

April 22, 2025- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the April 8, 2025 regular Board meeting and the Joint meetings of April 10, 2025 and Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Lee Edsall then addressed the Board. She expressed her concern about the Market Street/Broadway intersection pedestrian crossing. She requested to have a "pedestrian crossing" sign similar to the one at the post office intersection. The Board stated they will look at getting something at the intersection.

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

- The trees for the TILT planting are scheduled to be in the Village on Friday morning at 8:00am or 10:30am. Trustee Stark requested more information to contact the tree vendor as the TILT planting is scheduled for 10:00am Friday.
- The grounds at the Library have been cleaned up and the front door has been scraped, primed and painted.
- The new boiler was installed at the Water Plant by Paladino Mechanical.
- The crew is finishing up the winterizing of the snow equipment.
- The "summer" kids will be working the week of spring break.
- Dustin has received 3 quotes for Pest Control for the 2025 season. After review of quotes from Guardian Pest Control, Jenis Pest Control and Professional Pest Control, Trustee Stark made the motion to select Guardian Pest Control at a rate of \$1900.00 for 2 treatments with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- On Thursday this week, Dustin will travel to the Canadian border to the Kehoe site to pick up the pins for the wave attenuator ramp. The docks are set to go in soon as well as re-opening the pavilion.
 - Mayor Golden stated that the Seaway Pilots have asked the Village to look at two trees at the end of the driveway area of the Point Street property. Dustin will take a look at them.

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

- Border Patrol was at the law building today.
- The new computer is installed at the police office today.
 - Trustee Ewing stated that speeding cars seems to be an issue as vehicles get to the liquor store, heading toward Clayton. After a brief discussion, it was suggested that the speed trailer be placed in that area.

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

- Lot on James St: No new report.
- Chamber/French Festival: Trustee Stark stated that she attended the Chamber meeting last night. The Chamber is looking into several new ventures with other business to include a photobooth opportunity and a self-service kayak business. There was a discussion if the kayak business could run out of East End Park, insurance and other aspects were discussed. More research needs to be done at this time. Next there was a discussion about vendor insurance requirements for the Farmer's Market on the Village right-away around the Village Green. The Village Green requires the vendors to have it. More information to follow. The French Festival planning is moving forward and going well. Highlights are that pastry sales will return and they will be doing a raffle of an ATV and they also plan to greatly increase advertising.
- Zoning: Trustee Chavoustie stated that he is getting updates from ZEO Higgins about a letter of concern about the future use of the "new" Anchor Marina. No new information at this time.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs stated that the RFP for the grant writer has been reviewed. There was discussion on if the position should be salary or not, grant administration and when it will be published.
- REDI documents: Mayor Golden will reach out to Scott Burto again.
- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: All is well with the Youth Commission and the Fire Dept has their banquet on the 17th of May and the Fire Dept is looking further at a boat.
- Horne's Ferry: Mayor Golden gave an update. It was requested by the Horne's attorney for the Mayor to sign a non-disclosure agreement, but Mayor Golden stated that would not work for the Village. The appraisals continue of the business, with the vessel already coming in at \$1.2 million Canadian. There is still a great deal of work to be done before the service can run, but all agencies are hopeful for a ferry service this season.
- NYForward: Trustee Stark and Trustee Youngs participated in a collaboration call with Jen Voss to coordinate all the grant projects. Currently all grants are at a standstill, while the State budget is not approved. There will be a public meeting on April 30th at 4:00pm to gather ideas and provide information. Mary Farrell will assist in facilitating the meeting.
 - Trustee Youngs then updated that she was on the latest Club St. Dept. of State call. The Town is working on a budget amendment request. Trustee Youngs will keep the Board updated.

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

- W/S account 0424: The Village received a water/sewer payment from November that was lost in the mail system. Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve a credit of \$45.50 to account 0424 for the penalty amount paid in December with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
 - Trustee Youngs stated that the Village Board members are encouraged to attend the Town worksessions and we can advertise as needed, as previously discussed at the joint meeting.

- Trustee Ewing then addressed the Board. He expressed to the group that he is uncertain of his future plans, but will remain on the Board at this time. He expressed his joy of serving the Village and he thanked everyone for their support and making the progress of the Village a priority.

At 6:28pm, Trustee Ewing made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer