

November 11, 2014- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Timothy D. Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Jerry Golden, Elisabeth Brennan, Douglas Putnam 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 October 14, 2014 meeting minutes and accept them as written with stated corrections of spelling and rephrasing with Trustee Putnam seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board reviewed additions to Abstract 06 as follows:

General: \$27,278.31

Water: \$7,055.61

Sewer: \$7,226.90

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

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

Attendee David Mosher of Mosher Financial Group: Mergers and Acquisitions then addressed the Board. Mr. Mosher has done work around Jefferson County to assist in economic development. Mr. Mosher started speaking with Town Supervisors of the River Communities; Cape Vincent, Clayton, Orleans and Alexandria Bay, in August and began talking about job creation and looking to expand economic development in the region. The goal of the "group effort" is to entice companies to create full time year round businesses to the area. With the Towns and Villages of the River Communities coming together, the chances to be awarded grants is greatly increased. After his presentation, it was stated that the Towns are looking for feedback from the Villages and the beginning phase would be to start a small committee to begin looking into the possibilities. A long term commitment would be involved. The Board will schedule a meeting with the Town to discuss further.

Attendee Jeff Herpel, Planning Board Chairperson, then addressed the Board. He inquired as to whether the Board had taken the time to review all the proposed changes that were drafted by the Planning Board. It was discussed and decided upon that the Board would meet with a few members of the Planning Board to discuss the proposed changes. Mr. Herpel then informed the Board of three upcoming public hearings at their next meeting that is held November 18, 2014. Mr. Herpel then stated that one of the members of the Planning Board's term is due to expire in December. It is his opinion that the Board not re-appoint this member due to lack of participation. The Mayor then asked if Mr. Herpel had any replacement prospects at this time. Mr. Herpel stated that he has a few ideas, but has not approached anyone about the issue.

Attendees Town Supervisor Urban Hirschey and Councilman Brooks Bragdon then addressed the Board. They questioned the status of the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) for Water District #6. Mayo r

Maloney stated that all the necessary documents are with the Slye & Burrows Attorney's office for review. The Town will get everything once it is complete. The Town Board members stated the need to have the document as soon as possible and Mayor Maloney stated that they will get it as soon as possible. Urban then asked if the Village Board had interviewed the candidate for the planner position. The Board stated yes and they were overall pleased with the outcome of the interview but have some concerns about the hours she will be working. It is proposed as a part-time position, but she is more interested in a full time position. Upon discussion, it was stated that the Development Committee will need to draft a proposal for the candidate and provide her a full description of the expectations.

Mayor Maloney then addressed "old" news as follows:

- TIERS-nothing new to report. Next meeting is Thursday Nov. 13 at 4:00 to discuss proposal.
- SACC-nothing new to report. There was a meeting with the new building principal and the instructor of the SACC program last year. There is an issue with insurance and upon discussion; Mayor Maloney will contact Mrs. Freitag, building principle, to discuss the options.
- Horne's utilities-Mayor Maloney spoke with customs and they will be removing equipment this winter to cut down on heating and electrical costs. Customs will assist Horne's with the utilities charges moving forward. The Board decided that there will be no deduction in the current invoice and moving forward, they will reduce the percentage of billing for cleaning, heating and electric. Mayor Maloney will contact Mr. Horne.
- DeFrancesco/easement retirement letter- Mr. DeFrancesco would like a letter from the Village stating that one of the two easements will be removed. One has been completed and one is still needed. Upon discussion, the Board agreed to have the Mayor draft a letter. More discussion on easements and work to be completed at the DeFrancesco residence followed.
- Merchant letter-Mayor Maloney shared a copy of a letter that was sent to the Village's insurance company from a resident that fell on a portion of sidewalk on Broadway St. She is appealing the insurance company's decision.

Mayor Maloney then addressed "new" business as follows:

- The public hearing date for the new water/sewer rate-has been tabled again. The Board has decided to hold a work session Tuesday November 18, 2014 at 5:00 to evaluate the information provided by the CPA's office.
- ZBA member-The Board accepts the resignation of Michelle Oswald effective 11/5/2104 as ZBA member/chair and Trustee Golden made the motion to advertise for a replacement with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Trustee Putman then suggested inviting soon to be Trustee Joe Gould to the work session. The Board agreed. Trustee Golden to contact him.

- The Board then reviewed the unpaid Village taxes that are to be returned to Jefferson County. Upon review, Mayor Maloney made the motion for the Trustees to sign the form and then allow the Clerk to have the form notarized and sent in with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Trustee Brennan then asked for an update on the Monahan's situation. Mayor Maloney stated that he has been in touch with Watertown Savings Bank and the bank is very interested in trying to sell the property right away.
- Trustee Brennan then spoke about the next meeting scheduled for November 25, 2014. Upon discussion, it was decided to hold a brief regular meeting on November 25, 2014 and then adjourn and do a work session.

Trustee Brennan then made a motion at 7:37pm to enter into an executive session to discuss the salary of the planner candidate with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes. Attendee Cindy Edsall questioned the motion to enter into executive and stated that it was not a legal reason to hold an executive session. At 7:37pm, Trustee Brennan then rescinded her motion for executive and made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E.Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer