

April 11, 2023- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Mayor Golden opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Dave Bonney, Pamela Young, Christine Stark and Robert Ewing present. Mayor Golden welcomed the attendees and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the March 28, 2023 regular Board meeting and Trustee Stark made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 011 as follows:

General:	\$813,146.73	Vouchers 4429-4457
Water:	\$ 7,605.48	Vouchers 2109-2122
Sewer:	\$ 7,232.45	Vouchers 2109-2123

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden then signed Abstract 011 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Trustee Christine Stark, also CVIL President, addressed the Board about upcoming CVIL projects. The CVIL would like to redo the flower beds at the East End Park and after discussion, may use stone instead of mulch. The Board approves and appreciates the work the CVIL does at the park. The CVIL will also be painting the jersey barriers. Will bring designs for approval to the next meeting. The CVIL will also be working to paint the benches. The CVIL has permission to buy the paint at Sherwin Williams on the Village account to paint the benches.

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

- Esselstyne St. dock: The benches on the land side of the dock, need to have teak oil put on them. Once the teak oil is received, Gareth Hogan will be doing the oiling.
- The snow equipment has been serviced and stored, except for the large sander that is having some work done to it and then will be stored.
- The crew has been working on cleaning sewer mains and repairs to areas disturbed from winter plowing.
- The water filter has been approved by the DOH to go back online.
- The water department has done many water services back on and the drying beds are being monitored.
 - Trustee Stark had an inquiry for Marty as to why there seems to be so much “damage” to the ground in areas due to plowing this season. Marty stated that the mild winter brought no real frost and so the ground was softer this season, causing more “damage”.

Shaun Cuddeback, OIC, then gave the police department report as follows:

- Mayor Golden updated the garage grant status and after speaking with Mark Walczyk’s office and the Village is still being told we will be receiving it, but no timeframe.

- The tile work in the police garage is going well.
- The car needs to get new tires and some radio work completed at Well's Communications.
 - Mayor Golden requested that speed trailer be put out. Mayor Golden also asked OIC to get in touch with the resident that continues to place a golfcart, listed for sale, at the East End Park and inform them that is not allowed on Village property.

At 6:00pm, Mayor Golden then opened the public hearing for the 2023-24 tentative budget. Mayor Golden reviewed the proposed budgets for the 3 funds. Summarized as follows: General Fund: The tax rate remained below the tax cap and with a 1.95% increase. The tax rate will be increased from \$6.50 to \$6.63 resulting in an additional \$9,555.00 for the Village fund. Sewer Fund: There is no rate change for the Sewer Fund. Water Fund: The water usage rate will increase by \$0.50 Using 1,000 gallons will now be \$3.50 instead of \$3.00. This amount will help build a reserve for repairs of water lines/mains. The \$30.00 EDU will remain unchanged. At 6:12pm, Trustee Ewing made the motion to close the hearing with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Bonney then made a motion to adopt the 2023-2024 budget as proposed with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Ewing then made the motion to increase employee James Johnson's pay rate by \$1.00 for successfully completing the water school he attended with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Golden then addressed "old" business as follows:

- Lot on James St.: Nothing new to report.
- Water Reserves Town/DANC: Nothing new to report.
- REDI updates: To date, all the projects, with the exception of East End Park, are complete. The contractor will be contacted about possibly adding a dimming feature to the lights on the Village dock. The project at East End Park will cause some difficulties this season. The contractors are working to allow for the west ramp to be open and hope to have it open for the fishing derby May 20th. This along with landscaping details will be discussed further at the April 27 construction meeting.
- Sovie house: The site is complete. The Village is still waiting on a few invoices. Mayor Golden will be in contact with Bobby Cantwell for further instructions on the process for the Village to be reimbursed by the County.
- Horne's account: No action. Mayor to continue to try to contact.
- Website: Trustee Youngs and Clerk Rupp have a meeting with Matt Turcotte about the two separate options given to the Village for the website.

Mayor Golden then addressed "new" business as follows:

- Cannon Agreement: Trustee Stark made the motion for Mayor Golden to sign the yearly agreement for the cannon with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

- LWRP: Mayor Golden stated that the SEQR for the LWRP is set to be done at the next meeting. After a discussion, Trustee Stark made a motion to approve the draft as presented of the LWRP be forwarded along to the legal review for New York State with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- CVDC: The Village was informed that the potential member of the CVDC, William McDonough, is interested in serving on the CVDC. The Board would recommend Mr. McDonough.

Trustee Stark then gave a zoning department update. She will be on contact with the Planning Board regarding the minutes from the last meeting they held. There are now two written complaints about Anchor Marina and safety concerns. Trustee Stark and ZEO Higgins will be preparing letters for compliance for dumpsters and travel trailers. A short discussion took place.

There is an upcoming steering committee meeting for the Club St. on Wednesday April 12 at 6:00pm at the Community House.

At 7:18pm, Trustee Ewing made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer