

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

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

Trustee Youngs made the motion to dispense with the reading of the July 8, 2014 meeting minutes and accept them as written with spelling errors corrected with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Jennifer Vail, who resides at 481 E. Broadway, then addressed the Board in reference to her neighbor that lives across the street. Mrs. Vail has concerns with items at the Antique store being placed in the State right of way and would prefer that the items remain in the store or only on the property owned by the store owner. After a lengthy review of the situation, the Vail's would like to request that the Village work with the State to address the issues. The Board will review the paperwork that was distributed by Mrs. Vail.

Attendee Dennis Pearson then addressed the Board. Mr. Pearson stated that upon returning to his home in Cape Vincent after a trip to another part of NY, he has some ideas of ways to promote Cape Vincent. Mr. Pearson feels that many small things could be done along the water front to attract tourism while other big projects that the Town/Village are working on are waiting for grant funding. The Board thanked Mr. Pearson for his input.

Attendees Richard and Cindy Edsall then addressed the Board. Mrs. Edsall's first issue was about the sidewalks along Broadway leading toward Tibbetts Point. It is her opinion that the sidewalks should be moved from their current location, to be widened and to run closer to the street to allow for more bike and foot traffic and increase the safety of the bikers/walkers. She also feels that a bike/walking path would be a draw for visitors. Secondly, Mrs. Edsall would like to state that the public access point at the end of Kanady St. looks very nice. Mr. and Mrs. Edsall then spoke about the property surrounding the "Roxy" not being mowed and they would like to have that addressed. The couple then spoke about the Rossi property project and upon a lengthy briefing on their opinions on the permit procedure and the Planning Board, they suggest that the Village Board have a Village Board member sit in on Planning Board meetings to oversee the Planning Board and be certain that they are following all the procedures and processes for permitting.

Mayor Maloney then introduced the new Town/Village Planner, Angela Rose. Angela stated that she plans to hold office hours Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's from 11:00-4:00.

Attendee Larry Hickey then stated that he has a safety concern about one of his neighbors that rents their home out. He also questions whether the same guidelines are required for people who rent their homes out and people who own motel/hotels. The Board referred Mr. Hickey to the Zoning Officer Perry Golden for any concerns as far as running a home business.

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

- The DPW crew is ready to move the gazebo from behind the Community House to East End Park, but they have not been given the location that it is to be moved to. Trustee Brennan is going to contact the Improvement League and ask them where it is to be moved to.
- The new hire for the water/wastewater operation is doing a great job so far. He will have a 3 month evaluation.
- There are roughly 100 meters that have yet to be installed and the reading equipment at the sewer plant is installed and the equipment at the Village Office will be finished soon.
- The new water hook-up for the Hammond property on Broadway is complete and the sewer hook-up started today. The sewer portion should be complete by the end of the week.
- Marty has left another message for Glen Roberts, DEC Forrester, to come and inspect the trees in question throughout the Village.
- Sidewalk work will start the first part of August. The crew is set to do a section of Broadway and the Post Office area.

Trustee Putnam spoke to Marty about the street condition at the corner of Centre St. and Joseph St. and stated that it needs to be fixed.

Marty then stated that he had been in contact with Suit-Kote and he has a revised quote to do Bay St. only to the first driveway of Aubrey Court.

Trustee Brennan then asked Marty if he has any more information to share about getting a new garbage truck. Marty stated that he didn't have anything new but is thinking of possibly putting it out to bid.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the list that is being generated to give to the engineers about issues caused by the project. The Village Board would like to review the list hopefully by the next meeting.

Trustee Brennan then asked Marty about the lawn issues at Richard Schmitt's residence. Marty stated that the issues have all been addressed.

Thomas Streljau, Officer in Charge (OIC), then addressed the Board:

- A big thank you to whoever is responsible for getting the trees at the Law Building taken care of.
- French Festival went very well and there were no incidents.
- The dock usage law does still need some more work/research mainly on the beam size specifications.
- The new parking ticket structure needs some more research and once complete, the Board will receive a copy. This will also require an ordinance to be put into place.

Trustee Putnam then asked OIC Strejau about an incident French Festival Saturday where two medics at an incident stated that the officers that responded to the call showed lack of concern. OIC Strejau will check into the situation.

Trustee Golden then asked OIC Strejalu about the generator at the Law Building and if it had been serviced. It should be done two times per year. OIC stated that yes, needs to be done.

The Board then reviewed the Treasurer's report. It was discussed to revise the current water usage law to state that certified mail notification is not required for water turn off due to non-payment. Mayor Maloney is going to check with Gebo's office. There were no other comments or concerns.

Mayor Maloney then addressed old business. For the Youth Court issue, Trustee Youngs had spoken with Judge Colleen Knuth. The program needs some ideas for Community Service within the Village. Upon discussion, it was stated that the DPW could always use community Service help.

Mayor Maloney then stated that there is no date set for the meeting with Tom Carmen from Samaritan yet.

The Board then addressed setting a public hearing date for the water/sewer billing rates. The Board tabled the issue until the next meeting.

Mayor Maloney then spoke on new business. A letter that was received by a resident on Broadway St., who would like to remove one or two trees to accommodate expanding a driveway and garage. Upon review and discussion, the Board would like Glen Roberts, DEC Forrester, to exam the trees. Trustee Putnam will speak with the owners to explain the policy on trees.

Trustee Brennan then asked if there is anything new on the Breakwall to share. Mayor Maloney stated that there will be a meeting September 18th with Dave Schulenburg, who will be giving an explanation on the result of the study that the Army Corp. performed.

Trustee Brennan then spoke about the SASS- Scenic Area of Statewide Significance survey that is available online. She encourages everyone to take the time to fill out the survey and there will be a meeting August 18th at the Clayton Opera House about the program.

Trustee Brennan also then stated that the minutes from June 24, 2014 meeting that the Village would send flower/gift to Marcy Newman need to be amended. The Board will fund the gift privately. Trustee Brennan made the motion to rescind the prior motion with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Brennan then commented that she had received a complaint about the mowing of the bass ponds on Joseph St.. Upon discussion, the Board will ask Perry to inquire why the grass cannot be mowed more than one time per season.

Trustee Brennan then spoke about the permit for the Antique store. The Board plans to ask Perry to check on the current permit and think about ways to come to a compromise for the involved parties.

Trustee Putnam then spoke about the complaint received about the Planning Board. As he stated, the Planning and Zoning Boards are the Village Board's responsibility. It is his opinion that a meeting be set up to discuss the complaints received.

Trustee Golden made the motion at 7:53 pm to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp
Clerk/Treasurer