

December 15, 2022

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Marty Mason, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Tim Maloney, Councilman Alan Wood, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Attorney Jim Burrows, Keith Brass, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond and approximately 5 visitors.

\*\*Councilman Aubertine arrived at 6:55pm.

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

Privilege of the floor – no one wished to speak.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members present voted AYE.

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

Bills: H4, \$420.00; WD #1, \$20,882.26; WD #3, \$502.24; WD #4, \$6,527.27; WD #5, \$4,873.70; WD #6, \$657.19; Highway, \$38,499.35; General Fund, \$100,821.51.

Councilman Maloney made a motion to approve of the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Wood. There was the following discussion. Councilman Wood asked about voucher 467, Thousand Islands Central School for use of a bus for summer recreation trips. The board told him it was for day trips to various places as part of the youth commissions summer program.

Vote was taken, all members present voted AYE.

#### Reports

Highway – Bill Pond reported that they have done some ditching and cleaned culverts. Bill said that they have also started the Tibbetts Point Shoreline repair and it is going good so far. He said that they made an access road, which is making it easier for the trucks. Bill said that the County Rte. 6 shoreline repair is shut down because of equipment breakdown and he has cleaned out the culvert at Lisa Dr. and Stony Point Road as discussed last month.

Bill told the board that the museum and chamber of commerce has asked for a security system to be installed. He said that he spoke with Doyle and the system would cost \$319.00 to set it up and will be between \$30.00 to \$40.00 dollars per month. The board discussed this and asked Bill to set it up. Bill said that the transfer site needs a security update too.

Recreation Park – Keith Brass reported that the building saw the usual activities. He said that the WIFI has been replaced and cameras repaired. He said that there will be a kids camp there over the Christmas school break.

Water – Keith reported that they helped to repair a water main break in the village, they have done a few shut offs and the Gen Set generator is still out with no shipping date scheduled. He said that maintenance has been scheduled for the Ram.

Tim White spoke to the board about the grant projects he is working on. He said that project 9472 has had the scope changed from playground reimbursement to include the pickleball court reimbursement. He said that they are waiting the approval of the amendment from DASNY.

Tim said that DASNY has requested more information on project 15378, Tibbetts Point. He said that this may take some time for the steps to be completed.

#### Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Mason reported that he, Mayor Golden and Scott Burto met with Ron Trottier regarding the boat houses on Club Street. He said that he felt the meeting went well and said that Mr. Trottier is willing to sell. Supervisor Mason said they will be working on a proposal.

Supervisor Mason said that the check mailed to Mr. Casola for water over payment was mailed, it has been cashed. He also reported that Peyton Taylor and he spoke and they are still moving forward with the State Parks acquiring Tibbetts Point. He said that they will want the visitors center to stay on site and be open. Supervisor Mason also reported that he has been unable to reach Cale Churchill regarding the lighthouse repairs. He said that he will be attending a zoom LWRP meeting and he thanked Bill Pond and Keith Brass for their help in fixing the water main break in the village.

#### Councilman Report

Councilman Wiley said that the school Capitol Project vote was that evening, and he reminded everyone to vote if they hadn't.

Councilman Wood said that he attended the Planning Board meeting and he thanked Bob Martin and Richard Macsherry for their service on the board and the hard work that they put into it over the years.

Councilman Maloney said that he attended the ambulance meeting and he said the meeting went very well, one of the best he has attended. Councilman Maloney said that they reviewed the changes that the town asked for on the contract. Councilman Maloney thanked Attorney Burrows for his review of the contract and the suggestions made, especially with regard to naming the town as an additional insured on their policy.

Mr. Burrows said there is no downside to being named, there would be no liability to the town. He said that if a claim is brought, submit the claim and the insurance company will defend the town. Mr. Burrows said that it is pretty standard to be named as additional insured, and it does not cost the ambulance to do this.

Councilman Aubertine joined the meeting - 6:55pm.

Councilman Wood asked Councilman Aubertine if the invoice received from the High School for the bus was for youth camp.

Councilman Aubertine said it was, they were able to take a trip every Wednesday for a month. He said that the Youth Commission wrote a grant for this.

#### New Business

Supervisor Mason told the board that they needed to set the date and time for the organizational meeting.

Councilman Wood made a motion to have the town's organizational meeting on Jan. 5, 2023 at 9am in the town office building, seconded by Councilman Maloney. All members voted AYE.

Supervisor Mason said that the Paynter Center Bus picked up the residents at Aubrey Court and drove them in the Christmas parade. He said that the bus will be making planned trips, and anyone will be able to ride the bus.

Councilman Wiley said that the CVLDC would like the town's blessing in appointing Janine Fitzgerald as their secretary. He said that she will be a new member of the board.

Councilman Wood made a motion to approve of the appointment of Janine Fitzgerald as a member and the Secretary of the CVLDC board, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion that the board adjourn to Executive Session at 7:02pm to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Councilman Maloney. All members voted AYE.

Supervisor Mason invited Attorney Jim Burrows and Bill Pond, Highway Superintendent, to join the Executive Session.

Nina Buskell was invited to join the Executive Session at 7:30 pm.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:35pm and resume the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

#### Resolutions

##### Resolution #69

Resolution #69 which was tabled from the Nov. 17, 2022 meeting is regarding authorizing the Supervisor to sign a contract with WCP Consultants for grant writing services for the year 2023. There was the following discussion. Supervisor Mason said that WCP Consultants will not need a contract signed as they have signed a contract for services with the CVLDC.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to rescind Resolution #69, seconded by Councilman Maloney. All members voted AYE.

##### Resolution #70

Resolution #70 which was tabled from the Nov. 17, 2022 meeting is regarding authorizing the Supervisor to sign a contract with the Cape Vincent Ambulance Squad, Inc. for services.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to table Resolution #70 until the Dec. 29, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilman Maloney. All members voted AYE.

##### Resolution #74

Resolution #74 was moved by Councilman Maloney, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #74 is to authorize the Supervisor to make budget modifications to balance all accounts to close the 2022 year. There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to have the transfer site open from 9am until 12noon on Christmas Eve day and New Year's Eve day, seconded by Councilman Wiley.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to adjourn at 7:44pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk