

May 20, 2021

Regular Cape Vincent 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 approximately 6 visitors.

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

Privilege of the floor: No one wished to speak

Councilman Wood made a motion to accept the minutes of April 15, 2021, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

#### Reports

Recreation Park – Keith Brass reported that they have had clubs use the building for meetings in addition to the meetings normally held. He said that they have had a few ballgames and the tennis courts are open. Keith said that he has received calls regarding the pickle ball court and he said that they will work on it in mid-June after the water installs and turn ons are caught up. Keith told the board that he has been in contact with Orkin to take care of the carpenter bees. He said that they have installed the TV and it seems to be working out well.

Water – Keith Bass reported that they have done two new installs and still have two more to do next week. He said that he has one install that he will need to close the road and will have to give the neighbors notice. Keith said that he and John Lawrence have attended training in Watertown and in the Fire hall in the village.

Keith told the board that the Natcon tank at the booster pump station has been inspected and they found an area on the roof seam that needs to be caulked. He said that other than that, the tank is in very good condition. Keith said that the Mud Bay tank was also inspected. He reported that that tank has some issues such as the cathodic protection has been ripped off the tank from icing and there is corrosion spot around a bolt  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up the tower. He reminded the board that he had reported on this a few months ago when he spotted it. He said that he is waiting for the inspection report.

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Bender reviewed the report that was given to the board members.

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 Irene Hallock from the Department of State has reviewed section 4 and 5 of the waterfront report and the board expects their final review in August.

Youth Commission – Councilman Wiley thanked Keith Brass and John Lawrence for their work on the ballfields saying that it is so good to come to the game and not have to prepare the fields, that they are already done.

LWRP – Councilman Wiley said that Edgewater Resources held public meetings to gather public input and he feels that it was very well attended and Edgewater was pleased with the public’s interest and participation. He said that Edgewater will be holding more meetings at a later date.

WD #7 – Councilman Wood said that he wanted to discuss water district #7. He said that he received a phone call from John Byrne who talked with him about the district creation. He said that Mr. Byrne graciously accepted the location of the equivalent dwelling units across the front of his property. Councilman Wood said that Mr. Byrne fully understands that if in the future if he wishes to connect to the water, he would be on his own, the town would not install and he would be considered an outside user. Mr. Byrne, who was in the audience, agreed with Councilman Wood’s statement, and acknowledged that the two have spoken.

Councilman Wood said that the down side of this would be that it would create 2 dead ends in the district. He asked Keith Brass if he would be ok with it, and Keith said he would have to be ok with it, but it is not ideal.

The board discussed the options moving forward and decided to invite the engineer, Matt Cooper to a work session.

Highway – Bill Pond reported that they have cleaned up around and washed the bridges, they have rebuilt the Beach Road, and he said that he was waiting to hear from FEMA, but they moved ahead with it before the turtles returned.

Bill said that Steve Docteur is mowing the shoulders and Scott Wedel is mowing the town’s property, cemeteries, recreation park, and water pump stations. He said that Scott is keeping on top of it all. He said that truck #56 needed a new steering box. He said that the Highway Superintendent School had been cancelled.

Bill reported that they have painted the lighthouse in front of the town building and they have done shared service with the town of Lyme. He said that they have replaced a culvert on the Mason Road and that they will be replacing culverts on County Rte 4 soon. He said that they have been hauling materials and the pipes were delivered in preparation of the job. He said that he would like to sell gravel to RMS, and he is waiting for a price.

Bill said that he met with Jim Lawrence from Jefferson County regarding County Rte 6 (Tibbetts Point) and he told Bill to plan on working on that road until the snow flies. He is preparing the 284 agreement. Bill said that he has contacted several agencies to alert them that there will be road closures as they work on County Rte 4.

Councilman Wiley said that he wanted to discuss the meetings with Edgewater. He said that they meet with key stake holders and all seemed positive. He said that Edgewater will take all the information and put it on paper and share with the steering committee sometime in July.

The board disused the municipalities rule on wearing face masks.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion that the Town of Cape Vincent will follow the CDC guidelines regarding mask requirements, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

The board discussed the marijuana law. Councilman Wiley said that he does not want to allow it in the township. The board discussed the tax revenue and passing the local law regarding the use of marijuana. It was decided to discuss this matter in detail during the June meeting.

The board discussed the request made by the Chamber of Commerce that the total amount budgeted in the contractual line for the Chamber of Commerce is given to them in one lump sum. The board discussed this and thought they should ask the Chamber of Commerce board for clarification on their budget.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to distribute the \$18,000.00 budgeted to the Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Councilman Mason. There was the following discussion.

The board discussed further wondering what the funds will be used for and they decided they will ask the Chamber of Commerce to produce a report on where they spent the funds.

All members voted AYE.

Bill Pond told the board that the fence at the transfer site will be repaired in June. He also said that the brush is piling up at the transfer site, and he has plans for it to be ground up as soon as the company starts grinding again. He said that everything has stopped because Fort Drum has shut their furnace down.

The board discussed the request from the ambulance squad to increase their monthly stipend to help them with expenses. The board talked about raising the amount to \$7,500.00. This will take them through August and at that time the budgeted amount will be used.

Councilman Mason made a motion to advance the ambulance squad their budgeted funds by increasing their monthly stipend to \$7,500.00, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Mason made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Michelle Oswald as a member of the Board of Assessment Review, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

## Resolutions

### Resolution #29

Resolution #29 was moved by Councilman Mason, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #29 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Bach Environmental, Inc. to remove a 1,000 gallon underground tank located at 371 Club Street, and to pay the fee of \$7,500.00. There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

### Resolution #30

Resolution #30 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #30 is the Standard Work Day Agreement for reporting to the NYS Retirement System. There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Tim White told the board that they will be taking the Club Street house down after Memorial Day. Bill Pond will coordinate this with Jim Lawrence.

Bills: Capital Project #41 & 42, \$157.76; Club Street Project #33-#40, \$27,812.00; WD #1, #61-76, \$24941.73; WD #2 #69, \$1,705.72; WD #3 #61-76, \$1,318.00; WD #4 #61-76, \$1,092.46; WD #5, #61-76, \$1,963.97; WD #6 #63-76, \$1,696.61; Highway #92-110, \$22,411.66; General Fund #157-211, \$56,856.56.

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

Supervisor Bender said that he would like to have another meeting with Samaritan Hospital regarding the Clinic.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss property acquisition at 7:30pm, seconded by Supervisor Bender. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to come out of Executive Session and adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm.

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Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk