

June 10, 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 May 27, 2025 regular Board meeting and Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 01 as follows:

General:	\$ 30,631.05	Vouchers 5162-5184
Water:	\$ 10,313.85	Vouchers 2518-2529
Sewer:	\$ 4,999.69	Vouchers 2518-2529

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

Attendee Mark Carr then addressed the Board. Mr. Carr has proposed a contract to the Village for the demolition of the buildings and level the ground at the Eveleigh property, owned by the Village at 1270 E. Broadway. Mr. Carr elaborated further on the plans and stated his desire to help. Mayor Golden stated that the contract would have to be forwarded to the Village attorney for review. Trustee Stark inquired if there were any contingencies or stipulations into the Village entering into this contract. Mr. Carr stated that he would like first right of refusal if the Village were to sell the property. There will be an asbestos study done soon if the Board agrees. Board approved.

Attendee Kevin Denecke then addressed the Board. He organizes the 4th of July run and it is typically ran from the Rec Park. However, due to a scheduling conflict, he needs to find a new gathering point. He is requesting to use the "turn-around" at the East End Park from 7:30-11:30am on July 4th. A short discussion took place. Participants will be asked to use the Elm St. parking lot. Board approved.

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

- The crew has completed the sewer cleaning for the season.
- The storm drain replacement on Murray street has begun and going well. More issues have been found as it has been uncovered and there were tree roots, but should be completed soon. Mayor Golden asked if Colleen Knuth was aware of the replacement and Dustin said yes.
- The crew would like to purchase a camera for the water/sewer lines, as of right now we have to hire a company. Dustin got a few quotes for review. The cost can be split over 3 funds. Trustee Stark made the motion to approve the purchase from Lowes or Amazon for \$1,159.99 with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Dustin has attempted to receive another quote from Hazelwood Mechanical for the PM work on the A/C units. As of right now, Paladino Mechanical is the lowest quote at \$1197.60 for the work need and the Board approved. Dustin will reach out to Paladino to get on the schedule.
- James Johnson has been staining the posts at the pavilion and the benches at the Village dock. He will also be doing the breezeway at the pavilion.

- The stand holding the cannon at East End Park has rotted. The crew did a makeshift stand while they construct a new one.
- There is a maple tree in front of the church on Market street that has been severely damaged by woodpeckers and will need to be taken down, but the crew will be able to do it.
- Dustin will be placing the order for the new trees this week and will get them planted as soon as they arrive.
- Gareth Hogan would like to lead the hydrant flushing this spring and do it from 12:00am-6:00am. The Board agreed.
 - Mayor Golden inquired about the 10 hour per day proposal from the crew. After short discussion, it was requested that a proposal be submitted for Board review.
 - Trustee Stark thanked the crew for the assistance given to the CVIL for the flower pots. Also she requested a status update on the rope for EEPark and mulch. Dustin hopes to get to the rope next week and the mulch once the weeds are done at the EEPark.

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

- No new report at this time. Mayor Golden inquired about the recent work done to the police car and he stated that it was only regular maintenance items.
- Trustee Stark then inquired about paperwork the French Festival permit and the status of officers committed for French Festival weekend. Mayor Golden offered assistance in trying to obtain more officers.
- Trustee Ewing mentioned the 4th of July bike parade as well. The route to be determined.

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

- Lot on James St: Mayor Golden has requested that Mark Gebo be in contact with the Village attorney to give him the information to move forward. The Board received correspondence from a neighbor of the lots and has expressed interest in purchasing.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Stark updated that the French Fest planning is in high gear and going well. The permit has been submitted to the DOT and they just need a few more documents before approval. The French Fest committee plans to do big advertising with a focus on the pastries. The farmers market is off to a great start as well.
- Zoning: Mayor Golden stated that he had inquired about a property will tall grass and was informed that a letter had already been sent by ZEO. Trustee Chavoustie has the same report that 2 letters were sent for tall grass and 2 for structures in need of attention.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs stated that the CVLDC is doing a final Zoom with 2 applicants for the grant writer position. The next meeting is on the 12th. Tomorrow, there is a LWRP meeting with Irene from the State to review the status and also a meeting for the 2nd final design of the Club Street project. The NYForward small project grants are moving forward. Trustee Stark inquired if the PAC was invited to the meeting and it was stated that they were sent a letter asking for comments after the meeting took place.

- REDI documents: Mayor Golden stated that he made contact with Scott Burto who stated that he would mail the thumb drive with all the documents to the Village but it has yet to be received.
- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing reported that all is well.
- NYForward: No new report. Mayor Golden did do a TV interview on the sidewalk replacement program coming to the Village this summer by the DOT.
- Docks/Clapp: Storage fee invoicing at a rate of \$100 per month will start June 11th.
- Procurement policy: Will table until next meeting.
- Barricades on James St: The Mayor began by reading a thank you note from Cindy Edsall thanking the Board for hosting the public hearing. The Board held a worksession and as a result, Trustee Stark made the following motion to place the barricades parallel to the street, complete the flow test on the hydrants, add 2 stop signs to the James St/Kelsey Lane intersection-making it a 4 way stop, paint a crosswalk at the James St/Broadway intersection for additional safety and revisit the proposal with the design team from the NYForward group with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Water Van: Mayor Golden updated that the water van order has been placed at FX Caprara.
- Study: Mayor Golden also updated that he has been in contact with Mike Alteri from BC&A about water/sewer infrastructure studies and he is looking into options.

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

- Debit/Credit Card: Trustee Ewing made the motion to approve obtaining 2 debit cards, one for the general fund and one for the water/sewer fund, to be held at the Village office with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Otis Lane: There is a request from the Town to tap into the water main at Otis Lane for the daycare center that is going to be built. Board approved.
- Chamber agreement: Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the Mayor to sign the 2025-26 chamber agreement for \$10,000 with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes. Trustee Stark then inquired about the communication with the new Tourism promoter and how that is supposed to work. Trustee Youngs will inquire.
- Dock ladder: A concerned citizen inquired if an emergency ladder is needed on the Village dock. After a brief discussion, Dustin will do some research.
- Mile per hour meeting: The Village was invited to attend a meeting in Alex Bay about the proposals to make the speed limits in the Villages go to 25 mph. No one is able to attend the meeting. There was a brief discussion and OIC Cuddeback stated that the signs would need to be adjusted to the enforceable. No action taken at this time.
- Mayor Golden then updated the Board that he has attended the ambulance stakeholder meeting and it was well attended and the ambulance seems to be on the right path to move forward.

At 6:45pm, Trustee Stark made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss a land purchase with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 7:00pm, Trustee Youngs made a motion to exit the executive session with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Trustee Stark made a motion to approve our Village attorney, Ian Gilbert, to negotiate with Mr. Tobias, attorney for Horne's Ferry, to purchase the US landing of the business with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 7:02pm, Trustee Ewing made a motion adjourn the meeting with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer