

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

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the March 10, 2026 regular Board meeting and Trustee Maloney made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Mike Altieri, BC&A Engineers, then addressed the Board about the water infrastructure grant. Mr. Altieri spoke to the Board about the bond resolution needed for the project to move forward. Mayor Golden expressed his concern about the financial commitment and feels that the Village funds are spread to thin at the moment. Mayor Golden asked if the project could potentially be done in phases with only what grant funds have been awarded. Mr. Altieri stated that there is a call scheduled for Thursday March 26 at 2:30pm with EFC and the idea can be proposed about phasing the project and what financial options there are. The EFC financing is typically less expensive than traditional banks and also, the bond resolution does not obligate the Village to anything. At this time, the Board will hold off on bond resolution until after talking with EFC. The Board then did review the RFQ for the project that needs to be advertised. This is a requirement for EFC. The submittal due date is April 20th. Trustee Chavoustie made a motion to approve advertising the RRQ in the Watertown Times with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes. Next they reviewed another requirement for Ag's and Markets, as one of the transmission lines goes thru the Rec Park area. Trustee Gould made a motion for Mayor Golden to sign the letter with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mr. Altieri then informed the Board about another grant opportunity for the sewer system. The program is for a study for inflow and infiltration and the study finds failures in the system and shows ways to improve and help get additional capacity. This grant is available every year. Mr. Altieri did state that County Planning has entered into a shared service to help provide grant writing and they could assist. The Board again stressed the financial concerns and may consider in a few years.

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

- The crew will be addressing the 12 inch main on Elm/Lake street on Wednesday and hopefully it will be an easy fix.
- The rebuilt valve body is on the freightliner and working better but the crew will look to replace it in the new budget year.
 - Mayor Golden asked when brush/compost collection will resume? April 1st.
- The crew has been out fixing pot holes and cleaning up areas affected by water main breaks.
- The crew continues to work on pump station one and there is still one pump that keeps losing its prime. They will continue to monitor the issue.
- B&D has requested that the crew dig a trench for the power to the switch gear on the pump station. Hoping to be able to complete soon.
- National Grid informed Dustin that all the take down trees are complete. They will continue to trim for a few more days. They should be back in the spring for tree replanting. The stump outside the Little Bookstore will be taken down, as it can not be carved, as it is a living tree. The owner of the Little Bookstore also inquired if it would be ok to "leave" dirt between the sidewalk

and the road while there is a construction project and then it will be removed. Dustin told the owner that it should not be an issue as long as it does not block the sidewalk.

- The quote for A/C PM's is the same as last year, at \$1,196.00 from Paladino Mechanical
 - Mayor Golden then inquired what employee will be next in the queue to attend the CDL program. James Johnson is next.

There was no police report given but Mayor Golden stated that we are still waiting for a resignation letter in writing from Mr. Shaun Cuddeback.

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

- Lot on James St: No report.
- Chamber: Trustee Chavoustie stated that membership/sponsorship is up. The banners were discussed and they will be reaching out to Dustin for some ideas on displaying banners. They are creating a list of events that the banners will be displayed. Trustee Chavoustie also updated that he had spoken to the Oliver's, residents of James Street that will have their driveway blocked during the proposed pickleball tournament in August. The Oliver's approve the temporary closure.
- Zoning: Trustee Chavoustie stated that ZEO Higgins updated him that he has met with Jim Mason from the Legion about the purchased sign. At this point, the lighting of the sign may not be an issue, but a variance will be required. There is a pole barn proposed for building on Lake Street and the Zoning office hours will resume on Friday's starting at 12:30.
- CVLDC: Mayor Golden stated that the Village was asked to supply a letter of support for a tree grant that the CVLDC is applying for. Upon reading the supplied letter, Mayor Golden will be reaching back out to Mary Farrell for clarification on certain aspects of the letter. The NYForward survey was briefly discussed and it was stated that the James Street closure and bike lanes/parking concerns were not really included. Trustee Chavoustie stated that he has been informing individuals to include comments/concerns in the bottom portion of the survey.
- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: Trustee Maloney had no new report, but Trustee Gould stated that there will be a vote coming out to residents soon about the proposed purchase of a new truck.
- NYForward: Trustee Chavoustie stated that he may reach out to Mark Walczyk's office about concerns with the regional DOT offices decisions, as bike lanes and parking concerns are different in different regions of the State.

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

- Food Trucks: April 11th there will be an indoor garage sale at the Rec Park and they would like to have 2 food truck vendors. Trustee Gould made a motion to approve the request and waive any fees with Trustee Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes. Mayor Golden and Clerk Rupp will issue the permits.
- SEQR: The SEQR was reviewed at the recent Planning Board meeting and was approved and signed by Chairperson Jeffery Herpel. A negative declaration was found. Trustee Chavoustie

made a motion to accept and approve the SEQR with Trustee Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

- Cannon Agreement: Mayor Golden then read the yearly cannon agreement. Trustee Maloney made the motion for Mayor Golden to sign the agreement and Trustee Gould seconded the motion with all voting yes.
 - There was a short discussion on National Marine Sanctuary. Mayor Golden stated that it was found to not affect our area. Trustee Chavoustie stated that he may attend a meeting that is in Oswego.
- 30 day notice of intent to apply: A letter was submitted by HomeTown Meals, LLC that they intended to apply for a beer and wine license. Trustee Chavoustie made a motion to approve the 30-day waiver letter with Trustee Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Water school: The Board then reviewed the proposal for Gareth Hogan, Anthony Maracle and James Johnson to attend a water school for credit hours in Potsdam on April 8th at a cost of \$60.00 per person. Trustee Gould made a motion to approve the course/cost with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer