

January 9, 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 Christine Stark present. Trustee Dave Bonney was absent. Mayor Golden welcomed the attendees and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the December 12, 2023 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:	\$ 31,973.91	Vouchers 4706-4730
Water:	\$ 12,278.31	Vouchers 2246-2263
Sewer:	\$204,179.86	Vouchers 2246-2265

Upon review of the abstract, there was also an addition of voucher 4731 for DC Builders for the REDI project totaling \$86,980.54. 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 08 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee Kristie Stumpf-Rork, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, then addressed the Board about the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. She has been attending meetings for over a year. There was a discussion on lodging. Tibbetts Point Lighthouse will be hosting a viewing event and the Chamber has certain concerns about the potential of many visitors to our area for the viewing, to include restrooms and safety. After further discussion, Trustee Ewing made the motion to have the Chamber order 3 port-a-johns for the long weekend prior to April 8<sup>th</sup> with the Village paying the invoice with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Mary Farrell, CVLDC director, then addressed the Board about a meeting she had attended with dignitaries from Wolfe Island and Frontenac Island. Attendee Elisabeth Brennan, CV Arts Council, was also in attendance. They both spoke on the ideas to collaborate to increase tourism and possible subsidies for the ferry. There was a brief discussion and Mayor Golden has been asked to draft a support letter with information on what the Village has done to improve our waterfront and Village and what is planned going forward. Mrs. Brennan then spoke to the Board briefly on the newly listed for sale boat "the Anna". This conversation led to potential inquiries of vessel ownership at the marina.

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

- The ridge cap was fixed at the DPW barn.
- The crew has been out doing some light plowing as needed.
- All Village trees have been trimmed and there are roughly 6 trees that Marty will ask Ben Davis to evaluate.
- Marty has been working with Gareth Hogan to complete the new forms for the Vulnerability assessment and the Emergency Plans. Once completed, they will be submitted to the DOH.
- Dustin Cooley will be attending sewer class this week and one more week in February. At the completion of the courses, he will sit for the state exam.

- The crew has been running sewer and storm drain lines near and around Murray St. to ensure there are no blockages.
- The floor at the Law Building is in need of repairs. The repairs are throughout the building and mainly where the floors and walls meet. The crew will get into the Law Building to access and repair when not plowing and will also be doing a few last items in the police garage.
- Marty has replaced the last 2 tribitameters at the water plant and HACH was at the plant and did some training with Gareth.
- Marty discussed that there is quite a bit of surplus equipment that he would like to compile and sell on Auctions International. A list will be presented to the Board.
  - Trustee Stark extended a thank you to the crew for all their assistance in taking down all the Christmas decorations throughout the Village.

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

- Officer Joe Giaquinto submitted his 2-week resignation letter.
- Department statistics were presented to the Board for review.
- Personnel was discussed at length. Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the starting offer of \$28.00 per hour to new officers with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and Mayor Golden voting yes. Trustee Stark voted no. OIC will reach back out to Officer Giaquinto to see if he would reconsider a \$28.00 per hour offer.

Mayor Golden addressed "old" business as follows:

- Lot on James St: Nothing new to report.
- REDI updates: The lampposts are ordered and paid for. There is a \$900,000 reimbursement from DASNY coming in around the 16<sup>th</sup> of January. There was a BAN discussion as the REDI projects are almost at total completion. Mayor Golden expressed his concerns about the total budget and funding, as the engineers and grant administrator work through the last details.
- Zoning: Trustee Stark had no update other than the fact that the new shed discussed on Gouvello St. was not properly permitted and ZEO Higgins will reach out to the owner.
- French Festival/Chamber: Trustee Bonney was absent, no report. Trustee Stark did state that the French Festival is going to happen in 2024. A discussion took place.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs had no update as they meet this Thursday.
- Youth Commission and Fire Dept: Trustee Ewing had no update however, he has reached out to each group to inform them that he is the contact for the Village.
- Ferry: Mayor Golden has been in contact with Attorney Gilbert and he is working with Paul Fay, Mr. Horne's attorney. No update.
- Memorial stone: Trustee Stark has met with Jay Ingerson and the group is still fundraising with roughly \$3,000 raised to date. Trustee Stark met with the group this evening and assisted them

in drafting a contribution letter. Total needed is roughly \$9,500.00 and they would like to have the unveiling in July 2024.

- NYForward Grant: No update, Mayor Golden will send an email to Kylie Peck and Steven Hunt for status update.
- Voter Rights: The attendees from the December meeting are set to come to our next Board meeting. A discussion took place. No decisions made at this time.

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

- Library Trustees: As per the Library charter, the Village must appoint the Library Board Trustees and Trustee Ewing made the motion to appoint Kathleen Pierce to a five-year term with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Bass Tournament: The Village received a call about a small tournament September 14-15, 2024.
- License agreement: The Board reviewed the agreement with the Coal Docks restaurant for the outside portion of the business that is on Village property. There was a discussion. Clerk Rupp will forward to Attorney Gilbert for review and then Trustee Stark will contact owners for review and potential renewal.
- The Board reviewed a letter from CV Housing. The letter is requesting that several agencies “go in together” to purchase a shuttle type vehicle. Trustee Youngs will speak with James Mason and then stated maybe the CVLDC could be useful.
- Flag letter: The Board reviewed the letter to Mr. Joe Chavoustie for the flags at Village properties. The Clerk will mail the letter.

At 7:15pm, Trustee Ewing made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer