

August 11, 2015-Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees Meeting

Mayor Timothy Maloney opened the meeting at 5:30 pm with Trustees Jerry Golden, Elisabeth Brennan, Pamela Youngs and Joseph Gould present. Mayor Maloney welcomed the attendees and led the pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Gould then made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 28, 2015 and accept them as written with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and Trustee Brennan and Trustee Youngs voting yes. Mayor Maloney abstained.

Trustee Gould then made the motion to transfer \$137,350 from the DPW Equipment/Capital Reserve fund to the General fund for the purchase of the new garbage truck and packer with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 03 as follows:

General: \$ 104,319.41 Vouchers 1325-1360

Water: \$ 4,930.57 Vouchers 685-699

Sewer: \$ 5,517.87 Vouchers 685-697

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers with Trustee Golden seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Maloney then signed Abstract 03 and approved the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee John DeFrancesco then addressed the Board. He had the following questions/concerns:

- Easement retirement: Mr. DeFrancesco has not received the paperwork to retire the easement that was necessary for the sewer project. Mayor Maloney will contact Attorney Gebó's office.
- Driveway repair: It is Mr. DeFrancesco's understanding that the end of his driveway, that is in the Village right of way, would be fixed last year and it is not done yet.
- Water pressure: Mr. DeFrancesco believes that a new PRV valve is needed to lower the water pressure that goes to his cabins and home. He believes that the pressure is too high due to the location. A discussion took place. The Mayor and Marty will take a look to see what can be done.
- Old sewer lines: Mr. DeFrancesco has concerns that the old sewer line that was not removed from the ground has "old" sewage in it and wants to know if it will be cleaned out. It was stated that the line has been cleaned with the sewer jetter and the lines are all ok to leave underground.

Linda Rowe, TI Sun reporter, then apologized to the Board that the July 14 meeting recap was missing from the TI Sun newspaper.

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

- The stop sign on the corner of Pine and Centre Street has been moved forward to be closer to the intersection. Trustee Golden stated that the home owner was very happy.
- The second bench on Point St has been rebuilt and replaced.

- All the new sidewalks are graded and more sidewalk work will continue after Labor Day. The work after Labor Day will include the Swedish Meatball Co and Village Green areas and one more section to be determined, based on budget. Trustee Golden stated that he has been informed of a sidewalk along James St that needed some repair but is unsure of the exact location. Marty will take a look.
- The crew has been doing some water meter work and a few repairs. Six meters have been returned and are covered under the warranty. Two of the meters may have frozen.

Mrs. Cindy Edsall then asked to address the Board to state her thanks for the sidewalk work that the Village does. She is very thankful that the sidewalk in front of her residence was replaced and she had recently read an article in the Watertown Times and she stated that if they had to pay for the sidewalk in front of their home, it would have cost roughly \$6,000.00. She fully supports of the sidewalk plan that the Village has in place.

Marty continued as follows:

- The crew has been doing some odd jobs around the Village. There have been a few people out on vacation. Trustee Gould asked about the sink hole at the Handley residence. Marty stated that it is on the to-do list.
- The new garbage truck is here. The Village will have some lettering done at Stewart signs. Then a brief discussion took place as to what needs to be done to sell the old garbage truck. Mayor Maloney asked the Clerk to contact Gebo's office.
- There is a tree at 315 Bay St. that looks to be bad and may need to come down. Marty asked all the Board members to take a look if they get a chance.

Trustee Brennan had the following:

- Point St. tree timeline for removal: Later in the fall.
- VanOrnam tree: There are limbs on the wires and National Grid will have to be called in to look at the tree limbs. Ben Davis Tree Service will not do the limbs as they are too close to lines.
- Boiler at the library: Yes, it is done but has not been fired yet.
- Bench at Point St.: Yes.
- Public access signs/clean up after pet signs: Marty needs to get the wording from the Board for the signs. It was discussed to move all the public access signs to the street intersections with Broadway to get the most visibility. It was also discussed about getting new dog stations to place in public access areas.
- Trash at East End Park: The crew did get the trash that was there. It was asked about adding garbage cans to East End Park. It was stated that history has shown it to be a poor idea.
- National Grid/Power hook-ups on poles: Marty will get a request into National Grid for the poles that are requested this year.

Trustee Golden then stated that he had spoken to OIC Streljau and can report that the dock usage law will be submitted to Gebo's office for review.

Trustee Brennan had the following police department questions:

- Grant paperwork to Sherriff's: Nothing new to report.
- Complaint on 113 W. Broadway: Trustee Brennan and OIC will have a meeting to discuss if there is anything legally that the Village can help the resident with for the parking situation around their residence.

The Board then reviewed the Treasurer's report. The Board reviewed the draft of the written response to the State Comptroller. After a review and a few minor revisions, Trustee Brennan made the motion to send the written response to the audit findings to the State Comptroller with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Planning Board Chairperson Jeff Herpel and board member Richard Hodge then addressed the Board. They spoke about the letters that have been sent to the owner of the Anchor Marina Service Station. It is the opinion that certain aspects of the site plan review were not followed and no follow up notification has been received from the owner of the property. A discussion took place as to options the Board has to encourage owner to comply. Gebo's office will be contacted for further assistance.

Mayor Maloney then addressed "old" business as follows:

- EMS: Nothing new to report.
- WD#1 user letter: Draft letter was reviewed and agreed to be sent to the property owner.
- Cannon: On August 24, 2015 the loan agreement will be presented to the State. Trustee Golden asked about designs that would be needed for mounting the cannon. Mayor Maloney stated that Kevin Kieff is working on those.
- Reed beds/Solar Panels: There has been no response from the DEC in regards to the species of reeds that are necessary for the reed beds. There is a now a proposal to scratch the reed bed plan and to move ahead with all solar at the sewer plant with the rest of the grant funds. One of the engineers from BC&A will be attending a Board meeting to explain more about the process and be available to answer questions.

Trustee Brennan had the following for "old" business:

- East End Park name change: Gebo stated that the Village just needs to be assured that nothing in the land donation did it stipulate a certain name. If not, then a motion and carry by the Board is all that is necessary. After a brief discussion, Trustee Brennan will be contacting Gebo's office again to request that they review the land documents.
- Community Development meeting update: Trustee Youngs stated that meeting is Wednesday August 12. The support letter for widening the shoulder will be done by the Clerk and Trustee Youngs will check on the status of the fundraising letter that the Community Development is drafting.

Mayor Maloney then addressed “new” business as follows:

- Water fund transfer: Trustee Golden made the motion to transfer \$25,000.00 from the Sewer Fund to the Water fund for a short term loan to be repaid before the end of the fiscal year with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Water/Sewer rate hearing: A discussion took place and as a result, Mayor Maloney will ask auditor Libbie Wheeler to check her availability to attend a public hearing either Sept. 8 or Sept. 15. More information will follow. Issue tabled.
- A work-session will be held Wednesday August 19, 2015 at 5:00 to discuss the water/sewer rate.
- Docks for tournaments: A rental agreement has been drafted and reviewed. After review and discussion, Trustee Youngs made the motion to enter into the agreement with dock owner James Rossi with the memo of understanding stating the docks will be moved from the Village lot on Elm St. by April 1, 2016 with Trustee Golden seconded the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Maloney will have the permit application for the DEC turned in Wednesday August 12.
- Office of the Auditor: From recommendations from the State Comptroller, Trustee Golden made the motion to appoint Trustee Brennan and Trustee Gould to co-office of the auditors with one of them to review all vouchers prior to the first Board meeting of the month to assure accuracy with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and Mayor Maloney voting yes.
- Budget modification: Trustee Golden made the motion to do a budget modification by adding a line item to the General fund budget account A8160.2 to accurately record the garbage truck purchase to refuse collection equipment for \$137,350.00 with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Brennan then spoke briefly on more citizen concerns with the Samaritan Clinic. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Mayor Maloney would be in contact with Tom Carmen and would look at setting up an October meeting date to discuss concerns.

At 7:30 pm, Trustee Golden made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Brennan seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer