

February 13, 2024- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the January 23, 2024 regular Board meeting and Trustee Ewing made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 09 as follows:

General:	\$117,280.37	Vouchers 4732-4764
Water:	\$ 10,261.73	Vouchers 2266-2284
Sewer:	\$ 7,279.11	Vouchers 2266-2283

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden then signed Abstract 09 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee Kevin Denecke then addressed the Board. His business, Denfit, is hosting a Winter marathon. The starting point is Rec Park and will go from the Village to Tibbetts Point lighthouse. It is Saturday, February 24th from 8:00am – 2:00pm. He has asked if he would be able to use some cones/barricades/signs for runner safety. The Board agrees and also will put out a phone notification to get the information out about the increased foot traffic on Saturday.

Attendee Timothy Maloney, Town Councilman, then addressed the Board. Mr. Maloney inquired about the Club St. project that the Town is working on and has concerns if the Village has been able to be involved and if the Village fully supports the project. A lengthy discussion took place. There are concerns about communication and steering committee involvement. Trustee Stark, who is also steering committee chairperson for the project, expressed her concerns about communication as well. There was a short discussion of the “concept/consensus” plans that are being posted by the Town. There are many concerns about Village involvement.

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

- Marty brought several pieces of pipe and valves that were just replaced in the recent water main issues. He showed the Board what the issues were. There was a discussion. Trustee Stark inquired if the Village can be proactive with main/valve replacement. There is no real way, and the Village is working on them reactively. A full water line infrastructure redo was discussed and will require grants, as it is very expensive. Marty also wanted to be certain to thank Town workers Keith Brass and John Lawrence for all their help with the waterline work the crew has been doing for the past few weeks.
- Employee Dustin Cooley is at sewer school this week. After passing this course, he will be eligible to sit for his ABC sewer exam.
- Marty will look to repave Lake Street where the crew has been working on the water line replacement.
- The work in the law building is complete.
- Ben Davis will be in the Village next week to remove a few trees and to do some trimming.

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

- He is working on the background checks for the 2 new officers he would like to hire.
- He also inquired about the dock requirements and rules for the upcoming season. Mayor Golden stated that the Board will be discussing that further down the agenda, but yes, all rules will be back in place.

Mayor Golden then addressed the “old” business as follows:

- Lot on James St: No new information.
- REDI updates: There have been many emails as the projects are at completion. With the payment done with the Abstract at this meeting, all the invoices have been paid in full. The Village is still awaiting final numbers from the engineers about what the bond will need to be, but the Mayor expresses once again, his concerns. The Mayor and Clerk are looking at funding options. There has also been some issues, under warranty, with the wave attenuator. The contractor will be correcting the issues.
- Zoning: Trustee Stark has no update.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Bonney has no update. Mayor Golden stated that prior to this meeting, he met with French Festival Chairperson Nicole Paratore, who had a few questions for the Mayor and has asked for help with a few aspects of the event.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs gave the update that 3 people have applied for the clerical position for the CVLDC and they will be doing interviews very soon. They are also continuing to work on the strategic plan and survey. One question that arose at the last CVLDC meeting was if there is any land that is Village that would be available for purchase to build a daycare center building.
- Mayor Golden stated that he had met with the Town about a proposed sewer line they may be putting in going toward the prison. The Town would be looking to get grant funding for the infrastructure work and it was proposed that the Village ask the CVLDC to work on a survey for the Town/sewer. Trustee Youngs stated that she would inquire with the CVLDC.
- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing stated that the ice fishing derby for Feb. 24th is still on. Nothing new to report on for the Youth Commission.
- Horne’s Ferry: Mayor Golden has been in contact with Don Glazer. Mr. Horne may be pulling out of the purchase agreement. If the agreement doesn’t move forward, the debt owed to the Village will have to be satisfied and a new contract will have to be in place prior to them opening a new season. Mr. Horne is supposed to be in contact with the Mayor via phone soon.
- Memorial Stone: No recent update.
- Prison support letter: Trustee Stark has a draft started with help from Deputy Clerk Cathy Golden.
- Job announcement: Trustee Stark is also working on the wording for the announcement of the DPW Superintendent position. There was a brief discussion on the posting.
- License agreement: Trustee Youngs will hand deliver the documents to the Coal Docks restaurant with assistance from Trustee Ewing.
- Police garage grant: Mayor Golden reached out again. The project is still in the queue for funding.

Mayor Golden then addressed “new” business as follows:

- Liquor license: Trustee Ewing made the motion to do a 30-day waiver for Channel Marker 243 liquor license with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Ramp box/signage: The Board needs to establish all rules for the EE Park now and signage needs to be decided upon. The idea will be on one sign that will include no parking on grass, donation box for ramp use and no overnight parking. More to follow. There was also a brief discussion on the most recent request by the Chamber for a fishing tournament in August. The Board feels that this should be run as a Chamber event and not done by the Village.
- Mark Morgia: Mr. Morgia has purchased land in the Town off Lake St. to build a large boat storage building. He has met with the Mayor to discuss several items, mainly the access of getting from the boat ramps to the property. There was a discussion about the Eveleigh property, that is Village owed. There was a few ideas discussed but no decisions made at this time. The Mayor asked the Board members to take a drive to the location and take a look before the next meeting.
- DANC agreement: The Board discussed briefly and again, the Mayor asked everyone to review for the next meeting.

At 7:08pm, Trustee Ewing made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Bonney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer