

April 28, 2026 - Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the April 10, 2026 regular Board meeting and Trustee Chavoustie made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes. The Board then reviewed the minutes of the April 22, 2026 Joint meeting with CVLDC and Town with Trustee Chavoustie made the motion and Trustee Maloney seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Attendees Claude and Valerie Phelps, Data Collection Services, then addressed the Board. Their business is a new venture for the retired town highway superintendent. They would be able to assist the Village in their sign inventory with accurate locations and provide an excel spreadsheet with inventory items to help create work orders. They gave an informative presentation and stated that this would be a great addition to the DANC GIS program the Village has now. After a brief discussion, the rough estimate cost would be around \$6,000.00 and would like to ask the Board consider for the next budget year.

Attendee Joseph Bush, resident of Garden Wall Drive, then addressed the Board. Mr. Bush still has concerns about the end of the street/pavement on his street and how it is plowed and the aftermath of the plowing. There was a lengthy discussion on the Village property line and that the Village can only maintain the portion that they own. Trustee Maloney stated that he would contact the owner, Mark Crane, to see if he would be willing to discuss the property further.

Attendees Gerilyn and Jim Gault then addressed the Board. The Seaway Marine Group submitted an application to Empire State Development last summer. They are questioning the support letter given by the Board and signed by the Mayor, as they didn't see it in the minutes of the meetings around the timeframe. They also feel that the Board should have reviewed the entire 400-page document before signing any letters of support. The Board will look into concern and respond at a later date.

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

- The conduit is all moved for pump station one. There is still some finishing work to be done once the EV Chargers have been installed.
- Planning on opening the pavilion by May 1st. The crew has also been getting out the benches and hope to start installing the docks this week.
- Ray Stone has started mowing the Village.
- The crew continues to clean-up and monitor all the main water break areas from the winter, as well as the areas that were damaged during plowing.
- The crew attended training in Clayton today.
- The water/electric will be turned on at the Village dock this week as well.
- There is a storm drain on Point Street that needs to be repaired, as it has a partial collapse.
- The crew will start sanitary sewer cleaning within the next few weeks.
- The quote for Paladino Mechanical has increased by \$150.00 for the upcoming season for the A/C's and heating units. Trustee Gould made the motion to approve the increase in quote with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.

- Mayor Golden asked Dustin to take a look at the end of Garden Wall Drive and make a plan to address it.
- Trustee Youngs then inquired about the EV Chargers and light poles for the area. The thought is one pole with dual heads. Dustin will work with Conner from B&D on the base for the light.

No police report was given.

Mayor Golden then addressed the “old” business as follows:

- Lot on James: No new report.
- Chamber: Ariel Pink updated that the visitor’s guide is being finalized and will be here in May, the fishing derby is set for Memorial Day weekend and they would like to request use of the EEPark pavilion for the derby, the Board agreed. She also indicated that a local business has a food truck they would like to bring to the derby, if approved. Board approved. They are going to be raffling a golf cart for French Festival and then there was a discussion about the sponsorship banners. There are roughly 10 banners that they propose being put up in EEPark on the fence posts from Thursdays-Mondays during several events. The Board agrees.
- Zoning: Trustee Chavoustie updated that ZEO has sent 4 letters to property owners on Market Street and he has issued 4 permits.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs stated that the PAC had a good NYForward meeting and the stakeholders will be having a meeting on Thursday at 1:30. The CVLDC is trying to get more information on why they were not awarded the latest Smart Growth grant.
- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: Trustee Maloney had no new information to update. Trustee Gould reminded everyone that the vote is tonight from 6:00-9:00pm for the new fire truck.
- NYForward: The PAC did more work and the James Street closure was discussed, but more details need to be worked out. There was a discussion about how the Village would handle the end of James Street this season. The decision was to do the same as last season, to include the 4-way stop and have it all in place by Memorial Day.

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- Tax Warrant: The Board reviewed the tax warrant for the 2026-2027 budget year with the grand total collection being \$463,194.20. Property taxes of \$461,291.00, back water rents of \$304.80 and back sewer rents of \$1,598.40. Trustee Youngs made the motion for the Mayor and Clerk to sign the warrant with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Engagement letter: The Board then reviewed the engagement letter from Bowers & Co for the upcoming AUP (agreed upon procedure) for the FYE 5/31/26 for a total cost of \$13,200.00. Trustee Gould made the motion for the Mayor to sign the letter with Trustee Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Planning Board: The Board accepted the resignation letter from Willard Kirchgessner from the Planning Board. The Board will advertise the position and request letters of interest.
- Pavilion cleaner: The Clerk was asked to advertise for a cleaner of the pavilion.
- Easements: The Board reviewed 2 old easements from the prior sewer project for two parcels at the end of Market/Point for John DeFrancesco and Jerry Golden. Trustee Maloney made the

motion to retire the easements with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and Trustees Youngs and Gould voting yes. Mayor Golden abstained.

- Cup of Joy project: The proposed ADA ramp for the NYForward small projects grant needs to be reviewed as a portion is on the sidewalk. After brief discussion, the Clerk was asked to reach out to the attorney for advisement.

At 6:44pm, Trustee Gould made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectively submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer