

April 22, 2014- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Jerry Golden, Douglas Putnam and Elisabeth Brennan. Trustee Pamela Youngs was absent. Mayor Timothy Maloney welcomed the attendees and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Putnam made the motion to dispense with the reading of the April 8, 2014 meeting minutes and the April 9, 2014 special meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Golden seconding the motion all voting yes.

Attendee Kristy Kennedy, CVIL President, then came to advise the Board that the CVIL had their meeting and have made the three suggestions for the gazebo that is currently located behind the Community House to be moved to. The third preferred area would be at the small park area on the end of Real St, second area would be the end of Market St. at the public access point and the number one choice is to move it to East End Park in the picnic/park area. The CVIL requests that the Village moves the gazebo and then the gazebo will be repainted once placed.

Marty Mason, DPW Superintendent, gave his report as follows:

- The crew continues to install the new water meters.
- There has been no contact from Blair or info on the other aspects of the install. Marty will be in contact with them to get a timeline.
- The crew will be working with the Town crew to clean brush/limbs from Village and Town roads.
- One of the current part-time employees will now only be working on Mondays to assist in the garbage/recycling pick-up.
- There are issues with the sewer lines that affect two residents on Broadway. The crew has been working on the issue and Marty has met with the engineers and he will be showing the issues to Marcy Newman from Rural Development on the walk-thru that is scheduled.
- Employee Thomas Kozlowski is out on leave until retirement date. He still needs to turn in a few items and then will be done.
- Sewer plant: Marty was contacted by DEC for the SPEDES permit for the plant. The paperwork is in house and the Mayor will need to sign and the Clerk will email to the DEC.
- There have been more water and furnace issues at the Library. Furnace is now in proper working order.
- Marty has also completed his portions of the letter of requests left at the customs building. There are a few list items that he is unable to complete at this time.
- The snow equipment is almost all put away for the year.

Trustee Brennan then asked Marty about the following issues:

- The winter conditions at the sewer plant? Marty is going to address them at the walk-thru with engineers and RD.
- Any new info on extending the intake? Nothing new to report.
- The street light issues at East End Park and on Bay St? Marty has contacted National Grid and the Bay St. light should be corrected and the East End Park light is on the list to be completed.

Trustee Putnam then asked Marty about the drain issues at the Roxy. Marty is to give all the details to the Mayor to draft a letter.

Attendee Glen Kennedy then asked if the Board has received any new information on a new member for the CVDC. Trustee Brennan informed him that we have a received one bio from an interested candidate and waiting for another.

At 6:00 pm, Trustee Golden made the motion to open the public hearing to override the tax cap with Trustee Brennan seconding and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the Local Law to Override the Tax Cap. There were no questions, comments or concerns.

Trustee Golden made the motion to exit the public hearing with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden then made the motion to adopt the Tax Cap Override Law as Local Law 1-14 with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Planning Board member Bill Kirschgessner then addressed the Board. He stated that he has spoken with Planning Board Chair Jeff Herpel and they have found information on the terms of the planning board members. Secretary Kathleen Pierce is preparing a letter to Board to inform them on the member terms.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the Breakwall. The Mayor has left and received messages from Mr. Warren and he has also received a call from Mr. Schulenburg. The Mayor will be returning his call and will give the Board a report once he has more information.

At 6:05pm, Trustee Golden made the motion to open the public hearing for the Final Budget with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney described the following:

- General Fund has no major changes. The rate established will be \$8.55 per thousand of assessed value for the Tax Levy.

- Water Fund expects to include an increase of \$5.00 per billing per EDU. The Board will inform the public of the water charges changes before they occur.
- Sewer Fund expects to adjust EDU counts for many commercial properties that are currently being under charged.

The Board answered a few questions on a few line items. There were no concerns or comments.

Trustee Golden made the motion to close the public hearing with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Putnam then made the motion to adopt the 2014-2015 Budget for the General, Water and Sewer Funds with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed the Treasurer's report and had no questions.

Trustee Golden then spoke on behalf of the Zoning Department. Perry Golden, Zoning Officer, brought an issue to his attention. It is requested that the Board pass a resolution to have a back-up person that can issue permits in cases where the Zoning Officer needs a permit or is out on sick leave for an extended amount of time. Upon discussion, Trustee Golden volunteered to contact Attorney Gebo's office for assistance on the issue.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the Water/Wastewater Operator position. Upon discussion, it is decided to seek a wastewater operator only and the department has an employee that will be attending the water school to be licensed. In the meantime, the Village needs to have a back-up operator. Upon discussion, it was decided to advertise for just a wastewater operator. Trustee Brennan then offered the motion to have Bernier, Carr & Associates serve as the back-up sewer operator for the Village to fulfill the NYS law that requires the municipality to have two licensed operators with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and Trustee Golden voting yes. Mayor Maloney abstained.

The Board then reviewed the proposed bylaws for the Town/Village Youth Commission. Upon discussion, Trustee Brennan made the motion to accept with bylaws contingent on the Article 5 section C on voting is corrected to say 4 members, not three with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed a letter from resident Tom Brown about a Village tree near his property. Upon discussion, Marty is going to check with either Glen Roberts from NYS Forestry or Sue Guisse from Cornell Cooperative Extension to give an opinion on the health of the tree. Trustee Brennan offered to call Mr. Brown to inform him of the decision.

Mayor Maloney then stated that the 30 day referendum has passed for the reserve accounts in the Water Fund. At this point, the funds can be moved from the reserves to the savings account. These particular funds will be going into the General Fund savings account to repay the short-term loan given to the Water Fund.

Trustee Golden then spoke about the need to find a landscaper to correct the issues that property owners had with the sewer project. After discussion, Mayor Maloney is going to check with the engineers of the project.

Trustee Brennan then asked Trustee Putnam if there has been any resolution to the siren issue that he is aware of. He stated that Ronald Mason is still working on this issue and it is thought that the replacement part will cost roughly \$50.00-\$70.00.

Attendee Steven Hall then spoke about the new house that set to be built on Broadway across from East End Park. The plans are to start building in late May. The project will require the running of water and sewer lines. Upon discussion, Marty is going to identify current lines for water and sewer and make a plan to get lines to the area.

Trustee Brennan made the motion at 7:02pm to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp
Clerk/Treasurer