

June 24, 2025- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

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

Attendee Michael Altieri, BC&A Engineer, then addressed the Board. Mr. Altieri gave a presentation on infrastructure grants and funding for water and wastewater. The Village could have a study performed to evaluate the systems and use that to apply for grant funding. There are several grant options available. Mr. Altieri further explained that the Village has time to meet the application deadline, if the study starts now. Trustee Michael Chavoustie arrived at 5:36pm. The cost of the study/application was discussed and there would be a \$2,500.00 initial payment and then \$7,500.00 if a grant is awarded. A SEQR can be presented at the next meeting.

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

- Trying to secure quotes for paving for this season. Still waiting on Suit-Kote to submit. The crew plans to do paving on Pine Street to the curve on Elm and N. Real Street to Broadway.
- The paint for the crosswalk and the hashing on Broadway has arrived. The stop signs have been received for the James St. and Kelsey intersection and Dustin asked Clerk Rupp to put a call out on the notification system about the new traffic pattern. Trustee Stark inquired if they will be covered after installation. Dustin will research the law. Trustee Chavoustie inquired about the timeline of completion. Dustin is hoping to have it done this week.
- The crew needs a new root cutter head for the sewer machine. Dustin provided 3 quotes.
- There is a quote for the tree order. Dustin can't get a replacement pear tree, as it was a special order for the TILT tree planting, but he will look to get another fruit tree.
- The crew will start working on all the street signs in the Village to be certain they are all at proper heights.
- The rope has been installed on the posts at EEPark and the crew will look to do the same kind of set up at the Elm St. lot.
- Dustin provided some examples of emergency dock ladders for the Village dock.
- One of the summer-help employees from last year, from the county program, didn't qualify for the program this year and is interested in applying for summer help if the Village is hiring.
- The power has been disconnected from each of the buildings and they have been emptied at the Eveleigh property.
 - Trustee Stark inquired about the spreadsheet of flow testing done on the hydrants. After brief discussion, Gareth Hogan will be asked to attend the next meeting for further discussion. Secondly, Trustee Stark stated that it was her opinion to have the speed bumps removed on James St. as they don't seem to be helping speeders. She also suggested possibly painting on the road to attract attention to safety concerns. The

Board agreed to take the speed bumps down. Lastly, Trustee Stark stated the rope at the EEPark looks great and she would like to coordinate the CVIL to mulch next week.

- Mayor Golden requested that Dustin send the 10-hour workday proposal to the Board via email for their review.

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

- Shaun is still trying to secure coverage for French Festival weekend. There was a discussion. Shaun will update the Board once he knows more.
 - Trustee Ewing informed OIC about the annual 4th of July bike parade and it's 10:00am start time from the Rec Park and traveling through the Village to the Elementary school.

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

- Lot on James St: No new report.
- Chamber/French Fest: Trustee Stark stated that preparations for French Festival are in full swing and going well. The group is increasing entertainment to go through the fireworks. Trustee Chavoustie inquired about the reasoning behind that and the safety concerns. Trustee Stark did state that group is trying new ideas and will really advertise the event and information.
- Zoning: Trustee Chavoustie stated that a letter was received about the unsafe building on Joseph Street and the homeowner has requested a 30 day waiver to give a plan.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs stated that the CVLDC hired G&G consultants as the grant writers. At the last Town meeting, the Brick's grant was discussed which would be a joint grant for joint offices and Community Center. Trustee Youngs will forward more info to the Board.
- REDI documents: No new report.
- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: Trustee Ewing stated that all is well.
- NYForward: Trustee Stark and Marty Mason are attending the monthly meetings with the Town via Zoom.
- Procurement policy: Tabled.
 - Trustee Ewing made a motion to approve the purchase of the root cutter at a price of \$1979.00 with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.
 - The Board discussed and approved the purchase of the polymer 4 step ladder to be purchased for the Village dock.

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

- DOT resolution: Trustee Stark made the motion for Mayor Golden to sign the DOT resolution to update the records on file with the State with Trustee Ewing seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Mayor Golden read the invitation sent by Scott Gray's office about Advanced Nuclear 101 at Bonnie Castle on July 8th from 5:00-7:00pm.
- EEPark parking: The Board discussed the parking concerns at the East End Park. There is an agreement that it is improving.

- The Board reviewed a EEPark request to host a Cruise-In September 13th from 2:00-dusk. They would like to request the \$50.00 vendor permit for the food truck. The Board approved.

At 6:48pm, Trustee Youngs made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss a land purchase with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 7:02pm, Trustee Youngs made a motion exit the executive session with Trustee Stark seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At 7:03pm, Trustee Ewing made the motion adjourn the meeting with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer