

November 14, 2023- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the October 24, 2023 regular Board meeting and Trustee Stark made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 06 as follows:

General: \$ 16,156.27	Vouchers 4655-4680
Water: \$ 8,492.99	Vouchers 2215-2224
Sewer: \$ 20,996.61	Vouchers 2215-2226

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Ewing 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 06 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee William McDonough addressed the Board on behalf of the CVLDC. He explained that the CVLDC has finally obtained their 501c3 status. The group has also created a "Communication Form" to allow to the Town/Village/CVLDC to communicate more effectively about potential grants and all aspects of the grant. There was a lengthy discussion. The Board thanked Mr. McDonough for his time and for his work on the committee.

Mayor Golden then addressed the Unpaid Village taxes that will be turned over to Jefferson County for collection totaling \$12,332.23. Trustee Stark made the motion for the Board and Clerk to sign the form for submittal with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

- The crew continues with the leaf/brush and compost collection. The collection will wrap up on December 1.
- The crew has pulled the floating docks at East End Park and will pull the buoys hopefully tomorrow.
- The road salt salter is on the truck and ready to go. The sidewalk plow will hopefully be back soon, after being rebuilt.
- The crew has been getting the Christmas decorations out.
- The crew will be assisting the Chaumont DPW with some sidewalks once they are ready.
- Employee Dustin Cooley would like to take 2 more sewer courses at SUNY Morrisville Jan 8-12 and Jan 29-Feb 2, with both courses totaling \$1,100.00. The Village will also pay room/meals and mileage. Trustee Ewing made the motion to approve the courses with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- The Village will be renting the lift to assist with Christmas decorations and the crew will do tree trimming as necessary throughout the Village.

- There is a meeting this Thursday with DANC to tour the plant and review the AUP's dating back to 2019. Marty also has to replace two tribitometers at the plant. The total is \$6,444.74 and was budgeted for.

There was no Police department report.

Mayor Golden then addressed the "old" business as follows:

- Lot on James St: Nothing new to report.
- REDI: The State sent a reimbursement check that has yet to be received. The State will now wire the funds. The Village will have to renew the BAN and add \$600,000.00 to get the end of the project paid for reimbursement. Trustee Ewing made the motion to approve the BAN renewal with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes. The punch list items at the East End Park continues to be working on by the engineers and contractors.
- Horne's Ferry: Mayor Golden will email Village attorney Ian Gilbert for a status update.
- Memorial Stone: The group, now named "Remember our friends", have submitted a new sketch of the stone with dimensions and they will start all collection efforts to pay for the stone. There was more discussion on placement, etc. The group hope to have the dedication be July 25th as it will be the anniversary of the tragedy.

At 6:11pm, Trustee Eing excused himself from the meeting.

- REDI – lights: The street lights were further discussed. Mayor Golden will get the light budget figures and get them to Marty.
- NYFORWARD grant: The projected project list is complete and the LPC will be casting their votes and it will all be sent along to NY State for their review.
- Trustee Stark would like to make a motion to have all Trustees do an update at each meeting about their assigned groups/areas.

Mayor Golden then addressed "new" business as follows:

- Trustee Stark made the motion to cancel the second meetings of the month for November and December with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and Mayor Golden voting yes.
- Support Letter: The Mayor was made aware of a situation that MetalCraft has been dealing with as they were not selected in a bid process for NYS Parks and Rec, even as they are the low bidder that is qualified. Scott Gray has gotten involved, and Mayor Golden would like to send a support letter for MetalCraft. Trustee Bonney made the motion to approve the Mayor to draft and send a letter with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and the Mayor voting yes.

There will be the annual tree lighting on Friday December 1st at 6:00pm. There will also be a house decorating contest this year for Christmas.

There will be a public meeting on Monday November 27th at 7:00 pm at the Rec Park about the future of French Festival.

At 6:38pm, Trustee Bonney made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and Mayor Golden voting yes.

Respectively submitted,
Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer