

## **Regular Town Board Meeting**

**February 11, 2010**

The Town Board Meeting of the Cape Vincent Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Urban Hirschey at 6:00P.M.

Present : Supervisor Urban Hirschey, Councilman Mickey Orvis, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Brooks Bragdon, Councilman Donald Mason, Superintendent of Highways Danny Hubbard, Dave Croft & Keith Brass

Also present Matt Cooper BC&A, Legislator Mike Docteur, Village Mayor Timothy Maloney, along with approx. 40 members of the public

**Minutes:** On a motion by Councilman Mickey Orvis and a second by Councilman Marty Mason the minutes from January 14, 2010 were accepted as written.

On a motion by Councilman Mickey Orvis and a second by Councilman Donald Mason the minutes from January 30,2010 were accepted with the spelling of two names corrected.

On a motion by Councilman Marty Mason and a second by Councilman Mickey Orvis the minutes from February 6, 2010 were accepted as written

**Bills:** General Fund of Schedule # 2 numbering # 35 - 71 amounting to \$40,980.13 Highway Bills of Schedule #2 numbering 26-48 amounting to \$26175.11. W.D. #1 bills of schedule #2 numbering #12-18 amounting to \$60,063.79. W.D. #4 of Schedule #2 numbering #1 amounting to \$1771.42. W.D. # 5 of Schedule #2 numbering #1 amounting to \$2198.10 were audited and approved

The Supervisor then opened the floor for public comment Paul Mason & Tom Jolliff both made comments concerning the wind law. Dave Lamora spoke on conflict of interest. Harry Landers asked about the petition that was turned into the board with 800 signatures on it. The public comment section was closed at 6:20P.M.

Supervisor Hirschey then asked Mayor Maloney to address the board. Mayor Maloney asked the board for an easement to cross town property behind the museum for the purpose of building a new pump station. Councilman Mickey Orvis made motion to allow the village to cross town property. Councilman Donald Mason seconded the motion. All board members in favor.

Supervisor Hirschey then asked County Legislator Mike Docteur to address the board. Mr Docteur updated the board on recent activities of the County Legislature that would have any effect on the Town of Cape Vincent.

Supervisor Hirschey then asked Matt Cooper from BC&A to address the board. Mr. Cooper updated the board on the WD #4. WD #6 has been formed and now waiting to hear about funding. WD #7 is still being studied. Mr. Cooper then spoke on lowering the water allocations for districts #1,3&4. for the DEC permits. Councilman Marty Mason made motion to lower the water allocations in these districts with Councilman Donald Mason seconded. All board members in favor.

Highway Superintendent Danny Hubbard then gave his report to the board , he reported that the town has not met their salt contract for the yr. He still needs to purchase 121 more ton. The men have been cutting brush along some roads, a 30 MPH sign has been put up along Grant Rd. A night shift has been started. A new coolant heater has been put in the backhoe.

Dave Croft reported on the rec park and the WD'S Rec Park will open on March 15th or thereabouts. In the Water Dept. everything has been working well with no major problems. Dave would like to purchase some pipe and a clamp he asked if 3 quotes would be enough, the board replied yes.

Supervisor Hirschey then read Resolution #10 which refers to the payment to Thomas Rienbeck for doing the year end report.

## **Resolution #10**

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Moved by Councilman Donald Mason  
Seconded by Councilman Marty Mason

RESOLVE, that the Supervisor be authorized to pay Thomas Rienbeck \$2000.00 upon Completion of the Annual Financial Report for the 2009 year.

All members voted Aye.

Supervisor Hirschey then read the monthly financial report.

Supervisor Hirschey then asked Councilman Brooks Bragdon to give his report on the recent Planning Board Meeting. Councilman Marty Mason then gave his report on the recent Zoning Board Meeting.

Supervisor Hirschey then read resolution #11 which refers to the County Snow & Ice contract

## **Resolution # 11**

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Moved by Councilman Marty Mason  
Seconded by Councilman Donald Mason

RESOLVE, that the Supervisor and Highway Superintendent be authorized to sign the County Snow & Ice Contract Renewal.

All members voted Aye.

Supervisor Hirschey then spoke on the recent wind law meetings that were held at the firehall. Supervisor Hirschey also said that he had met with Cheryl Leconey from T & I Computers concerning our current website. After discussion among board members on rather we would stay with her or go with someone else Councilman Mickey Orvis made motion with Councilman Marty Mason seconded to stay with T & I computers for our website development.

Supervisor Hirschey then reported that he had gotten 3 quotes for a fund balance & asset audit to be done for the Town of Cape Vincent. Mr. Hirschey suggested that he would like to go with the firm Furgison & Co. to do the audit for a price of \$2850. Councilman Donald Mason asked the supervisor where the money for this audit would come from? Councilman Marty Mason suggested that Mr Hirschey wait awhile until he was more familiar with the way the town was run and how the books were kept. Councilman Mickey Orvis stated that he did not think an audit was necessary as long as Tina's books and computer matched the bank statement received every month as Tina could not close out month if this did not match. Mr. Hirschey then stated that he wanted the audit done and made a motion to hire the firm of Furgison & Co to do the audit A roll call was taken with

Supervisor Urban Hirschey voting Aye

Councilman Brooks Bragdon voting Aye  
Councilman Donald mason voting No  
Councilman Marty Mason voting No  
Councilman Mickey Orvis voting No

The motion was voted down 3-2 Mr. Hirschey stated he was going to do audit anyways.

Supervisor Hirschey then read a letter that Brooks Bragdon had written to the Cape Vincent Fire Dept. in regards to the towns support for a fire boat to serve the community of Cape Vincent, Councilman Mickey Orvis made motion with Councilman Brooks Bragdon to send the letter to the C.V. Fire Dept.

Supervisor Hirschey then stated that he had sent a letter to the Attorney General with only his signature on it. Councilmen Donald Mason asked if the letter had been sent on the Towns letterhead? Supervisor Hirschey stated yes. Councilman Marty Mason then asked why it had been sent without board approval when it referred to all of the town board would abide by the answer received from the Attorney General. The letter was drew up by the towns attorney Mark Gebo and had originally had spaces for all Councilmen and the Supervisor to sign but when Councilman Marty Mason Councilman, Donald Mason & Councilman Mickey Orvis had indicated that they would not sign it. The Supervisor sent it with just his name.

The board then entered into executive session at 8:10P.M. to discuss personnel matters. The board exited executive session at 8:45P.M.

Councilman Marty Mason then made motion with Councilman Mickey Orvis seconded to hire Councilman Brooks Bragdon as Budget officer with a salary of \$3750. Mr. Bragdon is to work 5 hrs a week and is to be paid hourly. Mr. Hirschey will present the board with a job description for Councilman Brooks at the next Board Meeting.

Councilman Mickey Orvis made motion with Councilman Marty Mason seconded to delegate Supervisor Hirschey as the delegate and Councilman Brooks Bragdon as alternate delegate to represent the town at the Associations of Town meeting to be held in NYC in Feb.

Motion by Councilman Mickey Orvis  
To adjourn meeting at 8:55 P.M.  
seconded by Councilman Donald Mason  
All voted Aye

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Town Clerk