

February 24, 2026- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

Deputy Mayor Pamela Youngs opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees Timothy Maloney and Joseph Gould present. Trustees Michael Chavoustie was running late. Mayor Golden was excused. Deputy Mayor Youngs welcomed the attendees and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the February 10, 2026 regular Board meeting and Trustee Maloney made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and Deputy Mayor Youngs voting yes.

Attendee Christine Stark then addressed the Board. She began to update the NYForward projects. At 5:32 pm, Trustee Chavoustie arrived. Ms. Stark continued by stating that there is a DOT meeting in Watertown on March 3rd at 2:00pm to discuss traffic and safety as it relates to the projects. Mayor Golden will still be out of Town at the time of the meeting and Trustee Maloney has offered to attend in person with Ms. Stark. There is an upcoming public meeting on March 11th at the Rec Park that will be a joint Town/Village meeting. There will be a 12:00-4:00 session for stakeholders and public viewing and that will be followed by a formal presentation from 6:00-8:00. The Village will do advertising in the Watertown Times. Ms. Stark then stated that she is looking for more input from the Board as the PAC is not being very responsive. DELTA is creating a flyer to be placed around the Village for the March 11th events.

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

- The crew is still monitoring a possible water main leak on Elm/Lake streets, where a large break was a few weeks ago.
- Dustin has called for a few quotes on ordering 12-inch Hymax couplers. Blair Supply was \$785.00 each, EJP was \$835.00 each and Core&Main have them for \$619.00 each. Dustin would like to order 2 to have an extra on hand.
- The crew is working on preventative maintenance on equipment when they are not plowing.
- The cannon base is almost complete.
 - Trustee Gould made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 Hymax couplers from Core&Main for \$619.00 each with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.
 - Trustee Chavoustie inquired about the cannon and if Dustin had talked to Parks about the base. Yes, they are happy with what the crew is doing and just have asked for photos upon completion.

Gareth Hogan, W/WW Operator, then supplied the Board members with a report on the water and sewer plants. He stated that there were no concerns at the plants and just dealing with the water main breaks. The Board reviewed the report and had no questions.

Shaun Cuddeback, OIC, then addressed the Board. He had no report to give. He was informed of the upcoming Winter Solider race that is to take place this upcoming weekend. OIC stated that there will not

be an officer available this weekend. After a brief discussion, Trustee Gould stated that he will get a fire truck to assist on Saturday morning with the race.

Deputy Mayor Youngs then addressed the “old” business as follows:

- Lot on James St.: No report.
- Chamber: Trustee Chavoustie had no report, but Chamber President Ariel Pink was in attendance and stated that the Chamber is working on finalizing the Visitor’s Guide and will be using a local printer this year. French Festival planning is going well.
- Zoning: Trustee Chavoustie had no report. Trustee Chavoustie deferred to attendee Sarah Dayton, who recently appealed a ZEO decision and attended a ZBA hearing. She stated that it is her opinion that a “light industrial” classification is not accurate for the Seaway Marine and feels that it not correctly handled, the Village would be setting itself up for a lawsuit. Planning Board Chairman Jeff Herpel then stated that a site plan review has been submitted by the Seaway Marine to include the construction of new office, restrooms and 6-foot fencing. After a briefing, it is his opinion that the “light industry” is a floating district, as defined in the Zoning Law.
- CVLDC: Deputy Mayor Youngs stated that the Village needs to move forward with the next step of the process for the pro-housing certification process. G&G has stated they will be handling all the necessary information and shouldn’t cause additional work to Village Clerk. The Board would need to approve a resolution. Upon review, Deputy Mayor Youngs made a motion to approve the resolution with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes. Deputy Mayor Youngs then continued to update that the CVLDC had their recent meeting and EV Chargers were discussed. The chargers have not been shipped yet but the CVLDC will get the funds to the Village once they are invoiced. The group is also moving forward to finalize the LWRP as a joint plan. G&G is supposed to be trying to get a grant to assist in the finalization and if all goes well, it would be complete in one to two years. They are also looking at a few options for the Comp. plan. The CVLDC would like to look into a Community Blok Grant that would assist existing and perhaps new businesses. More information to follow.
- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: Trustee Maloney had no new report but Trustee Gould stated that the department is looking at purchasing a new fire truck and has just started the process. The current large truck is old and parts are impossible to find.
 - Ambulance: Trustee Maloney stated that he is also serving on the Board or Directors for the ambulance. He stated that the ambulance is greatly improved and they are striving to get a better public view in the Community. They are working hard to get all calls answered and things are turning around for the service. Town Supervisor Christine Stark also updated that the Town has received a new contract for the ambulance service and stated that there will be a road closure in Three Mile Bay that will require an eight-mile detour, that is to start this Spring and last until late Fall. It was stated that the road

closure needs to be publicized. It was also stated that the Ambulance, at the advise of their attorney, have now made their meeting not open to the public.

Deputy Mayor Youngs then addressed the “new” business as follows:

- Port-a-johns: There was a request from the CV Arts Council to supply 2 Royal Flush port-a-john’s around the Village Green from June 15th – September 15th, but removed during French Festival. CV Arts Council will pay for the port-a-john’s. Trustee Chavoustie made the motion to approve the request with Trustee Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes.
 - Deputy Mayor Youngs then stated that she had received an email from CVLDC members asking what the village board might think about having vending machines placed at EEPark, in the pavilion area. There was a discussion with some concerns about vandalism and keeping visitors from visiting shops in the Village. No decision was made at this time. The suggestion was made by CVLDC members based on received information about a Tourism Grant available through the Jefferson County Visitors Investment Fund. Eligible projects will increase reasons people visit Jefferson County, encourage visitors to stay longer and spend more.

At 6:12pm, Trustee Chavoustie made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer