

June 23, 2026 – Village of Cape Vincent Board of Trustees

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

The Board then reviewed the minutes of the June 9, 2026 regular Board meeting and Trustee Youngs made the motion to accept them, with one spelling correction of “Pink”. Trustee Maloney seconded the motion with Mayor Golden voting yes.

Attendee Christine Stark of the Improvement League spoke with the Board about the Community House Floor. The Improvement League has done the best they can to maintain the floor over the years, however, it is time that something more be done. The Improvement League is asking the Board if they would be willing to collaborate with them to determine what can be done to improve the floor in the main meeting room, and be willing to pay 50% of the cost. Different options were discussed. The Village Board is willing to assist with this. Ms. Stark will discuss further with Improvement League to make a plan.

Attendee Christine Stark then spoke on behalf of the Town regarding NYForward.

- The latest figures provided by Delta Engineers fall within the budget of \$600,000 for the Club Street project and \$2.689 million for the Broadway Streetscape project. This includes the 20% contingency. The numbers provided by Delta provide a cushion of \$40,000, on top of the contingency. However, this does not include the \$180,000 that is being paid to Delta for the design, which brings it close to the grant total.
- Broadway Project: There will be a meeting with DOT on Thursday regarding the pavement, which may adjust the budget and possibly save approximately \$150,000. Currently, the number of light poles is down to 31, with hopes of getting it down to approximately 24, which would also save. This will be followed closely and adjusted to exact amounts prior to receiving bids.
 - The sidewalks and the plaza in front of French Town Market were added back in. There is also money in the budget to remove 14 trees for approximately \$13,000. There was discussion regarding granite versus concrete curbs.
- Club Street Project: The lighting quote for Club Street is \$91,000 for nine lights and extra poles to hang Christmas lights. It was agreed that the Christmas lights would probably not withstand the wind and that having something on James Street would be more practical. There was a discussion regarding the light pole bases.
- Site Furnishings: There was a discussion regarding the light poles. It was determined that purchasing them directly from the manufacturer would be very beneficial. The Board members were able to see the actual light pole, which was delivered to the Community House for the meeting. It was decided that the fluted poles were preferred. Lighted versus non-lighted bollards was discussed. There was also discussion about chairs regarding the coloring and style. Ms. Stark suggested that PAC be empowered to make site furnishing design decisions. Any budget changes or significant changes will still come back to the Board.
- There was a question regarding the moving of a fire hydrant that was listed in the estimate. Ms. Stark clarified that this was there incase a hydrant had to be moved. Trustee Maloney stated if one was moved

it should be replaced with a new hydrant. Dustin also noted the water line would have to be moved at the same time as well.

- The most recent update provided by the Delta Design Team showed the changes that were asked of them. It is noted that the “bumpouts” are now being referred to as “curb knuckles”. Ms. Stark has asked that they include the other side of Market Street to make it uniform at that intersection.
- The Town is in final stages and will be moving forward. The docks are anticipated to go in around October.

One of the pole lights in the barn will be installed near the EV Chargers.

There was discussion regarding Bob King's lot line adjustment.

Trustee Gould arrived.

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

- Dan Radley completed grinding all the stumps, including the one at the Little Bookstore. Topsoil and seeding will be done after they have had time to settle.
- Connor Purvis poured the bases for the EV Chargers last week. Dustin will coordinate with him to pour the pole base and set the chargers.
- There are two summer youths scheduled to start after July 4th.
- Mike Leiberman helped Dustin with some wiring on the garbage truck and it has been working great since.
- Large Trash week went well with only four loads of garbage, less than previous years.
- Siewerts did the PM on pump station 2 last year, replacing the rotating element on one of the smaller pumps. It would cost \$5,700 to fix the bad one. A new one could be purchased for only approximately an additional \$1,100. This would provide a spare.
- A quote of \$6,200 was provided from Fourth Coast. This included 10 solar replacement panels and labor for installing, along with previous work to diagnose the problem.
- There was a quote from Jake Joannette for approximately \$1,400 to take down the tree on Lake Street and Esselstyne.

Mayor Golden then addressed “old” business as follows:

- Chamber – Trustee Gould shared they are working on French Festival
- Zoning – Nothing
- CVLDC/grants: Trustee Youngs shared:
 - NYForward – the Small Projects Fund – some of the funds are being diverted from those who haven't used all of their funding.
- Fire Dept./Youth Commission: Nothing for Fire Department. Trustee Maloney has established contact with Kathy Wiley regarding the Youth Commission and will coordinate discussions moving forward as to possible needs and programming.
- NYForward: Covered earlier in meeting – nothing further.

Mayor Golden then addressed “new” business as follows:

- Trustee Gould made a motion to buy ten new solar panels to replace those in need for an estimated \$6,200 from Fourth Coast. Motion was seconded by Trustee Maloney, with Trustee Youngs and Mayor Golden voting yes.
- Trustee Maloney made a motion to approve the purchase of a spare pump for \$6,784 from Siewert. Trustee Youngs seconded the motion, with Trustee Gould and Mayor Golden voting yes.

- Trustee Youngs made a motion to approve to remove the tree at Jeff Grant's on Lake and Esselstyne Streets for \$1,400. Trustee Gould seconded the motion, with Trustee Maloney and Mayor Golden voting yes.
- Trustee Gould made a motion to approve the request from Denfit regarding the race on July 4th. Seconded by Trustee Maloney, with Trustee Youngs and Mayor Golden voting yes.
- Approval was given for the girls softball team to use the pavillion, as they did last year, for their end of the year picnic. This Saturday from 11:00 to 2:00.
- Trustee Youngs made a motion to approve the list of requested road closures from the Chamber. Trustee Maloney seconded the motion, with Trustee Gould and Mayor Golden voting yes.
- Trustee Maloney made a motion to approve the amended 30-day waiver for the Roxy. Trustee Youngs seconded the motion, with Trustee Gould and Mayor Golden voting yes.
- Village Attorney Ian Gilbert got the job with Lewis County and will be closing his business. He is officially sworn in on the 13th and will be closing his office on the 11th. Mayor Golden will get a list of prospective replacement Attorneys.
 - There are two easement releases, one for John DeFrancisco's property and one for Mayor Golden's property. Mayor Golden abstained from all discussions.
 - Trustee Maloney made a motion to give Mary Rupp, Village Clerk, authority to sign on behalf of the Village for the two easement releases. Motion seconded by Trustee Gould, with Trustee Youngs voting yes and Mayor Golden abstaining.
 - Trustee Gould made a motion to retire the two easements. Motion seconded by Trustee Youngs, with Trustee Maloney voting yes and Mayor Golden abstaining.
- A resume was received from Genevieve Hamel for the Pavillion cleaning job at a rate of \$30.00 per hour. She has been made aware of the need for insurance, prior to starting, if she is approved for the job.
 - Trustee Youngs made a motion to approve Genevieve Hamel for the Pavillion cleaning job at a rate of \$30.00 per hour, contingent upon getting the proper insurance. Motion seconded by Trustee Maloney, with Trustee Gould and Mayor Golden voting yes.
- Trustee Youngs made a motion to authorize the PAC Committee to make purchasing decisions on fixtures for NYForward on behalf of the Village. Anything involving monetary changes would come back to the Board. Motion seconded by Trustee Maloney, with Trustee Gould and Mayor Golden voting yes.

At 6:53 pm, Trustee Youngs made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Gould seconding the motion, and Trustee Maloney and Mayor Golden voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Golden
Deputy Clerk