

May 13, 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 22, 2025 regular Board meeting and Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 12 as follows:

General:	\$ 23,314.84	Vouchers 5122-5155
Water:	\$ 39,379.46	Vouchers 2500-2514
Sewer:	\$ 6,032.59	Vouchers 2500-2511

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

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

- All the docks, attenuator ramp and kayak launch are all in at the East End Park. Mayor Golden inquired about the cleats on the outside of the attenuator and the visual damage. Tim Maloney has contacted Kehoe about the damage and they are waiting for further information. Dustin will continue to work with Tim and Kehoe on it.
- The TILT tree planting went well and all the trees are doing well so far.
- The crew has starting working on cleaning the sewer mains and they should be done within a week.
- The speedbumps have gone up. There are 4 on James Street near the ball field and there is one on Kelsey Lane. Trustee Chavoustie inquired if signage could be placed at the bumps and Dustin will take care of that.
- Guardian Pest Control will be getting us on their schedule.
- The pavilion is open and had no issues from the winter. The water meter will need to be replaced, as it seems to have been broken the previous year.
- The Village dock is ready to go with the water and electric on at the pedestals.
- Dustin inquired when the Board would like the jersey barriers out at James St. Trustee Stark proposed a trial run of blocking James St. to thru traffic to create a pedestrian safe area, as proposed in the NYForward project. There was a lengthy discussion to include signage and safety. At conclusion, Trustee Stark made the motion to have a public hearing on May 27th at 6:00pm to hear public comment on the proposal with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Dustin stated that two out of the three stumps have been taken care of. The third one is on the point at East End Park and the area is too wet to get the equipment out there.

- The crew has been working to get all the benches, chairs, bike racks and garbage cans out throughout the Village. The crew will also be cleaning up all the areas that were disrupted by water main breaks and get those areas re-seeded.
- Dustin and Dan Radley will be leaving Monday after garbage collection and will return Thursday for water/sewer training at Turning Stone.
 - Mayor Golden inquired if Dustin could be available on Thursday for a delivery from Homeland Security to the law building. The items should fit in the building. Dustin agreed to be available. Secondly the Mayor informed the Board that Border Patrol will be allowing wifi/remote check-ins for Canadians coming into the area, if there is no ferry service to check-in with. Lastly, Mayor Golden thanked Dustin and the crew for making the Village look good and getting the everything ready for the summer season.

Shaun Cuddeback, OIC, then gave his report as follows:

- He inquired about the status of the DASNY police garage grant and stated that he will help to do the close-out paperwork.

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

- Lot on James St: No new report.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Stark read a letter submitted from the Chamber. The letter included requests for East End Park use, Village wide yard sales and weekly farmers market. After reading the letter and lengthy discussions, the following motions were made. Trustee Stark made the motion to allow the Chamber to utilize the East End Park/pavilion on May 23rd for the Coast Guard with boater safety and May 24th for the fishing derby with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Youngs then made the motion to approve the Chamber to invite a food truck for the Village wide yard sales on June 14th with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes. Moving on to East End Park food truck vending request, it is suggested that the Chamber reach out to members first with the following motion brought by Trustee Chavoustie that would allow for a food truck to go to the East End Park on Saturday's from June 1 – September 15th with a \$50.00 permit fee for the Chamber with the Chamber overseeing the operation with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes. The Chamber will also be hosting their “Morning Mingle” at the East End Park pavilion on June 10th from 9:00am-10:00am. The office manager of the Chamber has submitted her resignation, and the job will be posted starting May 14th and will continue to collect applications until June 11th. The Chamber would like to invite the Village and Town to participate in the interview process.
- Zoning: Trustee Chavoustie had no new report. Mayor Golden did read a letter that was submitted to the Village that there will be a public hearing for a property on Real St, that the Village has abutting property to. The hearing is May 20th at 7:00pm.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs updated that she and Trustee Stark had participated in the call with NYForward/Club st monthly meeting. It was an uneventful call. At this point, the Village is 1-2 weeks behind the Town in the contracting phase of the NYForward. The Town is waiting on permitting from the Army. Corp for the dock and seawalls for the Club St. LWRP project. As the

Board was shown a picture of the design, Mayor Golden expressed concerns about boaters having enough room to enter/exit the adjacent boat house belonging to Mr. Trottier. Trustee Youngs then stated that Edgewater has a signed contract for bidding for the LWRP and for final design and permitting for the BIG grant. It was then discussed that the Village website may need to be changed to a (.gov) by the end of the year. Clerk Rupp will check into this. The next discussion was about the EV Charger grant. The Village was not awarded the grant. Trustee Youngs stated that the LDC did make the suggestion for the Village to accept the National Grid grant and do only one charger, perhaps installed/maintained by an outside company. There was a discussion and more research would have to be done. Next, Trustee Youngs reported that Town councilman Dan Wiley suggested that the LDC be the lead on the rink project and the EV charger grant. After a few questions, Trustee Youngs will ask at the next meeting what being the lead defines.

- REDI documents: Still not received.
- Fire Dept./Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing had no new report. Joseph Gould did report that the new doors are all in at the Fire Dept.
- Horne's Ferry: Mayor Golden doesn't have much new to report on. They still are having appraisals done and the village's debt has been acknowledged. Trustee Chavoustie did report that their maybe customs issues on the Canadian side. Mayor Golden did mention that the Village is still incurring monthly charges at the law building and that we need to get a good path forward with the ferry/border patrol.
- NYForward: Trustee Stark reported that the Village had a Zoom meeting with a financial group from Syracuse that will help the Village secure the best interest rates and guide the Village in the financial aspects of NYForward and even current debt. They have a flat fee of \$5,000.00 that can be captured through the grant. Trustee Stark made a motion to enter into a contract with this investment group for \$5,000.00 with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
 - Trustee Youngs stated there will be a debriefing on Friday May 16th at 11:00am about why the grant was not awarded for the Smart Growth.
 - Trustee Stark stated that there will be a ZOOM call with NYForward hopefully on May 15th, waiting for confirmation.

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

- Ramp fees: The Board discussed the proposed rates. Trustee Stark made the motion to set the rates as follows: Tournaments 1-25 boats \$100.00 per day, 25-50 boats \$150.00 per day and 50+ boats \$200.00 per day and seasonal stickers at a Village resident rate of \$15.00 per season and Seasonal stickers of \$40.00 per season with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Arts Council request: The Arts Council has requested to pay for and have placed 2 porta-johns on the Village right-away on the corner of the Village Green at James and Gouvello Street for the June 15-September 15th timeframe and Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the request with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

- Pavilion cleaner: Mayor Golden made a motion raise the hourly rate for Darlene Duly to \$31.00 per hour with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Water Van: Mayor Golden reviewed the quotes from FX Caprara, Bob Johnson and Davidson. FX Caprara came in with the lowest quote of \$50,454.00. Trustee Ewing made the motion to pursue the water van purchase with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Dock storage: Mayor Golden brought the issue of the surplus docks purchased by Ron Clapp a few years ago are still not collected from the DPW barn area. The Village will give Mr. Clapp 30 days to remove the docks or he will be assessed a \$100.00 per month fee. Dustin will contact Mr. Clapp.

At 7:13pm, 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