

January 10, 2023- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the December 13, 2022 regular Board meeting and Trustee Ewing made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 08 as follows:

General: \$ 44,541.50	Vouchers 4347-4369
Water: \$ 8,659.64	Vouchers 2060-2077
Sewer: \$200,014.00	Vouchers 2060-2078

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 08 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

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

- The crew has done all the trimming through the Village. There are 12-15 trees that will need to be assessed by Ben Davis and the State. Mayor Golden asked if Mr. Cookson on Point was included in the list as he had submitted a letter, and Marty stated yes.
- The crew has taken all the wreaths down and collecting Christmas tree.
- A few members of the crew worked with the Town hauling stone for the shoreline work on Tibbetts Point.
- James Johnson will be working with Gareth Hogan to learn the water/wastewater routine to be added to the weekend duties list. They will also be locating all the curb stops in the Village and Marty will have DANC create maps and upload to the GIS system.
- Dan Radley will also be doing a water lab course, upon approval, for \$150.00 for 7 credit hours. The Board approved.
- Marty has received a quote from ICC (Independent Commercial Contractors) for the take down and removal of the Sovie house for \$16,000.00. The Village will still have to pay the tipping fee at the landfill for \$3,500.00. A discussion took place. Trustee Stark is going to reach out to Cody Higgins to see if the Village can remove trees at the site while they still have the lift rented. Trustee Ewing inquired if there will be any airborne concerns at the demolition. Marty stated that they will air quality monitoring at a rate of \$1,500.00 per day.
- Marty will be on vacation Feb. 4 – 10. Marty also informed the Board that he will be retiring in 2024, June timeframe. He will get more information on dates after speaking to NYS retirement. He also stated that he will stay on as a consultant. The job will be posted this summer/fall.

- Trustee Ewing stated that the fire department inquired about the Village installing a dry hydrant at East End Park. Marty spoke about the request, and it will not be installed at this time.

Shaun Cuddeback, OIC, then gave his report as follows:

- Still working on the Axon order, but many items are on back order. The contract will start once all items are received.
- The new policies for FOIL's and body cam's are almost complete.

Mayor Golden then addressed "old" business as follows:

- Lot on James St.: Nothing new to report. Marty Mason had spoken to Mark Gebo recently and he continues to work on the paperwork for the lot.
- Water Reserves Town/DANC: Nothing new to report. There is an upcoming regional line meeting. Marty will be attending.
- Drying beds: Everything is going well thus far.
- REDl: There were 2 bidders for the East End Park project. The engineers will be reviewing all the bid documents and will be making their recommendations for award for the next meeting. The blizzard caused a few issues at the new Esselstyne dock and all damage will be covered under warranty. There are still a few permit issues at East End.
- Horne account: There has been no payment or contact since the latest DEMAND TO PAY notice was sent. The next step will be legal. The Village is currently seeking a new attorney. Trustee Stark stated she would reach out for more information.
- Garden Wall Drive resident: Mayor Golden, Marty Mason and Tim Maloney met at the property with resident Lisa Parker. They are thinking to try an open ditch system to help with drainage in late spring. There is a National Grid concern on Market St. adjacent to the residence and Marty will be contacting them.
 - Trustee Bonney inquired if the parcel where the Sovie house is going to be removed would be a good place for the kid center that was brought to the Board last fall. It was discussed and the County will be the owner of the parcel, so the Village will have no say.

Mayor Golden then addressed "new" business as follows:

- Library Board trustee appointment: Trustee Ewing made the motion to appoint Mary Titus to the Library Board for a five-year term, 2023-2028 with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Phone notification system: After review, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve going with DialMyCalls company and utilize the free trial with Trustee Stark seconded the motion and all voting yes.
- Property tax- new proposal: The Board then reviewed the information supplied by NYS about the new exemption that municipalities can opt-in to that would give volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers a property tax exemption. After discussion, the Village will follow the County and Town that will not be opting in, as it is more beneficial for the volunteers to take the income tax exemption and volunteers can't use both.

- Resident letter: Mayor Golden read a letter from Mr. Cookson about trees at his Point St. home. Marty is aware.
 - Trustee Stark then addressed a letter that she was given by a resident requesting that the Village Board waive their water/sewer bill penalty as they claim they didn't receive the bill. Upon a discussion, Trustee Stark made a motion to approve waiving the penalty. The motion was not seconded or carried. The resident will be notified.
 - Trustee Ewing stated that the CV Lions club will be holding a breakfast to benefit the St. Onge family that lost their home to a fire. Trustee Ewing also stated that he has concerns and has even inquired at the DEC about the destruction of one of the metal barns at the Anchor Marina. ZEO Higgins will be asked.

At 6:27pm, 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