

Dec. 19, 2024

Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Paul Aubertine, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Councilman Tim Maloney, Councilwoman Heather Miller, Keith Brass, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond and 4 visitors.

Supervisor Aubertine opened the meeting 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 Nov. 21 and Dec. 5, 2024, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

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

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Aubertine said that he received an email from the Association of Towns that there are 2 Bills being brought before the Senate regarding short term rentals. He said the Bills are asking for that regulations be explored for short term rentals.

Supervisor Aubertine said that there is a resolution regarding an amendment to the engineer's agreement with Barton and Loguidice for water district #7. He explained that the amendment is to move funds to cover the boring work that was done.

Supervisor Aubertine asked the board if they had a chance to review the Club Street update provided to them by Tim White and asked if anyone had any questions.

He also reported that he has talked with Kylie Peck regarding the NY Forward Grant for Club Street and he will have a meeting with her on Jan. 8, 2025 and they will lay out the expectations for the project. He also explained that the work Edgewater has done so far, could be submitted for payment reimbursement.

Highway Superintendent Bill Pond said that Tim White has talked with him about putting up jersey barriers along the shoreline where Capt. Jacks was. Bill said that he has talked with the County and they will let Bill borrow some for this. He said that he will take down the snow fence and hopes to have the barriers in place before the water comes up.

Reports

Highway – Bill Pond reported that the old storage room is becoming a break room and the new container is working well as the new storage room. He says they have been cutting trees and brush and have done some plowing and sanding.

Bill said that the hydraulic pump has been changed out in the excavator but it has to be reprogrammed. He also reported that the Fire Department inspected the room where the antique ambulance, Levi, is on display and found there to be no odors or leaks coming from Levi.

He said that the men put together a float for the Christmas parade.

Recreation Park – Keith Brass said that they have had the regular clubs and meetings, a baby shower and a family Christmas party over the past month.

Water – Keith Brass reported that they are still doing shut offs and have 2 new installs to do. Keith said that he has fixed a valve box on the DANC line for DANC.

Councilman Maloney said that he talked with Brian Nutting regarding the bill DANC received from the town for filling in holes on the water line. He said that Brian told him it could be trouble for them

because if Cape Vincent starts sending bills, other towns will want to as well. Councilman Maloney said that he told him that filling in holes falls under maintenance. He also said that all other towns along the line have agreed to mow their own portions of the line.

Keith told Councilman Maloney that DANC asked him to fill in the holes and the holes were in the township of Lyme, not Cape Vincent. He also said that if he doesn't fix the valve box issue, they would have to hire a company to do this repair and it would cost DANC a lot more.

Councilman Maloney said that he is still considering having them pay the invoice. He asked the board if they want him to call Brian and tell him we are sticking with the invoice. The board agreed and asked Councilman Maloney to let him know.

Councilman Wood said that he would like to attend a DANC meeting.

Bill Pond said that the mowing is on his to do list and will be done on the Cape side of the line.

Councilman Wiley said that the village Planning Board meeting regarding the Club St. SEQR public hearing was very positive. He said that 10-12 people were in attendance.

Councilman Wood said that he received a call from Laurie Moss who told him that the Chamber of Commerce Executive Team has disbanded and they are working on a new set of by-laws.

Councilman Wood made a motion to hold the Organizational Meeting on Jan. 2, 2025 at 8:30am in the town office building, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Councilman Maloney as of Dec. 31, 2024, seconded with regrets by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

The board thanked Councilman Maloney telling him he was a huge asset to the board.

Councilman Wood made a motion to advertise for the Town Board vacancy and that letters of interest should be submitted by Jan. 10, 2025, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Resolutions

Resolution #71

Resolution #71 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Maloney. Resolution #71 is to authorize the Supervisor to make budget modifications to balance all accounts to close the 2024 year. There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #72

Resolution #72 was moved by Councilman Maloney, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #72 is to reappoint Richard Macsherry as a member of the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire Sept. 30, 2029.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #73

Resolution #73 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #73 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign amendment No. 5 to the Engineering Services Agreement for Water District #7 which consists of an amendment to the owner-agreement modifications of payment to the engineer.

There was no discussion. 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 sign the Ambulance Services Agreement between the Town of Cape Vincent and the Cape Vincent Ambulance Squad, Inc. for the 2025 year.

There was the following discussion. The board asked if the agreement is the same as the 2024 agreement and if the ambulance stops service, the payment stops. Supervisor Aubertine told them it is the same agreement and the town can stop payment.

All members voted AYE.

Bills: H-H4, \$42,070.56; SW1, \$13,566.68; SW3, \$269.45; SW4, \$1,185.86; SW5, \$4,024.38; SW6, \$453.15; General Fund, \$12,833.32; Highway, \$31,587.10.

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

Jarrold Radley asked if there was an update on the sewer project. Supervisor Aubertine said there wasn't and there won't be any more funding rounds until June of 2025. He said that they hope to have Matt Cooper at the February work session to discuss this as he feels the board is not interested in moving forward with the project at this time.

Supervisor Aubertine thanked Councilwoman Miller and Councilman Maloney again for their time on the board.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to adjourn at 7:04pm.

Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk