

March 11, 2025- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the February 25, 2025 regular Board meeting and Trustee Chavoustie made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 10 as follows:

General:	\$ 16,947.20	Vouchers 5068-5095
Water:	\$ 58,071.05	Vouchers 2465-2480
Sewer:	\$ 2,779.78	Vouchers 2467-2480

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Stark 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 10 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Dustin Cooley, DPW Superintendent, gave his report as follows:

- Dustin would like to propose ordering a manual quick coupler for the backhoe for \$2,278.05 that includes an additional set of pins. Trustee Stark made a motion to approve the purchase with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- The beacon water meter reading system has a gateway that is not working. A programming kit is required to get the gateway back online. The cost is \$666.30.
- Dustin have a quote from Blair Supply for the pipes needed for the storm drain work on Murray Street. The quote also includes more pipe for stock and some fern cos to have on hand. Dustin will place the order.
- The crew has started the snow equipment clean-up.
- Dustin also spoke about the tree order. CV Housing has requested we order a few trees for them to reimburse the Village. TILT will be giving \$2,000 towards the trees for the Earth Day planting event.

There was no police report.

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

- Lot on James St: No new report.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Stark stated that the Village received a status update letter from the Chamber, and they will now be sent quarterly by the Chamber. The update was positive, and Trustee Stark will be attending the Chamber meeting next week.
- Zoning: Trustee Chavoustie stated that the office hours will start at the Village office next Friday.
- CVLDC/Grants: Trustee Stark gave an update on Trustee Youngs behalf. She spoke about the email list about proposed topics for the upcoming joint meeting. The Tourism Promotion position RFP has been posted. There was a discussion about if the Town/Village/Chamber and

the CVLDC should be involved in the selection process. The Village agrees that all stakeholders should have the option to be involved. Trustee Stark then stated that she would like to schedule the Webex meeting date with Jen Voss, representative for the NYForward, potentially on March 20 or 21st. Mayor Golden then spoke briefly about the EV Chargers grant. National Grid has agreed to hold off on their portion of the work/contract can be held off until the announcements for the grant are released from the State. The awards should be announced around September.

- REDI Documents: No new report.
- Fire Dept./Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing stated that no issues/concerns to report.
- Horne's Ferry: Mayor Golden stated that he has no new updates. As a short discussion took place, it was the goal to keep the ferry service running. Trustee Stark stated that there was information provided to the Chamber that the ferry could be listed for sale in Canada. After further discussion, Mayor Golden will reach out to the Horne family and attorney and Trustee Chavoustie has also volunteered to reach out to gather more information.

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

- Employees Dustin Cooley and Gareth Hogan have requested to attend a water/sewer conference by NNYWater Works in Potsdam on April 9th in Potsdam at a rate of \$60.00 per person. Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the conference with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Resignation: Mayor Golden read the resignation letter from employee Jay Gault and the resignation was accepted by the Board.
- Water account 0400: The November billing was paid by the owner of account 0400 with a postmarked envelope from November 9th, that was not received until March 10th. The account was issued a penalty in December that was paid by the owner. Upon receipt of the postmarked envelope, they have requested credit for the penalty paid. Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the \$36.00 credit for account 0400 with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- 335 E. Joseph: The owner of 335 E. Joseph Street sustained some damage as a result of a water main break. The claim was submitted to the Village insurance company and was denied. The owner has asked that the Village reimburse him directly for the \$827.00 charges he incurred. The Board discussed and agreed that they will not be able to reimburse. Mayor Golden will reach out to the owner.
- Hazard Mitigation plan: Mayor Golden has been working to complete the plan for the Village. Completion will help to secure the County be able to be award more grant money for infrastructure/upgrades, etc. The Mayor hopes to have it complete this week.
- Trustee Stark requested to attend a NYCOM conference for 2-days in May. The cost to attend is \$375.00. Trustee Chavoustie made the motion to approve the request with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and Mayor Golden voting yes. Trustee Stark abstained.

- Trustee Stark then inquired about the status of the proposed EE Park local law. The Board will continue to work on the language and get it submitted to the lawyer, with hopes to have it presented at the April 8th meeting public hearing.
- Trustee Chavoustie then gave an update on the police garage grant. He made contact with Elijah Pore at DASNY. Trustee Chavoustie will continue to work with him and find out what they state is still needed for completion.

At 6:18pm, Trustee Stark made the motion to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel/review applications with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 6:38pm, Trustee Ewing made the motion to exit the executive session with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Stark made the motion to hire applicant James Johnson at the rate of \$21.95 with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes. His start date will be March 24, 2025.

At 6:40pm, Trustee Stark made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer