

June 10, 2014- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Douglas Putnam and Elisabeth Brennan present. Mayor Timothy Maloney welcomed the attendees and led in the Pledge of Allegiance and then the Board and audience sang a very Happy Birthday song to the Mayor.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to dispense with the reading of the May 27, 2014 meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and the Mayor voting yes.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to dispense with the reading of the June 3, 2014 special meeting minutes and accept them as written with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and the Mayor voting yes.

Trustee Youngs arrived at 5:45 pm.

The Board reviewed additions to Abstract 01 as follows:

General:	\$8,850.62
Water:	\$5,447.98
Sewer:	\$10,046.25

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

Attendee Glen Kennedy then addressed Board in reference to East End Park pavilion grant application. The CVDC would like to submit an application to the NYDS Parks Recreation and Historical Preservation Grant for a 50% split grant. The committee is requesting that the Board pass a resolution to show support of the project and commit the needed funds to proceed with the application process. \$109,000 of local support is required and has been secured through various local organizations. Upon discussion, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the resolution as written and support the grant application process with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Declan Callan then addressed the Board. Mr. Callan is also a member of the CVDC and he spoke to the Board about a Waterfront/Dock expansion grant that the committee would like to apply for. The application is for a 50/50 split for the planning and design phase of the new dockage. The purpose is to allow for more boat traffic and increase tourism. The committee has Town support already and is requesting a commitment letter from the Village to send with the application. If the grant is awarded, the Village would be responsible for \$12,500.00. Upon discussion, Trustee Youngs made the motion to draft a commitment letter and approve funds up to \$12,500.00 to be used if the grant is awarded for the design and planning phase with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

- The crew continues to collect brush and compost. They also have been working on mowing and trimming throughout the Village.
- All of the benches, picnic tables and trash cans are out throughout the Village with the exception of the trash cans that belong to the Chamber.
- All the Village buildings have been sprayed by All Pest.
- There is an auction for Jefferson County that will be held in two weeks. There are many items that Marty would like to take to the auction including a 1970 30 KW generator that was used at the old sewer plant and an air compressor that was purchased in 1968 and is not safe to use anymore. The crew does need a new compressor. The Board approved Marty to take any unused items to the auction.
- The water meter installation is at roughly 73% complete. The handheld meter reader is here.
- The hydrant flushing is complete.
- The APWA will be doing a walk-thru on Thursday at the sewer plant.

Trustee Brennan then had the following for Marty:

- Anything new on the college intern? No.

Trustee Youngs then asked about the garbage cans in the Village that belong to the Chamber. Marty informed the Board that he met with Shelly and it has been organized for pick-up. The Chamber will supply the dumpster and one case of bags. The Village will also be buying a case of bags.

Trustee Brennan continued:

- Law Building? Plants were cleaned up and it is looking better.
- Lift station on Bay St? The finishing work needs to be completed and it will be seeded.

Marty then stated that they have received the first delivery of top-soil and will be using it to correct property issues on Point St.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the tree on Point St. that is next to the Martini residence. The water main break that occurred over the winter caused major root damage to the tree. The tree is now a risk and needs to be removed. Upon discussion, the Board agreed to have the tree removed and Mayor Maloney will contact the engineers to see if this is considered a project cost.

Trustee Brennan continued:

- What is the status of the items being left in the street in front of the Rossi property on Club St? Mayor Maloney then informed the Board that the project is currently on hold. The contractor had been let go and they are waiting on National Grid to move forward.

- Light pole at East End Park, is it installed and working. Yes.
- Anything further on the tree on Tom Brown's property? No, Marty will call again.
- The tree at Jim Docteur's? Marty checked and the tree is fine.
- The limbs on the wires on Esseltyne St? Marty will have Davis Tree remove the next time they are in town.
- The manhole on Bay St? Yes, Marty spoke to the engineers and they will be covering the cost with the project.
- When will the banners be installed throughout the Village? Marty stated that they hope to be completed by the end of the week.

Marty then asked about the schedule for the large trash pick-up. Mayor Maloney made the motion to hold the trash pick-up for two days Monday June 16-Tuesday June 17 and the motion was seconded by Trustee Brennan and all voting yes. The crew will distribute the flyers.

Marty then stated that the CV Lions Club will be purchasing more American flags to be hung through the Village on the utility poles. The Village will be responsible to buy the poles.

Marty also stated that he researched and found a bike rack for approximately \$92.00.

Attendee Bill Kirchgessner then asked about properties throughout the Village that have lawns that are not maintained. Does the Village mow and charge or what is the process. He was informed that Perry Golden, the Zoning Officer needs to address the issue.

Trustee Putnam then asked Marty if the property on Bay St. will be cut in time for parking for French Festival. Marty stated yes.

No police report was given.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report with no questions.

Attendee Richard Schmitt then had a few comments and concerns for the Board.

- What is the status of the proposed Dock Law from last year? The Board informed him that nothing new has happened and they will be in contact with OIC Strelau to give them an update on anything new that the committee has come up with.
- Who is paying for the work being done at the DeFrancesco property? Mayor Maloney explained the situation to Mr. Schmitt and informed him of the legal obligations that the Village has to the property owner. The Village will however move forward to collect from the parties responsible for the damage to the property and hopes to be fully reimbursed.

- The sidewalks on Point St. that are in the driving path to the marina, will they be replaced too, who ruined them? Mayor Maloney informed him that those sidewalks are not going to be removed at this time. They are being monitored and will only be removed if necessary.

Mayor Maloney then spoke about the Water/Wastewater position. The DPW Superintendent and Clerk will be in set up interview dates and check references.

Mayor Maloney then moved onto new business.

- A letter was received by a resident in regards to a home on Center St. that is vacant. Upon discussion, the Board agreed to have Perry check on the property and also asked the Clerk to look for more information on our condemning a building policy.
- Youth Court. A Town Justice asked to have the Village look into the possibility of establishing a Youth Court. Upon discussion, Trustee Youngs volunteered to do some research on the issue.
- Parking ticket fee schedule. One of the Town Justices also asked if the Village could create a fee schedule that is published on the parking tickets. There is no current fee schedule. The Board will be in touch with OIC Strejlau.
- National Grid letter. The Village has been asked to send a letter to National Grid for the Club St. area. The letter would be approving two new poles and three guide wires and to trim a tree on Gouvello and James St. Upon discussion, Trustee Putnam made the motion for the Mayor to sign the letter with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- The paperwork for the judgment on the White's Farm. The Mayor read the papers to the Board. Upon review, Trustee Brennan made the motion for the Mayor to sign the papers to move forward with the judgment with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Resident Jim Hill had his mail box damaged during the sewer project. The Mayor has checked the damage and has reported it to the Project Inspector to look at during the walk-thru on Wednesday June 11. Trustee Youngs also asked to have the inspector check the sinking spots near the driveway at the Hill residence as well.
- Police car-Reserve accounts. The Board reviewed the balance of the reserve funds set aside for the DPW and Police. Upon discussion, they have asked Marty to research and give an estimated price range for the new/used garbage truck.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:03 with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to exit the executive session at 8:19 with the Mayor seconding the vote and all voting yes.

Trustee Brennan made the motion to hire Johnathan Stetson and Artemas Rookman as temporary DPW employees at a rate of \$8.50 per hour with the Mayor seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Youngs then made the motion to increase the pay rate for part-time employee Dustin Cooley to \$9.75 per hour to take effect on the next pay period with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Youngs made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer