

September 26, 2023- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees Meeting

Mayor Jerry Golden opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Pamela Youngs, David Bonney and Christine Stark present. Trustee Robert Ewing was running late. Mayor Golden welcomed everyone and led them in the pledge of allegiance.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 12, 2023 regular meeting. Trustee Stark made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Jay Ingerson then addressed the Board. He spoke on behalf of a group of individuals who would like to purchase a memorial stone to honor the 40th Anniversary of the tragic accident that claimed the lives of 5 local youths in 1984. The group will be purchasing the stone and are looking for a spot to place the stone for viewing. A short discussion took place. The Board supports the proposal and will be in contact with Mr. Ingerson about the stone and placement. No decision was made at this time.

At 5:37pm, Trustee Ewing arrived.

Attendee Colleen Knuth, residing on Joseph St, then addressed the Board. She is concerned about her basement and flooding. The property has a history of water getting into the basement. She has a concern about the storm drain that is at the corner of Murray and Joseph and about mold/mildew in her basement. She asked if the Village will help cover these costs. There was a discussion, Mayor Golden stated that the Village can be certain that the storm drain is cleared regularly, and Clerk Rupp can ask about the insurance coverage.

Attendee Ron Clapp, Village resident and current owner of the Carleton Villa, then addressed the Board. He introduced himself to the Board and expressed his excitement with the upcoming renovation of the Villa. The Board shared in the excitement and looking forward to seeing the completion of the project.

Attendee MaryAnn Reid, from the CVIL, then addressed the Board. There are 5 bushes in front of the Community House that are dead/dying and they would like to ask for Village assistance in pulling the bushes. The CVIL will be replanting new shrubs/bushes. There is also some tree trimming that they requested in the front portion of the Community House.

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

- The fall sewer line cleaning is complete.
- James and AJ have been working on the back side of the Community House and the siding is set to be painted tomorrow.
- The crew has been working on the living shoreline project at East End Park.
- The crew has also been working with the Town to complete the water fountain project at the playground for the school.
- Dusin Cooley has started the sewer course.
- There was another water main break on Lake Street, near the Esselstyne St intersection again. The crew will have to try to figure out the issues with that line. There have been several breaks over the last 18 months.
- The crew will also be installing the kayak launch at East End Park for the REDI project. Marty stated that no installation instructions were included. Mayor Golden stated that he will reach out to the engineers for instructions.
- Ray Stone is now out of town and one of the other employees will take on the mowing and

trimming.

- Trustee Stark inquired if Marty had got a job description for his position. Clerk Rupp informed her that she got one from Jefferson County HR and will forward along.

Mayor Golden then addressed “old” business as follows:

- Lot on James St: Nothing to report, Mayor Golden is going to reach out to Mark Gebo for a status update.
- REDI updates: There was a discussion on greenspace with the engineers. The buoy’s and decals are ordered and will be placed once received. There is a tentative date of October 20th for a ribbon cutting at East End Park. There is an upcoming meeting with BC&A, Scott Burto, Mayor Golden, Marty Mason and Mary Rupp to go over all the invoices and paperwork to close out all of the REDI projects. Overall, the project is almost complete. Trustee Stark inquired about the street light choices for the park. A discussion took place. No decisions were made.
- Zoning: Nothing new to report.
- Horne’s Ferry: There has been some discussion and Mr. Horne needs to obtain a US attorney. The process is moving forward.
- Waterline survey: The surveys are set to go with the November 1 billing.
- Police garage: Mark Walczyk’s has reached out again and they are continuing to work for the Village to help us get the \$50,000.00 grant funds.
 - Trustee Youngs gave an update on the CVDC and stated that they had a special meeting last evening. The group has decided to do RFP’s for all positions available for the CVDC.
 - Trustee Stark then asked about the possibility of exploring having one meeting and one worksession per month, instead of two meetings. A discussion took place. No decisions were made.
 - Mayor Golden then spoke briefly about the NY Forward grant and the proposed project list. A short discussion took place.

Mayor Golden then addressed “new” business as follows:

- Account 0165: The new owner at 971 Joseph St. has removed one of the 2 single wide trailers on the parcel. They have asked to have account 0165 removed from the billing program. The Board approved.
- Bass tournament: The Dick Garlock tournament has requested to move to August 3 & 4, 2024 as there is another tournament the weekend before that. The Board approved.
- PIVOT: The Board reviewed and Trustee Youngs made the motion to have Mayor Golden sign the one-year \$200.00 agreement with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- The Board reviewed a drafted letter to James Mason regarding the flagpole inquiries at East End Park. The letter needs to be slightly revised and then signed by the Mayor and sent.
- Trustee Stark spoke about the steering group for French Festival and nominated Trustee Bonney to attend. He will be included in the group.
- Trustee Youngs then spoke briefly again about the CVDC. They are reviewing Scott Burto’s contract and spoke more about the RFP process.

At 6:39pm, Trustee Stark made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer