

April 28, 2015- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

Trustee Golden made the motion to dispense with the reading of the April 14, 2015 meeting minutes with a small change on page two with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Golden made the motion to dispense with the reading of the special meeting minutes from April 20, 2015 with a change to the title for Glen Kennedy with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and Trustee Gould and Mayor Maloney voting yes. Trustee Youngs abstained.

Attendee Al Walker, who resides on Bay St, addressed the Board about his concerns with speeding vehicles on Bay St. He stated that there are many people that use that street for walking, running and biking and he is very concerned about the safety of the people using the street. He is requesting that the Board develop a plan to try to discourage the speeding on that road. After a discussion, it was stated that the Village will get the "speed limit sign" and possibly look into some grant funding to extend sidewalks along Bay St. to accommodate the pedestrians.

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

- Most of the snow equipment is removed, cleaned and put away for the season.
- NY Rural Water was in the Village and did a leak detection on all the valves and hydrants in the Village and only found two hydrants that had a small leak. One on William St. and one on Lee St. The crew was able to fix the hydrant on William St. but the hydrant on Lee St. needs to be replaced. There also was small issue at the corner of Center and Broadway, but that has been corrected as well.
- The new water line has been installed for Kate Wiley on E. Lake St.
- A storm drain on Bay and Joseph was dug up and repaired.
- The water department has been very busy doing water turn-ons.
- The crew is collecting leaves and brush.
- The doors for the Community House still need to be ordered. The doors are fiberglass and very smooth. Trustee Golden made the motion to approve the purchase of both doors for a total of \$1,200.00 with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- At the Town Board meeting that will be held May 7, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Rec Park, Marlene Norfolk, the Town Assessor, will be explaining the CAP program and how the assessments are done and will also explain how the Board of Assessment Review is done.

- The NY Rural Water Conference at the Turning Stone Casino paperwork needs to be sent in as soon as possible. Marty would like Gareth Hogan and Kathryn Cataldo to attend the conference. Gareth will be taking the course to receive 30 hours of Water and 40 hours of Sewer and Kathryn will be taking courses to get 24 hours of Water. With these courses, the two employees will be all set on hours for about four years. The employees will be carpooling with two Town of Cape Vincent employees that are going as well. Trustee Gould made the motion to approve the attendance at the conference with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Brennan then asked Marty if he has anything new to report on the garbage truck. Nothing new at this time.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the letter that was submitted by Douglas Putnam about water use over the winter to prevent pipes from freezing. Marty had stated that there were a few other residents that chose to run water during the extreme temperatures of the winter.

Thomas Strejlau, OIC, gave his report as follows:

- The new garage at the Law Building: They are currently waiting on cost estimates and then a letter will be sent to the Sherriff's office and then will proceed to go to Addie Russell's office.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the French Festival police coverage costs. After a brief discussion, it was stated that the Board will ask \$1, 500.00 from the French Festival to offset some of the costs of the police coverage, but Trustee Brennan would like OIC Strejlau to draft a letter to be sent to the French Festival Committee to let them know exactly how much of an expense it is.

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

Mayor Maloney then addressed "old" business as follows:

- EMS-nothing new to report.

Trustee Brennan then asked about the following "old" business:

- Separate account for the Development Committee at the Town? Nothing from the Town at this point. Clerk to call the Town to get added to the agenda for the next meeting to check the status of the account.
- Metal craft meeting? Still needs to be set up.
- Letter to Donna Abbass to get her water supply to come from the Town of Cape Vincent District #1? Mayor to do the letter.
- Solar power at the Sewer plant? Trustee Golden stated that BC&A has started doing the RFP's and will be looking at the lift stations as well.

- Development Committee member to replace the position held by Mr. Rowe? No-one yet.
- Grant paperwork for the dock? The paperwork is being taken care of and will be mailed as soon as possible.
- Personnel policy? Needs to be revisited. The Board set a work session to be held May 19, 2015 at 5:30pm.
- Proposed Village dock law status? Trustee Golden stated that he will be in contact with OIC Strejlau to check the status.
- St. Lawrence River communities meetings? Nothing new to report as this time.

Mayor Maloney then addressed “new” business as follows:

- Public hearing for Water/Sewer rate: Tabled. CPA Libbie Wheeler from Bowers & Co. still working on rate information for the Board.
- Tax cap override: Trustee Golden made the motion to rescind the motion made at the Organizational meeting to override the tax cap with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- 2015-2016 Budget: Trustee Brennan made the motion to adopt the 2015-2016 proposed budgets for the General, Water and Sewer funds with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Grant/ Dock project: The BC&A have met with Declan Callan to review the dock design for the Village Dock area. The main focus will be on the Village dock for this phase but there will be mention of dockage at East End Park. August is the deadline for implementation for the Village dock construction. Trustee Youngs asked the other members if they feel that the dockage should be Coast Guard approved. She also asked if there were other designs done prior to the current phase. After a brief discussion, Trustee Youngs volunteered to contact Declan Callan to ask a few questions.
- Trustee Brennan asked if there is anything new to report on the reed beds at the sewer plant. Mayor Maloney stated that there is nothing new to report from the DEC.
- Letter from resident John Reed: There is an ongoing issue with the sewer lines that lead from Mr. Reed’s basement to the main. The same issue occurred last winter and was found to be tree roots in the lateral. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Trustee Brennan would draft a letter to Mr. Reed and state that it is not village responsibility.
- Bench at East End Park: The spouse of the late Bill Hammond would like to place a bench at East End Park on the flat rocks area with a plaque. There will be no cost to the Village. Trustee Gould

made the motion to allow the bench to be placed in East End Park with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

- Water Leaks: Marty Mason asked the Village Board about the possibility of drafting a form letter that could be sent to Village residents that don't address the water leaks that they have in their residence. After a brief discussion, it was stated that from a conservation stand point, a letter should be drafted.
- Pony rides- French Festival: Mayor Maloney spoke to attorney Gebo and as long as the owner of the ponies is insured, there is not issue to allow them to use the Village property for the event. Trustee Golden made the motion to allow the pony rides for French Fest with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 6:55pm, Trustee Golden made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer