

July 18, 2019

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Keith Brass, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond and 5 visitors.

Supervisor Bender opened the meeting at 6:30pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Bender invited Scott Burto, Planner, to speak to the board. Scott said that he and Pam Youngs had a 30 minute interview regarding the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). He said that only a few towns were selected to be interviewed and he felt the interview went well and he reviewed some of the questions that were asked of them. Scott said that one question in particular was that they wanted to know if the town and village had applied for any other grant funding. Scott said that they highlighted the Club Street project and they discussed signage and raising docks.

Scott also talked about a second grant he is applying for regarding covering the ice rink. He said if awarded, it would be a 50/50 split, grant funds and town.

Scott said that the grant application regarding the pickle ball court was missing some information, and he has completed this.

Councilman Wiley asked if the grant was awarded the first year, would this hurt the chance of receiving other grants for other projects. Scott said that he didn't think so, and he said that if they have applied for other grants, and are not awarded the 10 million dollar grant, they will try to help with other projects the town is seeking. Scott said that the grants will be awarded the second week of December and the funds would be available in March of the following year.

The minutes of the June 30 and July 3, 2019 meetings were accepted by Councilman Mason, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Recreation Park – Keith Brass reported that the building has been used for birthday parties, meetings, summer youth programs, and ball games. Keith said that there will be a girl's fast pitch tournament coming up too. Keith also spoke about two seminars that will be held in Recreation Park hosted by Samaritan Medical Center.

Water – Keith Brass told the board that they have had a few new water installs. He said that he has received a letter from DOH regarding moving the water line for the Millen's Bay culvert replacement project. Keith told the board that he has tried a new water correlator that will detect leaks. He said he used it at different areas in the township and it will locate a leak within 20 inches. He said that he would like to purchase this and he had hoped to have a price from the company to present at the meeting. He will discuss this at another meeting.

Keith told the board that a DANC safety officer came and looked over the pump station and water tower. He said that they also have added the remainder of the water meters on GPS system.

Highway – Bill Pond said that they have taken 212 loads of stone, to date, to repair the Tibbetts Point Road from the high water and winds. He said that they have been hauling sand to store for winter. Bill

reported that the parking lot in front of the office is done. He said that he wants to pave it, but that cannot be reimbursed through CHIPS. He said that he thinks it will be fine for now. Bill said that they have also repaired Wilson Beach Road, and it is open for now. He said that they have been mowing the side roads and have helped the State mow Route 12E. He told the board that the men have all taken their Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment training. Bill told the board that he has not fixed Dablon Point Road yet. He said that he is not sure what to do there as the town will not be reimbursed for the work done and he asked the board what they would like him to do.

Supervisor Bender said that he is concerned that the condition of the road will get worse if something is not done. Supervisor Bender said if another storm comes up, the town could lose the road, which is in bad shape. Bill said that Supervisor Bender is right and agreed there is a chance they could lose the road. Bill asked the board again, if they wanted him to go ahead with the repairs. He said that he is already \$4,000- \$5,000.00 into the road now and he knows that he will not recoup those costs. The board members said that they would like to see the condition of the road. Supervisor Bender told them to look at it and give it some thought. Bill said that he will put more stone down.

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Bender gave the financial report stating that there was a lot of money that went out over the last month, but the town is still in good shape.

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

DANC – Councilman Mason said that a quarterly meeting will be held in Dexter.

LWRP – Councilman Wiley stated that they are still waiting for reports to come in from EDR.

Youth Commission – Councilman Wiley said that the ball games are winding down.

Supervisor's report

Supervisor Bender said that he attended a REDI meeting and felt the latest one was much more informative, that there was a lot more information available. He said that he has collected damage data information from 15 marinas within the township of Cape Vincent, and the total is over one million dollars. Supervisor Bender said that the deadline date for submitting information is Aug. 1.

Supervisor Bender said that the town and village will jointly hold an ambulance and Samaritan public meeting on Aug. 1, 2019 at Recreation Park.

Supervisor Bender told the board that the Planning Board will have their public meeting regarding the draft zoning law on Aug. 7. He said that if members of the town board would like to attend they should, but he feels that they should sit quietly and let the Planning Board do their job.

Councilmen's Discussion

Councilman Wiley asked if the pickle ball court has been sited yet. Keith Brass told him that it was decided that it will go behind the Recreation Park building and he was told that they couldn't start it yet because the highway crew is dealing with the high water levels. Councilman Wiley said he understands that Keith is set with the fields and Keith said that they are able to use good soil from the highway.

Councilman Wiley said that he contacted Attorney Russell regarding what the town can and can't do at Tibbetts Point. He said that Attorney Russell said the town's options are is very limited.

Councilman Mason said that the Town Board will need to call a special meeting on Aug. 1 regarding phase two of the SEQR. He suggested that the meeting be held at 6pm in the town office building and he said that he would like the joint town and village public meeting regarding the ambulance and Samaritan Medical Center be the same night at 7pm in the Recreation Park building. The board agreed this would be a good idea, and it was decided to go ahead with it.

Supervisor Bender invited Tim White to speak regarding the ambulance.

Tim passed out a data sheet to the board members, and he reviewed the call details with them. He said that they did a collection for a new ambulance on French Festival day and they took in \$1,750.00. He said that he has received an email from NYS USDA regarding grant funding. Tim told the board that the CV Fire Department 1st responders have supplied great support to the ambulance crew. Tim said that he would like to meet with the board to review the financial situation, and he wanted to do this at budget time. The board suggested that he attend the Sept. work session.

Resolutions

Resolution #49

Resolution #49 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #49 is to approve for financial assistance through the 2019 Consolidated Funding application for the construction to enclose the ice rink.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #50

Resolution #50 was moved by Councilman Mason, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #50 is approval for financial assistance through the 2019 Consolidated Funding application for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, specifically the Club Street project.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Bills: General Fund \$26416.68; WD 1, \$12,714.28; WD 3, \$190.40; WD 4, \$955.65; WD 5, \$299.52; WD 6, \$440.01; Highway, \$69,962.83.

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

Councilman Wiley made a motion to adjourn at 7:10pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk