

October 17, 2019

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond, Keith Brass, and approximately 7 visitors.

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

Privilege of the floor:

Marlene Burton – Marlene thanked the board for honoring her husband, Darrell, by leaving a page in the minute book blank. She said that she knows he would be very pleased.

The minutes of the Sept. 19 and Oct. 8, 2019 meeting were accepted by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Reports:

Recreation Park – Keith Brass reported to the board that there have been wedding receptions, birthday parties, youth yoga and meetings in the building. He said that they have paved the pickle ball court and the parking lot.

Water – Keith Brass reported that they have been doing a lot of shut offs and they had a water meter break.

Highway – Bill Pond told the board that almost the entire roof at East End Park is completed. He said that they have replaced road signs and salt is being delivered for winter. Bill said that the road surface treatments are almost done and they have had a couple of breakdowns. Bill said that they are working in a pit on the McKeever Road and he is happy with the rock that they are getting for repairs to the Dablon Point Road. He said that this will save the town a lot of money by doing this, and the rocks are good ones to use for this job. Bill said that he has received the Christmas lights for the Lighthouse, and the crew have helped to pave at Recreation Park and the village.

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Bender reviewed the accounts and said the town is set to complete the year financially.

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

LWRP – Councilman Wiley said that they are still receiving parts of the final documents for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Project, from EDR, for review. He also reported that the committee has potentially three new members.

Supervisor's Report - Supervisor Bender said that he has talked with George Robinson from Federal Land and Parks regarding what can be done with the houses at Tibbetts Point. He said that Mr. Robinson said that there may be something he can help with regarding the use of the houses, that won't be too restrictive.

Supervisor Bender said that an appraisal of the town's properties has been completed and they will get a report the end of November.

Councilman's Discussion

Councilman Mason asked if there was any report from the State as to when the Millen's Bay project will be completed. Bill Pond said that he hasn't had any conversation with them.

Councilman Aubertine asked Councilman Wiley about the LWRP and what the next steps are. Councilman Wiley said that once it is approved by the committee, it can go to the public for approval and then the State or vice versa. They had decided that it will go to the State first. Councilman Wiley said that when it comes back from the State, a public hearing will be held and then they will know what grants they have to go after. Councilman Wiley said that from start to finish, it could take up to three years. Councilman Aubertine said that he was hoping that the report would help with the downtown revitalization grant. Councilman Wiley said that it should. Supervisor Bender said that the State has not awarded any of the ten million dollar grants yet.

Resolutions

Resolution #60 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Mason. Resolution #60 is to set a public hearing date of November 7 at 6:30pm on the 2020 Preliminary Budget.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #61

Resolution #61 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #61 is to name the Supervisor as the Consolidated Health District President.

There was the following discussion. Supervisor Bender asked if any other board member would like to take the position. It was turned down.

All members voted AYE.

Resolution #62

Resolution #62 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Mason. Resolution #62 agrees to adopt Part 1 of the SEQR process for the Town of Cape Vincent Zoning Law and authorizes the Supervisor to sign Part 1 and agrees to refer the Town of Cape Vincent Zoning Law to the Jefferson County Planning Department.

There was the following discussion. Councilman Wiley asked if the County Planning Department had been made aware of the changes so far and they have.

Resolution #63

Resolution #63 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #63 is to set a public hearing date of November 7, immediately following the budget public hearing, on local law #3 – The Town of Cape Vincent Water District Law.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Bills: WD #1, \$2,428.19; WD #3, \$80.14; WD #4, \$550.58; WD #5, \$83.87; WD #6, \$61.00; Highway, \$100,625.78; General Fund, \$45,495.96.

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

Tim White gave the board a current report on the ambulance squad. He talked about the fund raising events that were coming up and he said that they have seen a lot of movement recently regarding the new ambulance fund drive. Tim reviewed the calls answered over the past few months. Tim also reported that thank you cards will be sent to donor's shortly.

Councilman Mason made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm.