

March 19, 2015

Public Hearing-Modification of Subdivision Law and Regular
Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Urban Hirschey, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman John Byrne, Councilman Marty Mason, Highway Superintendent Dan Hubbard, Dave Croft, Attorney Mark Gebo and approximately 30 residents.

Absent: Councilman Brooks Bragdon

Supervisor Hirschey opened the Public Hearing on the modification of the Subdivision Law at 6pm with the pledge of allegiance.

No one signed to speak regarding the law and no one wished to comment. A motion to close the public hearing at 6:02pm was made by Councilman Mason, seconded by Councilman Aubertine.

Supervisor Hirschey opened the regular meeting at 6:02pm.

Privilege of the floor.

Mike Mannigan, USDA- Mr. Mannigan spoke to the Board regarding the meeting that was held with the Supervisors and Mayors. He explained the rural developments efforts in trying to help communities reach their goals. He said the goals could range from water and sewer development, infrastructure, business development, and housing opportunities. He said that each town gave its top 5 concerns. Mr. Mannigan stressed that they are not trying to replace any other organization; they are only there to help. He said that rural development has chosen the Thousand Islands as one of its focus groups. He offered his calling card and will be available for questions.

There was discussion from the floor regarding SASS. Councilman Mason told everyone that there will be a public information session held in Cape Vincent regarding SASS on April 13.

Dennis Faulknham-Dennis spoke about the informational SASS meeting and encouraged everyone to attend. He referred to the town's Comprehensive Plan. He said the Planning and Zoning Boards used this document to update the laws. He said SASS follows this process. The purpose of SASS is to identify, evaluate, and preserve. Dennis said he feels the Board has an obligation to pay attention to and follow the town's Comprehensive Plan.

Karen Stumpf-Karen spoke about the Forbes Group proposed economic development plan and says SASS does not do that. Karen said she feels that SASS will not help Cape Vincent. She said that SASS discourages new commercial business. She talked about the negative impact with new construction, outdoor lighting and infrastructure projects.

Rachel Bernat, BC&A-Rachel announced that the Comptroller has given his approval and Water District 6 is now a GO! She said they will have to get a revised preliminary schedule. Councilman Aubertine asked if the town will be reimbursed for the tree work and she said the town will get a credit. Rachel said that

they will schedule a place and time to hold a conference. Rachel said that the Supervisor has signed the bid award

Attorney Gebo spoke about the Final Order to establish district after Comptroller approval document. He read through the document and asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns regarding the document. He said this will need to be acted upon by the Board. Councilman Byrne made a motion to adopt the final order and to allow the Supervisor and/or Deputy Supervisor to sign all agreements regarding water district #6. All members voted AYE.

The minutes of the Feb. 19, 2015 meeting were accepted by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Mason. All were in favor.

Financials-Supervisor Hirschey explained that the report is usually given by the Councilman Bragdon and he reviewed a few of the account balances. Supervisor Hirschey made a motion to accept the Supervisors financial report, seconded by Councilman Mason. All were in favor.

School-Councilman Aubertine reported that the school is working on their budget at this time and the final figure is contingent on what the State does. He explained that they are in the process of eliminating positions through attrition. He said they want to add a school psychologist and are considering a Dean of Students.

ZBA-Councilman Mason reported on the meeting. He said he thought it was run well and he said it was good to see both sides working together to reach the goal.

Village-Councilman Mason reported that the Village is starting its budget process.

Recreation Park-Dave Croft reported that the building has had a few birthday parties, meetings and recently a spaghetti dinner. He said the ice in the rink is gone and he said this has been one of the better years for the condition of the rink, but it was too cold outside for people to use it.

Water-Dave Croft reported that there have been several freeze ups and breaks. He and Keith have repaired a lot of lines. Dave also said that now that water district 6 is a go, he wanted to let people know that he and Keith will be on Tibbetts Point Road taking a lot of pictures. Dave also reported that they have done a few water turn ons.

Highway-Superintendent Hubbard said that he has received the last of his salt deliveries. He will cover it and pressure wash the inside of the salt barn this spring. He reported on the repairs to equipment and reported that the highway garage and town office building had water lines freeze up. He said they worked on it for three days and did have to get someone in to thaw the water lines. Dan reported that he has had his office remodeled. He said it has not been done since the building was built. Dan spoke about a meeting he had with FEMA and the final paperwork is in. He expects that the town will be reimbursed \$4700.00 in storm damage work from 2013. Dan reported that there has been very little

flooding. He also reported that there will be a meeting on April 9, at 10am with the State DOT. This meeting is set up to discuss the condition of NYS Rt. 12E. He said the town, village, Assemblywoman Russell, Senator Richie and the town of Lyme will be in attendance.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Hirschey said that he has attended the ambulance service meetings, and he would like the board to meet again on this. Councilman Mason said that the Fire Department will hold a vote at its next meeting to separate the Ambulance and Fire Departments. He said they are moving forward with this. When they separate, the Ambulance can bill for its services. Both departments will still take donations. Councilman Aubertine asked if there will still be a certificate of need and Councilman Mason said there would be, they will not let the certificate go.

Supervisor Hirschey said that NYS Government is asking more municipalities to communicate and work together. Councilman Aubertine said he thought it was a good idea to start with the USDA and thanked Mr. Mannigan for talking about it at the meeting.

New Business:

Councilman Mason made a motion to authorize a \$70.00 per EDU increase in the water debt charge for all water districts in the town for one year, seconded by Councilman Byrne. There was the following discussion: Councilman Mason said that the town needs to do this to pay for the 4th filter. He told the Board that the DEC told the village that no new projects could go forward without it. The 4th filter is in and operating. He also said that the \$70.00 charge will only be for one year because the town is behind in the payments and next year he expects the charge to drop to \$35 per EDU per year. Vote was taken, all were in favor.

Councilman Byrne made a motion to hire Stewart Signs to go ahead with the new sign to replace the old "Welcome to Cape Vincent" sign on County Rt 8, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. There was the following discussion: Councilman Byrne said the quote for the sign was \$700.00 and this figure was budgeted. Vote was taken, all were in favor.

Resolution #16 – Tabled from the Feb. 19, 2015 meeting.

Resolution #16 was not moved. Councilman Aubertine made a motion to remove it from the agenda, seconded by Councilman Mason. All were in favor. Resolution #16 was not passed.

Resolution #21

Resolution #21 was moved by Councilman Byrne, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #21 is to adopt the modified subdivision law after the legally advertised public hearing. There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #22

Resolution #22 was moved by Councilman Byrne, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #22 is to appoint Councilman Mason as the third signature on the Town's accounts and have the ability to

move funds to various accounts, and to rescind resolution #13 appointing Councilman Byrne as the third signature. There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Bills: WD #1, \$40531.78; WD3, \$7635.57; WD 4, \$9457.34; WD 5, \$1760.76; General Fund, \$33081.59; Highway Fund, \$33609.81. Motion to approve the payment of the vouchers was made by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Byrne.

Attorney Gebo and Supervisor Hirschey talked about the need to appoint a temporary Deputy Supervisor to replace Deputy Supervisor Bragdon, while he is away due to an illness. Councilman Aubertine said he would like to suggest Councilman Mason as the temporary deputy. He said Councilman Mason was just appointed third signature, he is available because he works in the Village and there is a new water district starting, and he feels Councilman Mason is an expert in this field. Supervisor Hirschey said that he will be out of town and Councilman Bragdon will not be available while he is out. Supervisor Hirschey appointed Councilman Mason as temporary Deputy Supervisor. Councilman Mason said he would act as the Deputy on a temporary basis until Councilman Bragdon returns.

Councilman Aubertine made the motion to adjourn at 6:53pm.

Michelle Bouchard, Town Clerk