

July 8, 2025- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the June 24, 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 02 as follows:

General:	\$ 32,770.98	Vouchers 5185-5208
Water:	\$ 10,475.03	Vouchers 2530-2541
Sewer:	\$ 4,786.31	Vouchers 2530-2541

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Ewing made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden then signed Abstract 02 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee Amanda Mason then addressed the Board. Her residence neighbors one of buildings that is being demolished at 1270 Broadway. She stated that the contractor had asked to use her water hose and electricity as needed for the asbestos removal prior to the demo. She was curious about the status of the project and if she should have any concerns. Dustin stated that the abatement has not been completed at the building next to her yet. Mayor Golden then stated that the process of the abatement will be very regulated and professionally handled. It was also stated that she can get a copy of the report, if she wishes. Amanda stated that she is ok with the contractor using the hose if needed. Mayor Golden informed her that the goal at this time was to clean up the area and she can reach out to the Mayor or Dustin Cooley if she has any other questions or concerns.

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

- He is still waiting for one more quote for paving. No action will be taken at this time until the 3 quote is received.

Trustee Stark arrives at 5:38pm.

- The tree order has been delivered. The trees look very healthy and he hopes to have the crew plant them next week after the French Festival.
- The crew is getting everything prepared for French Festival and it is going well. The street is set to be swept/cleaned tomorrow morning by Clayton and a few of the crew members are coming in at 5:00am to assist in the effort.
- Two "summer kids" started today through the County program.
- The jetter head/cutter has been ordered from US Jetter.
- There have been no issues or concerns with the Murray Street storm drain pipe since the replacement.
- The stops signs at the 4-way stop at Kelsey Lane and James Street have been installed and the crosswalk has been painted on the street. Mayor Golden then stated that according to vehicle

and traffic laws, the Village Board has the authority to place the stop signs as they see fit. Trustee Chavoustie stated that he been contact by neighbor Jacob Cashel about the 4-way stop. Mr. Cashel didn't attend the meeting, so Trustee Chavoustie didn't want to speak on his behalf, but stated that he had concerns. Trustee Stark stated the concern she has about the parking and congestion, as it seems to be a free for all for parking at this time. She suggested that maybe some parking spots and no parking on the ice cream side would help. Mayor Golden stated that it will be helpful going forward once the State comes in with professionals with the NYForward and help solve these concerns. Dustin also stated that he has been working on additional overflow parking signs for EEPark.

- After the storm of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the generator at the sewer plant has not been working correctly. A sensor for low coolant has been replaced however it is still not working. Dustin will most likely have to call in a service call.
- The house has been demolished at the Eveleigh property. Dustin has asked Tim White, project manager, to keep him posted on project details.
  - Trustee Stark inquired about the gazebo at EEPark. After a short discussion, Trustee Stark made the motion to deem the gazebo surplus and approve Dustin Cooley to list it on the Auctions International website with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.
  - Trustee Chavoustie spoke about an issue brought up on a LWRP call about the docks for the Club Street project and the issues that arise with bird droppings. Dustin did agree that it is an issue at the EEPark, that needs to be addressed frequently. More to follow.
  - Trustee Stark then spoke about the Eveleigh property demolition project and just wants to verify that the Village is making sure all abatement protocols are followed and to keep Amanda Mason updated. Dustin did say that they are waiting for 3 quotes for the abatement and no details at this time.

There was no police report given.

Mayor Golden then gave the "old" business report as follows:

- Lot on James St: No new report.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Stark that all the French Festival planning is in the final stages.
- Zoning: Trustee Youngs stated that she received a message from Lisa Despirto, asking if she could call her, about a letter from zoning about the home on Joseph street. She never called. Trustee Chavoustie stated that he did give ZEO Higgins Paul Handley's information if needed, as he might be interested in the neighboring property.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs updated that on the last call for the Club street project, several design ideas were discussed. The CVLDC asked if the Village would like the new grant writer to work on the Comprehensive plan update. The Board agrees. There was also a brief discussion about the water intake system for the Club street project aspects, ie. Splash pad area. The flow test information from Gareth Hogan will be helpful.
- REDI documents: No received yet.

- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: The new fire boat is in service. Trustee Ewing stated that he was thankful to the fire dept for the help with the bike parade.
- NYForward: All the submitted paperwork has been accepted and the Village now has a contract with the State for the projects. Trustee Stark believes that we can now put out an RFP, but will check with Jen Voss, NYForward, before doing so.
- Procurement policy: Tabled.
- Horne's Ferry: Mayor Golden stated that there is a great deal of interest on the Canadian/Wolfe Island side as well as the U.S. side. There has been a proposal to have a large meeting of all political parties about the importance of the ferry service and to express all concerns. The Board reviewed the purchase agreement that was drafted by attorney Ian Gilbert. The agreement would purchase the ferry landing on the US side, on Club St. at the price of \$225,000 and the Horne's will pay \$25,000 at the closing for the debts owed. The Mayor then read the following resolution aloud:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF HORNE FERRY PROPERTY  
VILLAGE OF CAPE VINCENT

WHEREAS the Village of Cape Vincent has been in negotiations for the last few years with the owners of real property located at 319 Club Street in the Village of Cape Vincent (Jefferson County Tax Parcel No. 39.81-1-60) and owned by Horne Transportation.

WHEREAS the Village of Cape Vincent is authorized under NY State Village Law § 1-102 "to take, purchase, hold, lease, sell and convey such real and personal property as the purposes of the corporation may require".

WHEREAS the parties have arrived at an agreement by which Horne Transportation will sell said property to the Village for an amount that the parties have mutually agreed to, namely \$225,000.00 USD (Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars in United States Currency).

WHEREAS the Village has further agreed to settle all debts owed by Horne Transportation to the Village of Cape Vincent via payment to the Village of \$25,000.00 (Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars in United State Currency).

WHEREAS the Village seeks to be able to utilize its own fund balance and funds being raised from supporters within the community to finance the purchase and will not need to utilize any reserve funds for the purchase, nor will it need to receive financing through bonds or incur other indebtedness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees deems acceptable and approves the purchase agreement and its terms, as prepared by the Village attorney and presented to the Board and included herewith as an exhibit to this resolution.

Section 2. They Mayor is authorized to execute all necessary paperwork to effectuate the terms of the purchase agreement and to effectuate the transfer of title, including signing closing documents (such as a deed) on the Village's behalf.

Mayor Golden then took a vote as follows: Mayor Golden, Yes, Trustee Stark, Yes, Trustee Ewing, Yes, Trustee Youngs, Yes, Trustee Chavoustie, Yes.

Clerk Rupp will email the resolution to attorney Gilbert.

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

- CM fund: Trustee Stark made the motion to close the CM fund retroactively to 5/31/25 as it is no longer utilized or necessary with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Water/wastewater school: Trustee Youngs made the motion for employees Gareth Hogan, Dan Radley, James Johnson and Marty Mason to attend in Alex. Bya on Aug. 9 for a total cost of \$300.00 with Trustee Stark seconded the motion and all voting yes.
- After review quotes, Trustee Stark made a motion to approve the purchase of a suspended solids analyzer meter for a cost of \$2340.00 with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Flow meter report: There was a short discussion. Mayor Golden will ask Gareth Hogan to come to the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Stop signs: Mayor Golden then spoke to the Board and asked if the Board is happy with the status of the 4 way stop at James and Kelsey Lane. The Board is all pleased at this time.

At 6:33pm, Trustee Stark made a motion adjourn the meeting with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer