. Mayor Golden welcomed everyone and led the pledge of allegiance.

At 5:01pm, Councilman Wood made the motion to enter into an executive session to discuss the status of litigation of the CV Ambulance with Supervisor Aubertine seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 5:18, Councilman Jacobs made the motion to exit the executive session with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Supervisor Aubertine thanked the Village Board for reviewing and signing the documents for Water District #7.

Mayor Golden then moved on to the proposed local law at the East End Park. Mayor Golden explained the background of the local law and how the fees collected for boat ramp use are used for maintenance of the park/pavilion. The conversation then moved to the recent grant application for the EV Chargers in the Village, behind the Chamber building. The Village has been approved for the \$200,000.00 National Grid portion of the project. The project is on hold at this time until the awards are announced for the State awards for the EV Chargers. Both grants are reimbursable at completion of the project, with the Village being responsible for roughly \$16,000.00. A discussion took place.

Trustee Stark then moved along to the NY Forward project discussion by requesting if the Village could start joining in on the monthly meetings with Tim White and Jen Voss on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of the month, either via phone or Zoom. The goal is to ensure consistency in materials, design and execution. Supervisor Aubertine agreed that the projects should move forward simultaneously and the Town agreed that the Village should join the monthly meetings with Jen Voss. Mayor Golden did update the group that the NY Forward small projects have been awarded and they are moving forward with help from the CVLDC.

The next topic was the joint LWRP and Waterfront Development projects. Mayor Golden asked Supervisor Aubertine to give an update on the status of the projects. He stated that there are starting to be visual changes and the 3<sup>rd</sup> reimbursement for the LWRP has just been submitted. The marina area has been reworked and Tim White has begun working with Jen Voss from the NYForward. There is no new information on the federal grant application and if this is not awarded, there would be less dockage. The Town crew will be working in the Club Street area soon, to clean up and look better before the summer. They are also still waiting for Army Corp approval. Trustee Youngs then spoke about the joint LWRP and Club Street projects. She stated that communication between the Town and Village Board is still a concern. She encouraged everyone to re-watch the May 2021 video presentation from Edgewater that defines the entire process and the expected levels of communication. Trustee Youngs expressed her concern that the Village and other stakeholders are only receiving information “after the fact”. Supervisor Aubertine disagreed that any design or decisions are final before going to the PAC/stakeholders. Trustee Youngs then further stated that the changes and/or drafts are not being sent

to the PAC and that the guidelines set forth by the State are not being followed by the Town. Councilman Wood then stated that it is a Town project and the Village has no say in anything, as the Village is not giving any financial support. Trustee Youngs corrected Mr. Wood by stating that it has been a joint LWRP project since day one. She then reiterated that all Board members should re-watch the videos from the beginning of the projects. The videos clearly define all stages of the project. Trustee Youngs followed up by saying that she would like more inclusion in the process, Councilman Wood doesn't agree or think anyone else has a say in any stages of the projects. Trustee Youngs again stated to just please start to follow the process that was already defined.

Attendee Sarah Dayton then addressed the Boards. Ms. Dayton stated that she attends all Village and Town meetings and she has personally observed the disconnect between the two Boards and thinks that it would be beneficial to collaborate.

Trustee Stark then inquired if the Town would be willing to update the project designs on their website.

At 6:03pm, Trustee Youngs made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Councilman Wood seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer