

May 13, 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, Elisabeth Brennan and Pamela Youngs present. Mayor Timothy Maloney welcomed the attendees and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to dispense with the reading of the April 22, 2014 meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and Trustee Golden and Mayor Maloney voting yes.

Trustee Youngs made the motion to dispense with the reading of the April 30, 2014 special meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and Trustee Brennan and Mayor Maloney voting yes.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to dispense with the reading of the May 6, 2014 special meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board review Abstract 12 as follows:

General: \$49,265.97

Water: \$9,769.42

Sewer: \$6,834.54

Upon review, Trustee Putnam made the motion to approve payment of the abstract with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee David Quik, General Contractor, then addressed the Board. He is the General Contractor for the project at the Rossi property on Club St. The property is need of 3 Phase electrical service and there are many encroachment issues to contend with. It is thought that the line needs to be put underground from the existing pole on James Streets. An easement is needed from the Village for the process to begin. Mayor Maloney will be in contact with National Grid and start the process as suggested.

Attendee Kathy Golden then spoke to the Board in reference to the Ambit energy supplier. The Village is now eligible for a guaranteed savings of 2% instead of 1% on all accounts that are currently with Ambit. The Village does have a few new accounts that are using National Grid as the supplier. The new accounts can be added to the plan with the same 2% savings rate. Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept the 2% savings and to add the new National Grid accounts to Ambit for the supply portion with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and Trustee Putnam and Mayor Maloney voting yes. Trustee Golden abstained.

Perry Golden, Zoning Officer, then spoke to the Board in regards to the Board appointing a Deputy Zoning Officer. Upon a discussion, Trustee Golden made the motion to appoint Jeff Herpel as Deputy Zoning Officer at a rate of \$20.00 per hour on an as needed basis with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Officer Tom Streljau, OIC, then gave the Police report as follows:

- French Festival will again create scheduling conflicts for the Police Department. OIC Streljau is requesting a \$2.00 pay rate increase for the French Festival Police Officers brought in for the that weekend. The pay rate would be \$27.00 per hour. Trustee Brennan made the motion to approve the \$2.00 per hour pay rate change with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- The law building has several large shrub like trees that have grown very large and are obstructing the view out the office windows. He is suggesting that the trees be removed. Trustee Brennan was going to research some different options for the trees to be placed somewhere else.

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

Mayor Maloney stated that the Board had received only one letter of interest for the CVDC position that is vacant. Trustee Golden made the motion to appoint village resident Tom Rowe to serve as a Village representative for the CVDC with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed letters of interest in serving on the Youth Commission Board. Upon reading the letters, it was requested to discuss the issue in executive session.

The Board then discussed a letter received from Mr. James Gosier about the sidewalk along his property on Esseltyne St. Upon discussion, the Board will address the issue with Marty and see what the available options this year are. Trustee Brennan will contact Mr. Gosier.

The Board then reviewed two quotes to satisfy the GASB 45 and GASB 34 requirements. The GASB 45 quote is from Danziger & Markoff LLP from White Plains, NY for a total of \$2,500.00 and GASB 34 quote from Industrial Appraisal Company from Pittsburgh, PA with a regional office in Central NY for a total of \$8,275.00. The Sewer Project will be incurring these costs. Trustee Golden made the motion to approve the quotes and to move forward with the process once Clerk Mary Rupp calls references on both companies with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then discussed the White Farm "old" water account. Upon discussion, Trustee Brennan made the motion to move forward in the collection process and do a judgment to place a lien on the property with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about a support letter received from DANC for the GIS services they supply. The support letter will assist in DANC receiving a grant to expand the GIS services available. Trustee Youngs made the motion to have the Mayor sign the support letter with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Brennan then had the following:

- The CV Community Library received an extension in the time frame that the work at the library needs to be complete for the grant.
- If there was anything further from Mr. Schulenberg? No-Mayor stated May-June was time frame.
- If we have a revised version of the Youth Commission bylaws from the Town? Yes.
- If any agency has been to visit the tree at Tom Brown's residence? No, not yet.
- What is the plan, if any, for properties that have been affected by the sewer project? Landscaper? Mayor Maloney then stated that he had visited the property owned by John DeFrancesco prior to the meeting and discussed his property issues from the sewer project. The areas are the lawn, parking lot, entrance to parking, top soil for flower beds and also the easement from Gebo's office. Upon a discussion, Trustee Golden will contact Steven Hall about the work to be completed and will be in contact with Trustee Brennan to fixing the flower bed at the Breakwater Gallery.

Trustee Youngs then spoke to the Board about a meeting that she had with Mr. John Tucker about the Village Green. They had walked around the Village Green and he gave a list of items that he would like corrected on the Village green to include taking the tree down that was damaged by the ice storm, the ruts in the green from placing the Christmas Tree, the sidewalks and having a few holes filled and the possibly the sidewalks edged. Upon discussion, Trustee Youngs stated that she will get the pictures to Marty Mason and will also be in contact with Mr. Tucker about the items that the Village crew will take care of.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about Kristi Dippel from the Clayton Improvement Association. That group does many positive things with abandoned homes in the community. The Mayor is going to invite her to come to the next Board meeting to discuss with the Board further about what they do.

Trustee Youngs then asked about the sewer issue on the end of Esselstyne St. Mayor Maloney stated that a new grinder pump has been installed and the issues have been corrected. The expenses were covered by the sewer project.

Trustee Putnam then gave an update on the Fire Siren. It is a necessity to have one in the Village and for it to be functional, in case of any emergencies. The siren seems to be working correctly at noon for the time being but a new controller is needed.

Attendee Richard Edsall entered and asked to speak. He had four concerns:

- What is going on with the fence at the end of Market St? Is it going to be moved now that the owner has passed away and it is on Village property? Mayor Maloney stated that the issue is on file and is actively being researched and evaluated. Maybe a State issue if it is state land.

- He expressed his concerns over the Rossi property construction on Club St. He also questioned if any Village money was being used on the project? He was informed that it was not.
- Will the sidewalk from Market to Real St be replaced? Yes, it is in the plans for the fiscal year coming.
- For the property that he owns on Valley Rd, he would request that he not have to be included in Water District #6 for the Town of Cape Vincent and just stay with the Village.

Trustee Golden made the motion to enter into executive session at 7:20 pm with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden made the motion to exit executive session at 7:37 pm with Trustee Brennan seconding and all voting yes.

Trustee Brennan then made the motion to appoint the following Village residents to the Youth Commission Board: Jeremy Rupp, Dori Eyles and Julie Cummings. Clerk Mary Rupp will contact the members to inform them.

Trustee Brennan then made the motion to award the following pay raises:

- DPW crew-full time employees and Part-time Police Officers: 2%
- DPW Superintendent and Officer in Charge: 2.5%
- Clerk/Treasurer: 6%

with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden then also made the motion to pay the ZBA members \$25.00 per meeting with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Golden made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp  
Clerk/Treasurer