

April 9, 2024- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the March 26, 2024 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 011 as follows:

General: \$ 19,538.04	Vouchers 4789-4811
Water: \$ 9,216.20	Vouchers 2306-2321
Sewer: \$ 7,522.63	Vouchers 2305-2320

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

Attendee Tom Rowe, Village resident, then addressed the Board. He first commended the Fire Department for the work at the fire at the structure at the corner of Joseph and Lee Streets. He then inquired about when the rubble from the fire will be cleaned up. Mayor Golden stated that Steve Hall has agreed to do the clean-up, even if he has to do it as a volunteer. Trustee Stark then stated that she also has safety concerns and feels as though perhaps the Zoning Officer should be sending a letter to assist in getting the site cleaned up.

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

- Ben Davis is still doing some tree work in the Village, to include taking care of 2 large stumps. He should be able to complete the tree work by the end of this week.
- The docks are all in at the EE Park as well as the kayak launch. The snow equipment has all been stored for the summer.
- The cattail beds are starting to be flooded starting today.
- The pavilion has been opened and there have been a few issues, but the crew is addressing them. Darlene Duly will be in the pavilion to clean as needed.
- The Town of Lyme has been in contact with Marty about shared services for our Village crew to assist them with a sidewalk project. Marty has sent the forms to them and our crew will help. No date at this time.
- The crew would like to get Lake Street paved and may look at to do within this budget year. Board will look at budget numbers.
- Everything is going well at the Water plant. Trustee Ewing inquired as to when the trailer parks in the town typically are turned on. Marty stated May 15th.
- The village also reviewed the request an aluminum dock ramp that the village has is now surplus. Trustee Ewing deemed the ramp surplus and stated that Marty can list it on Auctions International with Trustee Stark seconded the motion and all voting yes.

- There is also a motion from Trustee Youngs to allow an add-on voucher to the Abstract for Bill Gould for \$100.00 for diving to hook-up chains for the docks at EE Park with Trustee Stark seconded the motion and all voted yes.
- Trustee Youngs inquired about the status of the AWQR. Marty stated that it is near completion.

There was no police department report. Mayor Golden did state that he has been given the information that OIC Cuddeback has been in contact with Christine Maloney about French Fest security, and he continues to work on that. Trustee Stark inquires if Trustee Bonney and herself can be included in all correspondence about security.

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

- Lot on James St.: No update.
- REDI: The paperwork is still being worked on but it looks like the amount owed will be \$1.3 million. Assemblyman Scott Gray has submitted a request to DASNY for \$1.5 million and BC&A is working with Jefferson County on their excess REDI funds. Trustee Stark inquired if these REDI projects have a life cycle that we should be concerned about. Mayor Golden stated that all of the projects have been submitted, just waiting for State to review and approve.
- Zoning: Trustee Stark stated that she is going to get with ZEO Cody Higgins to send a letter to Ron Trottier about the clean-up status from the fire, if the Board all agrees with the letter being sent. Yes, the Board agrees.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Bonney stated that he attended the last French Fest meeting. OIC Cuddeback and Trustee Stark were in attendance as well. The meeting focused on traffic control, parking, the DPAO concert and security. Pay rates for the 10 needed peace officers was discussed but no decisions yet. It was also stated that the CVLDC was awarded a \$6,000.00 grant from the Community Foundation for the French Festival.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs stated that they have their regular meeting April 11 and the newly hired administrative assistant will be in attendance. Trustee Youngs also stated that the LDC is having Scott Burto working on the strategic plan that will now not be a draft until May. Trustee Stark questioned the timing of the strategic plan as the MOA that the Village signed stated that the draft would be completed by April 1. There was a brief discussion. Trustee Youngs also stated that several of the LDC members will be attending a training. Mayor Golden stated that he had received an email about electric car charging stations. Clerk Rupp will forward email to the Board and Trustee Stark inquired if the Board should do a formal request for the CVLDC to seek grant funding for car chargers. Trustee Youngs stated that she can also speak to the LDC about the chargers.
- Horne’s Ferry: Mayor Golden has not received any correspondence from George Horne. After a brief discussion, Trustee Stark has volunteered to try to contact Colin to help get some answers.
- Memorial Stone: No update.
- NYForward: No update.
- License agreement: No update, Trustee Youngs will reach out.

At 6:00pm, Mayor Golden opens the public hearing for the tentative budget. The Board reviews and discusses the areas of the budget that still need to be completed to include CVLDC, Chamber and debt service. There was no public questions or concerns. At 6:20pm, Trustee Youngs made the motion to close the hearing with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendees Kathy Pierce and Marty Titus then addressed the Board about requests put forth by the Library to include the timer on the handicap access door, sealing the chimney, the deck (cleaning and sealing) and pest control. Mayor Golden stated that Marty will be giving the list and they will look into these items.

Continuing on with the “old” business, the signs and donation boxes for EE Park was discussed and Trustee Stark presented a draft of the sign and she will be forwarding the draft to the Board for their review and edits. As for the upcoming joint meeting on April 11th at 6:30 with the Town and LDC was then discussed as far as agenda and what should be discussed. The list will include the annual update from the LDC and the budget and then about the LWRP and Club Street project. Trustee Stark stated that the Clerk should send proposed agenda to the Town for their input.

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

- The Town of Cape Vincent requires a letter of approval for Water District #8. Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the installation for Water District #8 to join the water plant with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 6:44pm, Trustee Ewing made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer