

May 12, 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 April 28, 2026 regular Board meeting and Trustee Gould made the motion to accept them as written with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.

The Board then reviewed Abstract 12 as follows:

General: \$ 50,395.86	Vouchers 5442-5465
Water: \$ 9,172.96	Vouchers 2675-2686
Sewer: \$ 6,786.332	Vouchers 2675-2685

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 12 and ordered the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the Abstract.

Attendee Stacy Richards, owner of the new Lighthouse Learners Daycare, then addressed the Board. Ms. Richards is working on a license with the State and she must be able to provide two places to relocate to, in case of an emergency and the building needs to be evacuated. She inquired if the DPW Barn could be used as a listed location. A short discussion was held and the Board agreed. Secondly, Ms. Richards stated that there will be an open house event on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 4:00pm and has invited the Board to attend.

Attendees Mike Altieri and Gabe Murphy, BC&A Engineers then addressed the Board. Mr. Altieri addressed the Board further on the Bond Resolution. This resolution would have a \$11 million cap and will be used in phases. Mayor Golden did express his concerns about the financial impact of this for the Village. The projects proposed will be done in phases and grant funds will be used prior to any financing, at the Board discretion. The engineers will continue to seek additional grant funding.

Attendees Gerilyn and Jim Gault then addressed the Board. Mr. Gault passed out a page with questions on both sides, regarding a grant submitted by Seaway Marine Group. The Gault's have asked for the Board to answer the questions. Mayor Golden explained that under advisement of council, the Village Board will not be answering any such questions. Also, with the support letter dated July 22, 2025 for the Seaway Marine Group's application for the grant, Trustee Youngs made a motion to approve the Mayor signing the letter of support with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Attendee Christine Stark then addressed the Board. Ms. Stark, as CVIL president, stated that the rock garden areas at the EEPark are in need of more rocks. The CVIL keeps them weeded, but more rocks would help. Board approves and Dustin will look into getting more of what they need. Secondly, the CVIL will be ready to have the flower pots distributed around the Village the Wednesday after Memorial Day, if the crew is available. Lastly, the CVIL would like to re-paint the red buoy at the EEPark. Board approves.

Attendee Sarah Dayton then addressed the Board. Ms. Dayton would like to have an update on her request for a written determination for the Seaway Marina. Mayor Golden stated that no such response would be coming from the Village Board.

Dustin Cooley, DPW Superintendent, then addressed the Board as follows:

- The area of concern at Garden Wall Drive will have stone placed and graded/rolled on Wednesday or Thursday this week. Mayor Golden has heard from the property owner Mr. Crane, who would like to meet to consider options.
- The Pavilion at EEPark is open. There were no issues with the opening. The water/electric are also on the at the Village dock.
- The crew attended a training today at the Jefferson County Highway Department.
- The docks are in at the EEPark and the bouy's still need to be put out.
- The pole for the EV Chargers is in.
- The crew continues to clean up areas disturbed with snow plowing, they will get more benches out and will get some work done at the ferry landing.
- The pedestrian crossing sign is out on Broadway, the Market Street sign will go out soon.
- The crew will be placing the barricades and stop signs at James Street on the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Dustin will be in touch with National Grid about a tree they trimmed on William Street that looks bad. He will ask them to evaluate and cut if needed. Trustee Youngs inquired about the stump grinding and our crew has to handle that portion and hopes to be able to get that done soon.
- Pest control quote: The quote from Professional Pest Control Services includes a few of the Town's buildings that we will bill them for, but the quote is \$2050.00 for the upcoming season.
  - Mayor Golden then inquired when the summer help from the workplace program starts. Dusting stated in July. As of right now, no cleaner at the pavilion and they may have to help with that task. Mayor Golden also stated that the docks look great and thanked the crew.

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

- Lot on James St.: No report.
- Chamber: Chamber President Ariel Pink stated that the visitor center is opening on Friday and that the chamber will be attending the brochure swap. The Chamber is also working on was to distribute info about the detour for the upcoming season and they will also be co-hosting the open house at the day care center on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Zoning: Trustee Chavoustie stated that a few permits have been issued and three of the four residents who have received letters about the state of their property have responded.
- CVLDC: Trustee Youngs stated that even though the joint meeting seemed to be very positive, the current chair of the CVLDC has looked into the dissolution of the committee. There was a discussion and as a result, the Board will inquire if the current chairperson would be willing to meet with two members from the Town and Village, respectively, to discuss further. Secondly, the NYForward small projects are moving well and Trustee Youngs has an upcoming meeting with Irene for the LWRP maps.
- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: Trustee Maloney stated that the vote for the new truck passed.

- NYForward: Christine Stark, PAC leader, then updated the Board on the PAC meeting and gave a summary of the results from the survey. Some key points are the closure of James Street plaza, which is a requirement of the grant award, selection of site furnishings to assure matching items across all granted agencies, bike paths and parking. Mayor Golden thanked the PAC for all their assistance and Ms. Stark stated that they will need some Board guidance on moving forward with getting design ideas to DELTA.
  - Mayor Golden stated that a meeting will take place on May 19<sup>th</sup> with County officials about the ferry and a study about the economic impact of the ferry. Jefferson County is paying for the study.
  - Bond Resolution: Trustee Chavoustie made a motion to approve the \$11 million water infrastructure grant with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and by roll-call vote, Trustee Maloney was yes, Trustee Gould was yes and Mayor Golden was a yes.
  - Pest Control: Trustee Youngs made a motion to approve the quote of \$2050.00, which the Town will pay for their own buildings and leave a cost of \$1730.00 for the Village with Trustee Gould seconding the motion and all voting yes.

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- Save the River request: Trustee Gould made a motion allow the Save the River broken fishing line stations to be placed at EEPark, where they were last season, with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Mayor Golden then read of a letter of support that was submitted with 48 signatures from residents who support the Village Board decisions and appreciate their dedication to the Village government and the Village as a whole.
- 30-day waiver: Trustee Youngs then made a motion to approve the 30-day waiver for Roxy, LLC liquor license with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes. Clerk Rupp will send the letter.
- Planning Board seat: With only one letter of interest submitted, Trustee Maloney made the motion appoint Perry Golden to the planning board to fulfill the seat vacated by Willard Kirchgessner with Trustee Youngs seconding the motion and Trustees Gould and Chavoustie voting yes. Mayor Golden abstained. This appointment creates a vacancy on the ZBA and the Clerk was asked to advertise to fill the vacancy.
  - Trustee Youngs stated that Mary Farrell has been working with the county on the bus route proposal for the Town/Village of Cape Vincent. She will be asking them to consider the stops include the downtown area and not just the Dollar General. It was requested that the Town and Village do a joint support letter for this cause. Trustee Gould made a motion to approve the joint support letter with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.
  - There will also be a groundbreaking ceremony on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the Club street for the Town’s LWRP, Club Street grant.

At 6:48pm, Trustee Gould made a motion adjourn the meeting with Trustee Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer