

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

The Village Board started a worksession to discuss the budget at 5:00pm with Mayor Golden, Trustee Youngs, Trustee Gould and Trustee Maloney present. Trustee Chavoustie was absent. The Board reviewed aspects of the budget. At 5:23pm the worksession was closed.

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 March 24, 2026 regular Board meeting and Trustee Golden made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 11 as follows:

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| General: \$128,339.90 | Vouchers 5419-5441 |
| Water: \$ 18,708.76 | Vouchers 2658-2674 |
| Sewer: \$ 6,016.32 | Vouchers 2659-2673 |

Upon review of the abstract, Trustee Chavoustie 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 11 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee Michael Altieri, BC&A Engineers, then updated the Board on the status of the water infrastructure grant. EFC has agreed with the project being split-up into different phases and broken into priorities. Mr. Altieri then handed out a paper that showed several phases that would allow for the first phase to be completed with the NYForward project. Being split-up, the engineers would still be able to seek additional grant funding. There are several grant opportunities. It was discussed that DANC will be brought into the conversations soon, as the second phase would be on the transmission line and plant. The bond resolution paperwork will be reviewed and potentially signed at the next meeting and Mike will supply a grant breakdown at that time.

Attendee Sarah Dayton then addressed the Board by reading a letter she submitted. She stated her opinion about the site plan review for the Seaway Shipyard. Attendee Mary Jordan then read her letter with her opinion about the LWRP and the waterfront development. She then asked the Board to answer questions within her letter, and Mayor Golden declined at this time without advisement, as residents are recording meetings and he would not want to misspeak without some legal advisement. Attendee Gerilyn Gault then addressed the Board. She didn't have enough time to read her entire submitted letter, so she only read portions of the letter from the County about the Seaway Shipyard site plan review and stated they do support the project as a recreational marina but concerns about the commercial portions. Attendee Julie Peck then asked about the Village's ethics policy. She was informed that the Village does have one and it is located at the Village office.

At 6:00pm, Trustee Gould made a motion to open the public hearing for the tentative budget with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Mayor Golden then stated that the 2026-2027 budget will keep the tax rate under the tax cap and it will generate an extra \$9,305.00, for the upcoming year. The Village will be looking at excess property to potentially sell to help the budget. Additionally, the water and sewer rates are set to increase minimally,

to have a base charge of \$205.00 per quarter and \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons used. Sarah Dayton inquired about the property assessing schedule and Mayor Golden informed her that is done by the Town assessor.

With no further questions or comments from the audience, Trustee Youngs made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:05 pm with Trustee Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

At this time, Trustee Chavoustie made a motion to adopt the 2026-2027 budgets as presented with Trustee Gould seconding the meeting and all voting yes.

Attendee Cyril Cullen then read his submitted letter regarding the proposed use of the Seaway Shipyard.

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

- The 12-inch main on Elm Street that had the hymax repairs needed to be tightened. The hole was backfilled and more ground clean-up will be done when it dries out.
- The crew has been out working on repairing intersections and snow dumping areas and will continue until they are all fixed.
- The crew will be attending training this week on safety for quarry's and mines.
- The crew also has started the brush/compost pickup.
- Connor from B&D has given a quote about moving the conduit for the EV Chargers, but Dustin will do some research before moving forward with B&D.
 - Trustee Maloney informed Dustin that he has made contact about the floats on the attenuator at EEPark. Mayor Golden asked when the docks are planning to go in and Dustin stated that they are starting to get everything in now, starting with the ramps.

Mayor Golden stated that there is no official police report as OIC Cuddeback has resigned. Officer Taylor Knapp will fill-in temporarily and they will cut back on hours. More decisions are to come on the OIC position.

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

- Lot on James St: Mayor Golden will reach out to attorney again.
- Chamber: Trustee Chavoustie asked Ariel Pink for an update. She stated that they have opened up the sign up for the spring fishing derby. The visitor guide will be available mid-May.
- Zoning: Trustee Chavoustie stated that there is a lot on Lake Street that will be sold and a pole barn and there have been a few complaints about a few parcels along Market street for trash/junk.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs then updated that there is no update on the Club Street project as they are waiting to hear back from the DEC. There is a status report meeting for the NYForward on Wednesday at 3:00pm and the joint meeting with the LDC and Town will April 22 at 6:00pm at the Rec Park. The LDC has been working on getting the word out about the detour at Three Mile Bay. There is a request for a support letter for the 3-sided historical/information signs. There was a brief discussion about the signs and Trustee Chavoustie will reach out to the parks to find out about the ownership of the signs. Attendee Julie Peck shared her opinion and concern that

Dennis McCarthy's company is the one doing the sign. Trustee Youngs also stated that the County has the Town/Village at the top place for assistance with the LWRP and the Board agrees to allow the County to help for free.

- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: Trustee Maloney stated that they are working on the rescue boat and Trustee Gould stated that the public vote will be in 2 weeks for the new truck.

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

- Easements: Mayor Golden stated that there were several easements that were not released after the sewer line work in the Point Street area. The Village will have to draft a letter and Mike Alteiri will assist.

At 6:34pm, Trustee Gould made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Youngs seconded the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer