

May 26, 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 May 12, 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.

Attendee Todd Ewing then addressed the Board. Mr. Ewing will be carrying on the annual 4th of July bike parade, started by his father. The Board approves and will reach out to the police and advised Mr. Ewing to reach out to the Rec Park to be certain that starting area is available.

Attendee Cindy Edsall then addressed the Board. She is requesting that the sidewalk on Real Street from her driveway to Boardway be replaced and inquired about some survey staking points in her area. Dustin informed her that they are survey markers for the streetscape project. Lastly, she inquired about the 2 trees near her driveway that seem to need attention. She stated finally that the Village looks great.

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

- The conduit for the EV charger has been moved to the new pole and National Grid will move the conduit tomorrow and then do the switch over for the transformers and everything needed.
- The stone work on Garden Wall Drive turned out well and has been graded.
- The barricades and stop signs went out with no issues on James St.
- There are 2 ash trees that are still set to come down, one on William Street and one on the corner of Market and Kelsey Lane.
- The crew will start cleaning sewers within the next few weeks.
- The sponsorship banners for the Chamber are up and they look great.
- There has been some storm drain work with hooking up a residence on Broadway and there is short section that needs to be added to a residence on Point Street to redirect their sump pump from the sewer system to the storm system.
 - Trustee Gould inquired how garbage collection went with being short staffed, Dustin stated it was fine. He stated that Rob Curtis will be called back in to help with large trash pick-up and then as needed.

Mayor Golden then stated that there was no police department report, but Officer Knapp did the Memorial Day parade and that the Board should think about the payrate to consider for Officer Knapp at the next meeting. Attendee Christine Stark then stated that she has been working with Officer Knapp as part of the logistic team for the French Festival and that it is going well. There will be a need for more officers and they are working on it. Ms. Stark also asked the Board to consider authorizing the Mayor to sign all upcoming permits for the French Festival. She also informed the Board of new Jefferson County Building Code requirements for the festival. A discussion took place and the Mayor is going to ask for more information. Ms. Stark then spoke on behalf of the CVIL. She stated that the flower pots should be ready for placement and Dustin stated that they are all set for tomorrow morning for placement. There was then a discussion about benches. The Village has a large number of benches and would like to see Dustin become the bench/chair POC. Board agreed. Then there was a short discussion about a joint

support letter for Warren Smith and the Tour de Cape bike program. The town and village will do a joint letter. Also, there was no letter forwarded to the County about the bus program, as the bus will now stops will be rider driven and not specified by route. Lastly, Ms. Stark spoke about NYForward. The Village Green committee has to get caught up on the contracting or they may have to withdrawl the grant. Also, Trustee Youngs still needs to weigh in on the logo for the Village.

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

- Lot on James st: No report.
- Chamber: Trustee Chavoustie stated that there will be “wingfest” on June 6th and there was a record number of participants at the spring fishing derby. There was a short discussion about the boats from Martin’s Marina that were placed at the park for the derby and stated that communication needs to be done next time to avoid confusion.
- Zoning: Trustee Chavoustie stated that there was nothing new and the letters sent to residents along Market street really helped.
- CVLDC: No report from Trustee Youngs. Mayor Golden did state that the vote for dissolving the CVLDC took a 3-3 vote.
- Fire Dept/Youth Commission: Trustee Maloney started that the truck has been ordered and will be here in 2028 and the chicken BBQ on Memorial Day was well attended.

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

- Trustee Gould made a motion to authorize Mayor Golden to sign all permits for the French Festival and for a support letter for the Tour de Cape with Trustee Chavoustie seconding the motion and all voting yes.
- Risk Management: The Board reviewed paperwork submitted. Clerk Rupp has been asked to reach out to OneGroup and let them know that we will reach out next time we plan to RFP for services.
- Trustee Gould made a motion to approve the following:

Water Fund:

Move \$1767.00 from account 9377(Water savings) to account 10016038 – as per water grant agreement and budget

With Trustee Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

- Mayor Golden stated that the ferry survey is now available. Has been asked to be on Town/Village/Chamber/CVLDC sites.
- Mayor Golden stated that he received a letter from a resident on James Street about the stop signs near the barricades. No action will be taken at this time.
 - Trustee Chavoustie inquired about the status of the old Eveleigh property. There was a brief discussion. No decision was made at this time.

At 6:11 pm, Trustee Chavoustie made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Maloney seconding the motion and all voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rupp, Clerk/Treasurer