

Present: Supervisor Urban Hirschey, Councilman Mickey Orvis, Councilman Brooks Bragdon, Councilman Clif Schneider, Councilman John Byrne, Superintendent Dan Hubbard, Keith Brass, Atty. Mark Gebo, Mike Docteur, Matt Cooper and approximately 65 residents.

Supervisor Hirschey called the meeting to order at 5:00pm with the pledge of allegiance. He then invited Matt Cooper from Bernier and Carr to speak. Matt talked with the Board regarding water districts 6 and 7. He provided pamphlets for the Board members and reviewed a map of the districts. He explained that water district 6 has been formed but no construction yet and district 7 questionnaires have been sent out and the majority of the people who have returned them are in favor of the water. Matt said that he would like to sit with the Board and talk about the water districts. He said that funding applications are available. Councilman Schneider said that he would like to review what has been done with the districts. Supervisor Hirschey asked Matt if he would be available to attend a work session meeting. Matt said he would.

A motion was made by Councilman Byrne to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:07pm, seconded by Councilman Bragdon.

A motion was made by Councilman Schneider at 6:15pm to return from Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Byrne. Supervisor Hirschey explained that the Board will resume with the regular meeting and adjourn to Executive Session again during the meeting.

Privilege of the Floor

Mike Bell – Mike expressed his gratitude to the past Town and Planning boards and commended their loyalty to their benefactors and said that he hoped the new Board will show the same loyalty and diligence.

The minutes of the Dec. 8, 2011 meeting were accepted by Councilman Orvis, seconded by Councilman Bragdon. Councilmen Byrne and Schneider abstained because they were not councilmen at the time and could not approve.

The minutes of the Jan. 5, 2012 meeting were accepted with correction by Councilman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Byrne. Councilman Bragdon asked for the correction regarding his statement on the Board members reading current policies. He said that he did not “urge” them to review the policies, but that the Board intends to review all current policies. All were in favor.

Financial Report - Councilman Bragdon said there is an increase in the fund balance, that the State snow & ice contract funds arrived. He went over the balances in the different accounts, CD's and escrow accounts. A motion was made by Councilman Schneider to accept, seconded by Councilman Byrne. All were in favor.

County Legislator Michael Docteur said that he has started another term and went over the various committees that he is serving on. He said that the County Legislators are working on the Governors

proposed budget and how it will affect Jefferson County. He also spoke about re-districting, and that the prisoners housed at the Correctional Facility would not be counted. He said that Clayton and Cape Vincent will stay District 1.

Planning Board – Councilman Bragdon said that the new members were introduced. Planning Chairman Macsherry has asked that the Board submit conflict of interest forms. He said that Chairman Macsherry is also interested in working on a job description for the Planning Board, updating the bylaws, the existing zoning law and the comprehensive plan and the SEQR procedure. He said that the law suit with WPEG is now void. He also said that Chairman Macsherry will recommend to the Town that they terminate their relationship with Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna, Attorneys for the Town.

School Board – Councilman Schneider said that he attended the school board meeting and that the Governor’s budget was reviewed. He said that he will be attending the school board meetings to show the Town Boards interest.

Highway – Superintendent Hubbard reported on the highway activities over the last few weeks. They have repaired trucks, worked at the transfer site, cleaned up brush, painting inside the Chamber of Commerce office and that they have moved Shelley Higgins from the office to her winter location next to Barnards insurance office. He said that the workplace violence program can be done with online training. He spoke about the proposed dental plan and that his men are very interested in it. Supervisor Hirschey said that he would like to discuss the dental plan at a work session.

Recreation Park & Water – Keith Brass reported that it has been pretty quiet at the recreation park building and that a few kids are playing street hockey as there is no ice. Keith said that they are reading a few meters and that the main water line was hit by the contractor who is doing the village sewer lines. It has been fixed.

DANC – Dave Cook from DANC explained the archives grant that will be a shared service grant with Chaumont, Glen Park, Brownville and Cape Vincent. It will be for a GIS system which will map out the town/village water and sewer lines.

Wind Economic Committee – Bob Barnard reported to the Board that the final report is done and he went over of few highlights. He said that a copy will be made available at the Clerk’s office for anyone to review. Supervisor Hirschey said that a condensed version will be on the web site.

Supervisors Report – Supervisor Hirschey said that the Town’s new web site is up and running. He explained that the Town will be holding a public hearing for a moratorium on wind generating facilities. He said that this will allow the Town to rework the zoning law with respect to wind and other issues. Supervisor Hirschey said that Councilman Schneider is the chairman for the committee that will be working on the comprehensive plan and if anyone is interested on being on the committee to let him know.

The Board appointed Supervisor Hirschey to be the delegate to attend the NYS Association of Towns annual meeting in February.

The Board gave approval for the request from Millens Bay Inn for a liquor license.

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by Councilman Bragdon, seconded by Councilman Schneider.

That the Town Board of the Town of Cape Vincent set the date of Feb. 7, 2012 at 7pm for a Public Hearing with respect to a moratorium wind generating facilities and a special meeting to follow.

There was no discussion. Vote was taken 4 Ayes with Councilman Orvis opposing.

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by Councilman John Byrne, seconded by Councilman Brooks Bragdon.

WHEREAS, the Town of Cape Vincent has joined with Wolfe Island and Kingston to promote international tourism, and

WHEREAS, a consulting firm in destination marketing has been hired, now therefore be it RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to send \$500.00 to Rob Carnegie Director Tourism Kingston a division of KEDCO to go towards the project.

There was the following discussion: Supervisor Hirschey said that the Village of Cape Vincent will be giving \$250.00 toward this project. Councilman Orvis asked who was on the committee and is it open to the public.

All members voted Aye.

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by Councilman Clif Schneider, seconded by Councilman Brooks Bragdon.

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to pay the CVLDC \$7,500.00 quarterly for the 2012 year to help support community development.

There was the following discussion: Supervisor Hirschey reviewed the plans and WLADIS focus items. Councilman Bragdon asked what WLADIS has accomplished so far and asked the Supervisor if he is satisfied with the list of priorities that WLADIS has set forth. It was determined that Councilman Byrne and Supervisor Hirschey should abstain from voting on the resolution as they are either on the board or have served on the board.

Vote was taken with 3 Ayes and Supervisor Hirschey and Councilman Byrne abstaining.

RESOLUTION #13

WHEREAS, the Town desires to partner with the village of Chaumont and various other communities for a shred services grant application for GIS implementation to the NYS Archives Local Government Records Management Fund and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the LGRMIF application guidelines, it is necessary that each community formally appoint a RMO formally adopt the appropriate records retention and disposition schedule: and execute a cooperative agreement, and

WHEREAS, the project requires a permanent commitment from partnering communities to sustain the results of the project, NOW Therefore, be it resolved, that the Town of Cape Vincent does hereby authorize and direct its Supervisor to appoint Michelle Bouchard as its RMO, adopt the MU-1 records retention and disposition schedule for municipal governments, execute the LGRMIF Grant Cooperative/Shared Services Agreement and Letter of Intent, and asserts a permanent commitment to work with the Village of Chaumont and partnering communities to sustain the results of the GIS project.

There was no discussion. All members voted Aye.

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by Councilman Clif Schneider, seconded by Councilman John Byrne.

BE it Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Cape Vincent terminate any and all working relationships with Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna as per the recommendation of the Planning Board.

There was no discussion, all members voted Aye.

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by Councilman Mickey Orvis, seconded by Councilman Brooks Bragdon.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has requested that they have access to a law firm specializing in land use, and

WHEREAS, the law firm of Shulman, Curtin and Grunder PC has been highly recommended, interviewed and vetted by the Planning Board, now therefore let it be RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to enter into an agreement to hire Shulman, Curtin and Grundner.

There was the following discussion: Rockne Burn said that he has worked with the company and felt they are very good however very expensive. Supervisor Hirschey said that they are competitive with what the town has paid Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna. Jim Wiley asked what was budgeted. Supervisor Hirschey said the money will come from the Community Development fund.

Councilman Orvis made the motion to resume executive session at 6:58pm, seconded by Councilman Bragdon.

Councilman Schneider made the motion to end executive session at 8:46pm seconded by Councilman Byrne.

Supervisor Hirschey presented a slate of appointments to the Zoning Board and the Zoning Officer. Councilman Byrne made a motion, seconded Councilman Schneider to accept the following appointments: Zoning board member Ed Hludzinski term expires 2012 and Hester Chase term expires

2013. Zoning Enforcement Officer, Ed Bender term to expire 2012. All members voted Aye with Councilman Orvis opposing the appointment of Ed Bender as ZEO.

Bills: General Fund #1-46, \$33,061.33; Highway #1-27, \$33,830.52; Water District 1 #1-9, \$4,208.17; Water District 2 #1, \$2,376.93

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Orvis to adjourn at 9:06pm, seconded by Councilman Bragdon.