

Nov. 15, 2018

Cape Vincent Town Board Meeting Nov. 15, 2018

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Alan Wood, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Keith Brass, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond, County Legislator Robert Cantwell and approximately 12 visitors.

Supervisor Bender called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Bender introduced County Legislator Robert Cantwell. Mr. Cantwell said that the County has passed their budget with a 1.9% increase. He said that they did stay under the tax cap. Mr. Cantwell explained a few reasons for the increase is the rise in the costs for insurance, salaries, dog control, as well as a program called Raise the Age. This program is designed to have 16 and 17 years old offenders not treated or tried as adults. Mr. Cantwell also reviewed a few of the other budget items that were of concern, such as the City of Watertown signing on for another 5 years with the County for dog control. Mr. Cantwell asked the board if they had any questions or concerns that they wanted to discuss with him. The board said no and thanked him for attending.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to accept the minutes of the Oct. 18, 2018 meeting, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Reports

Recreation Park – Keith Brass reported that they have had the normal meetings and birthday parties. He said that a new alarm with camera system has been installed and that he had put on new hinges on the back door

Water Dept. – Keith Brass said that the installation of new water meters in water district 1 are complete for all residents. He said that the commercial meters will now be installed. Keith explained that the antennas are up and running and they will go through some training on the new equipment. Councilman Wood asked Keith if they could sell the meters to other residents in other water districts and Keith said that they could do this. He said that the resident would have to pay for the meter though. Keith told the board that they did one new install in water district 4.

Highway – Bill Pond reported that the bathrooms are done in the office and that they have built a new desk for Tina Maloney. He said that they will take the tractor to Cazanovia Equipment for equipment install. Bill said that the ditching and brush cutting along the sides of the roads have been done and they have marked the sides of the roads with stakes. He said that he has brought on winter help and they have been helping with the brush cutting.

Bill discussed the request to place Christmas lights on the Fog Horn building at Tibbetts Point. He asked the board what they wanted him to do, as there has been some discussion with the Historical Society regarding this. Supervisor Bender told Bill to put the lights up.

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Bender said that the year-end finances are on track and the budget balances are also looking good.

Councilman Wood made a motion to approve the Supervisor's Financial Report, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

DANC-Councilman Mason said that he had attended a meeting and he talked to the board regarding a bill sent from the town to them. DANC said they were not going to pay the bill and they explained why and Councilman Mason said he was satisfied with their answer and the reasons given. Councilman Mason talked with Keith Brass that they will need to do a valve replacement in the spring and that they will need to replace a few bolts on the regional water line. He said that he would like Keith to do shared service with them.

LWRP-Supervisor Bender reported that the next meeting will be Nov. 28 at the Village Office

Youth Commission – Councilman Wiley said that they have started basketball and will start a swim program. He said that they would also like to offer a cooking class using the Recreation Park kitchen.

Supervisor Bender told the board that he has two outside user agreements that need to be signed by him.

Councilman Wiley made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the two outside user agreements, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members voted AYE.

Supervisor Bender said that there will be two vacancies on the Planning Board, Richard Macsherry and Harvey White, and two vacancies on the Zoning Board, Hester Chase and Stephen Docteur. He said that these terms will expire December 31, 2018. Supervisor Bender said that he would like to get the younger population interested in serving on these boards.

Councilman Aubertine made the motion to have the Town Clerk advertise the vacancies with a cutoff date of December 18 and that the Town Board will hold interviews on December 20 at 6pm, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

Supervisor Bender told the board that he has an appointment on Nov. 29, 2018 with Citizens Bank regarding the Bond Anticipation Note. He said that the rate will be 2.94%. Supervisor Bender also reported that they have a closing date of Nov. 30 for the properties on Club Street.

Supervisor Bender told the board that he has altered the contract with Samaritan regarding the clinic which will now be a two year contract and a six month renegotiate clause. He said that he has discussed this with Samaritan and that they have had good conversations.

Councilman Wiley said that he would like to have an informational session at the next board meeting to let the public know where we are at regarding the clinic.

Supervisor Bender said that he received an email from Cindy Shaw, the assessor who resigned, in which she is asking to be paid. He asked the board what they would like to do. Councilman Mason said that he does not want to pay her, and there is not a signed contract. Councilman Aubertine said he feels you should work before you get paid.

Councilman Wiley made a motion not to pay Cindy Shaw, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wiley said that he would like to discuss the formation of the ambulance committee. He said that his choice is: Tim White as the Chairman; Joe Wood; Dave McIntyre; Rick Martin; Craig Stevenson. He said that he would like to have the other people that were interested in serving on the committee help to review the plan.

Councilman Mason said his choices would be: Tim White, Chairman, Joe Wood, Rick Martin and Craig Stevenson. He said that he did not have a fifth name. He said that he felt Dave McIntyre would be busy as he is trying to put together the 1st responders program.

Councilman Wiley said that he would like to have the committee get together and discuss the task and make sure that they are committed to it. The board discussed steps they feel the committee should take.

Tim White asked if the town board would help. He said that he would like to set up the meetings and report back to the board as soon as they can. Supervisor Bender said that he will help as much as he can.

Councilman Aubertine said that he too likes Councilman Wiley's choices, but he would like to add Geoff Caulkin

Councilman Wood said that he is ok with the choices.

Councilman Wiley made the motion to appoint Tim White as Chairman, Joe Wood, Rick Martin, Dave McIntyre and Craig Stevenson to the ambulance committee, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Mason said that he would like to discuss the purchase of the Club Street properties. He explained that he is not in favor of purchasing the properties without the 20' right of way. He said that it makes no sense to purchase and do the work without that small piece. Councilman Wiley said that the property owner, Ron Trottier, will give an easement. Councilman Mason said that he would like to have the surveys done first and then discuss where to go.

Councilman Wiley said that he just wants access to the boathouse. Supervisor Bender said that he feels that Mr. Trottier has some flexibility. Councilman Aubertine said that he would like to have the survey done and then they will know more. Councilman Wiley agreed that they should have that piece of property, but what do they do about it this close to closing on the property? Supervisor Bender said that it should be postponed.

Councilman Wiley discussed the purchase of a new sign to be placed in front of the town office building. He said that he has talked with the company and for a two sided sign the price will be \$22,000.00. The board discussed the pixel options. Councilman Wiley said that he would like to get this done. Supervisor Bender said that the board could approve the purchase and it could be paid for in the 2019 budget.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to purchase a double sided, 19 pixel electric sign from Toth's Sports, not to exceed \$22,000.00 and to be completed by April 30, 2019, seconded by Councilman Mason. All members voted AYE.

There was the following discussion. Town Clerk Michelle Bouchard suggested the board check with the company to find out what their calendar is like before they make the April 30 completion date. Bill Pond said that he knows that the board wants the highway crew to prepare the site and do the electric work, but reminded them that there is a very good chance the frost will not be out of the ground then and last year in April they were still plowing.

Resolution #52

Resolution #52 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #52 is to set the date of December 20, 2018 at 6:30pm for a public hearing on the revised Zoning Law.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #53

Resolution #53 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Mason. Resolution #53 is to authorize the Supervisor and Town Clerk to sign all necessary forms required to secure the Bond Anticipation Note on November 29 with Citizens Bank of Cape Vincent.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #54

Resolution #54 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #54 is to authorize the Highway Superintendent to order a 2019 Ford F250 pickup truck from Caskinet Ford in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00.

There was the following discussion. Councilman Wood asked if there was going to be a plow on it and Bill Pond told him there was. All members voted AYE.

The board discussed a request that was submitted by Bob Addis. He is with a motor scooter group from Albany that stays at the hostel. He is aware that the hostel will not open in 2019 and he is seeking permission from the board to let them stay at the hostel to celebrate the groups 10th anniversary. The board discussed this and it was determined that they do not want to open the buildings up for this. They suggested the group stay in another location and have a celebration on the grounds. They did not want to discourage them from coming to Cape Vincent, just to explore other options. Councilman Aubertine said he thinks more of these requests will come in and he would like to see a letter drawn up explaining the board's decision and to distribute this letter, along with a packet of information on Cape Vincent.

Bills: General Fund, \$48,029.22; WD #1, \$48,594.98; WD #3, \$757.46; WD #4, \$2,406.02; WD #5, \$1,460.38; WD #6, \$1,145.79; Highway, \$16,120.42.

Councilman Mason made a motion to approve the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to adjourn at 7:20pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC-Town Clerk