

March 10, 2026- Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the February 24, 2026 regular Board meeting and Trustee Maloney made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 10 as follows:

General:	\$ 75,247.67	Vouchers 5398-5418
Water:	\$ 60,342.21	Vouchers 2641-2657
Sewer:	\$ 11,601.50	Vouchers 2641-2657

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Youngs made the motion to approve the payments of all vouchers with Trustee Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden then signed Abstract 10 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee Christine Stark then addressed the Board. She spoke about the Visitors Investment Fund and the grants awards that max-out at \$25,000.00. Municipalities are eligible and she left informational packages for further review. Ms. Stark then spoke about the "Vive le Tour de Cape" campaign that has been spearheaded by Warren Smith. Ms. Stark had a meeting with Mr. Smith and Kristie Rorke about the status of the project. At this time, the group is looking for Village Board support with a letter of support. The plan includes a bike shop that will relocate to the Village and the creation of a "linger-longer" space near the Chamber building. The Village Board stated that they support the idea. This idea was presented to the CVLDC two times and declined both times. The Chamber has now partnered with Mr. Smith and this presentation will be given at the next Town meeting for support.

Attendee Sarah Dayton then addressed the Board. She is submitting information and requesting clarification on several issues related to the Site Plan Review application that was submitted by the Seaway Marine Group for the property at 583 E. Broadway. Ms. Dayton has sent letters to County and State agencies as well. Her request list is for the need for documentation of Zoning authorization, documentation of historic marina activities, lack of response to a request for a written determination and the completeness of the Site Plan Review Submission. She stated that it is her opinion that the Village is setting themselves up for legal action. The letter is also going to be given to Planning Board Chair, Jeff Herpel.

Attendee Mike Altieri, BC&A Engineers, then addressed the Board. Mr. Altieri discussed funding for the water infrastructure grant. There was discussion of coordination with the NYForward grant work and different financial options. No action is needed tonight and Mr. Altieri offered to come prior to the next meeting to help answer any questions. Mayor Golden expressed his concerns about the financial obligations this could possibly be to the Village taxpayers. Mr. Altieri stated that the RFQ would need to be completed within the next month. He will be at the next meeting for further discussions. Mayor Golden did inquire about the deep water dock situation from the previous REDI project. Mayor Golden stated that he wants the engineers to stay on top of the situation and get it addressed as soon as possible.

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

- The new cannon base is completed and has been placed at EEPark.
- The crew continues to monitor the water main break sites and add stone as it settles. They are also watching the break on Elm Street that seems to still have a small leak. They hope to be able to address it this week.
- The crew has been working on pump station #1. They replaced the suction flappers on the smaller pumps within the pump station. There seems to be an issue that they will keep searching for. There is a great deal of rain coming and they will monitor the pump station closely.
- The EV Charging stations were delivered on February 25th. They are being stored in the cold storage building. The hardware has been installed on the building.
- Mr. O'Brien, who owns residence on James Street that would be impacted by the proposed pickleball tournament has been contacted and he is ok with the tournament and blocking his driveway for the day. Trustee Chavoustie will contact resident James Oliver, as he has a driveway that will be blocked as well.
- The valve body for the Freightliner plow truck needs to be rebuilt and it has been sent to Empire Hydraulics. Should be returned this week.
- There is a tree on Gouvello Street near Tom Gault's house that National Grid would like to take down, with approval. It will help with the EV Charger installation. The Board discussed and approved, but would like to see a tree replacement for it.

Mayor Golden then addressed the police department. OIC Cuddeback has submitted his resignation. He will meet with the Mayor to do an inventory of equipment and turn-in his equipment. Mayor Golden stated that the future of the department is unknown at this time, but will continue to operate in a limited capacity.

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

- Lot on James: No report.
- Chamber: Trustee Chavoustie deferred to Chamber president Ariel Pink who stated that the French Festival committee is working on the mass gathering permit. Mayor Golden stated that he will get her contact information for Officer Knapp. Mayor Golden also stated that the probation officers will be available to assist again this year and Ms. Pink updated that she is unsure of the level of support that Fort Drum can offer this year. More to come on that. She then stated that the sponsorship is increasing and with that, more banners are needed to be hung. She will work with the DPW on that. Mayor Golden has asked that they not be placed in EEPark this year along the fence. Ms. Pink then stated that the Chamber is in the process of developing and new event, a Wing-off.
- Zoning: Trustee Chavoustie stated that he has heard from ZEO about a property on Lake Street that the owner is looking to sell, but it has no water/sewer hook-ups at this time and would have to access them via Point or Market streets.

- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs stated that the last phase of the LWRP has been awarded and Seaway Marine Group will be doing the work to the seawall and Club street docks. They are awaiting response from the DEC as to when the in water work can resume. The public NYForward meeting is tomorrow at the Rec Park. Mayor Golden stated that the DELTA engineers will be doing a site visit as well to James and Club streets and address parking concerns on James around the Village Green. Trustee Youngs stated that she would be getting more information about the LWRP plan at the upcoming CVLDC meeting and they will also be discussing the pro-housing. She also stated that G&G continue to propose new grant opportunities even though they have been informed that the Village is not interested at this time.
- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: Trustee Maloney updated that he spoke with William Gould and the department has painted the front the of Fire Hall and working on the upcoming Dutch Supper. They also continue to work towards purchasing a new truck.
- NYForward: The public meeting will be tomorrow at the Rec Park with formal presentation from 6:00-8:00pm.

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- The Board then reviewed a new proposal from Mark Carr about upgrades to the EEPark areas. A discussion took place. Trustee Youngs stated that she will reach out to Mr. Carr to set up a meeting before moving forward with any new projects.

At 6:57 pm, Trustee Chavoustie made a motion adjourn the meeting with Trustee Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer