

April 8, 2025- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the March 25, 2025 regular Board meeting and Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Robert Ewing arrived.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 11 as follows:

General:	\$ 26,053.66	Vouchers 5096-5121
Water:	\$ 12,343.42	Vouchers 2481-2498
Sewer:	\$ 6,799.97	Vouchers 2482-2497

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden then signed Abstract 11 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

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

- The tree work has been completed, with only a stump that still needs to be removed at East End Park, the grinder broke, and they will return to complete the work once it is repaired. There are stakes placed around the Village where the replacement trees are proposed to be planted.
- There is one submitted quote for pest control and waiting for 2 more to come in.
- The boiler for the water plant is scheduled to be installed before our next meeting.
- The sewer line was replaced at the United Church on Broadway. The crew redid the connection at the main, due to the clay tile and replaced the curb stop.
- The crew hopes to start the storm drain and pipe work on Murray Street once the weather cooperates. All the pipes and supplies are in-house for the replacement.
- The crew will hopefully start cleaning the sewer mains in the next few weeks.
- The tree order for the TILT Earth Day planting is almost all in. Should have everything before the event.
 - Trustee Stark stated that she has the rope for the EEPark posts. Dustin will start that project soon.

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

- Still waiting for Advanced Business Systems for replacement computer for the office.
- There are new rules going into place for fingerprinting machines. OIC will do more research as to the total cost. All agencies are now required to obtain their own machines and ink fingerprinting will now longer be acceptable.

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

- Lot on James St: No new report.
- Chamber/French Festival: Trustee Stark reports that the French Festival will be having a meeting next week for all the sub-committees to report the status of the planning. For the Chamber, the What's Happenings are out and there are no other updates.
- Zoning: Trustee Chavoustie had no new report.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs stated that she missed the March meeting. The NYForward small projects award letters were sent out this week. The CVLDC has selected Stacey Rogers for the Event Promoter position and she will be starting very soon. Trustee Stark inquired how information will be shared with the promoter. More information will be coming out on the process and also more information will be announced for the small project awards as well.
- REDI documents: Mayor Golden has made contact with Scott Burto and Mr. Burto will be submitting a flash drive with the REDI work.
- Fire Department/Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing had no report for the Youth Commission and stated that the Fire Dept. is researching the purchase of a fire boat. Trustee Stark then asked attendee Joseph Gould if the Fire Dept. has the submission for the French Festival plan. He will get it to her.
- Horne ferry: Mayor Golden gave an update. The Mayor has been in contact with attorney's for the business and the estate. All aspects of the business are being appraised. Wolfe Island residents/officials do want to see a plan move forward to continue the service. No new information at this time.
- NY Forward: There is no more new information on the streetscape project.

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

- Water Supply agreement: The Board reviewed the agreement, requested by the Town of Cape Vincent, to supply water for the proposed Water District #7. After review, Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Cannon agreement: Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the Mayor's signature for the cannon agreement with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 6:00pm, Trustee Ewing made a motion to open the public hearings with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Golden began the public hearings with the tentative budget. There will be no increase to water or sewer charges and the proposed tax rate would increase \$0.15, which would keep the Village within the tax cap, and be an additional \$10,288.00 for the Village. Next was the amendment to the current water use law. The proposed change would remove the section that all shut-off notices would be sent certified mail to be sent via regular mail. The third topic was the newly proposed local law for the East End Park. Mayor Golden read through the proposals. There was only one question from the public about overnight parking/camping.

At 6:16pm, Trustee Youngs made the motion to close the public hearings with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the change to the water use law with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Stark made a motion to approve the local law for East End Park with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Stark then made the motion to adopt the 2025-2026 proposed budget as presented with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Golden then continued the “new” business:

- Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the funds transfer from account 10017184 to 5425 in the amount of \$20,000 with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Mayor Golden updated the Board on the status of the transfer switch for the generator at the water plant that is to be purchased with the remaining ARPA funds. Trustee Ewing made the motion to approve the \$13,500.00 switch with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and Trustee Stark and Trustee Youngs voting yes. Mayor Golden abstained.
- The Village Board will be attending joint meetings starting at 5:00pm with the Town of Cape Vincent Board and then at 6:00pm with the Town of Cape Vincent and the CVLDC.

At 6:22pm, Trustee Ewing made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer