Oct. 20, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Marty Mason, Councilman Tim Maloney, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood, Highway Superintendent Bill Pond, Keith Brass and approximately 10 visitors.

Supervisor Mason opened the meeting at 6:30pm with the pledge of allegiance.
Privilege of the floor:
Steve Docteur – Steve thanked the board for the retirement gift of a coat. He said he was very grateful.

Councilman Aubertine made the motion to accept the minutes of Sept. 15, 2022 and Sept. 22, 2022, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.

Bills: Capital Project, $1,200.32; Highway, $520,711.62; WD #1, $6,657.66; WD #3, $61.89; WD #4, $42,429.91; WD #5, $215.78;WD #6, $31.29; General Fund, $39,788.76.
Councilman Wood made a motion to approve of the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Maloney. All members voted AYE.

Reports:
Highway-Superintendent Bill Pond said that they have been paving for the County, Lyme and Clayton. He said that the paving is done and the shoulders are all that are left on County Rt 4. Bill told the board that they are still having breakdowns and truck 56 is back in for repairs and truck 55 has an air leak. Bill said that the sand is in the building and salt has been ordered. He said that he is putting plow equipment on two trucks at this time as he wants to have it done before Halloween. Bill reported that Docteur Environmental fixed the diesel dispenser. He has also spoke with Jim Lawrence and they are going to continue the work on County Rte. 6. Bill told the board that he has hired Pat Thompson. Supervisor Mason told Bill that on Oct. 27, Mike Alteri will be meeting with he and Bill regarding the Tibbetts Point shoreline project.

Recreation Park-Keith Brass reported that they have had the usual clubs, meetings and birthday parties in the building. He said that there was a pig roast and the Lion's Club will be having a breakfast.
Keith told the board that Alicia Johnson has asked for permission to use the kitchen to cook food for her catering business. He said that she needs to have a letter from the town, giving permission for her to use the kitchen for the Dept. of Health.
Councilman Maloney made a motion to provide a letter to the Dept. of Health for Alicia Johnson giving permission for her to use the kitchen at Recreation Park, seconded by Councilman Wood. All members voted AYE.
Keith told the board that he wants their permission to purchase privacy slats for the pickleball court. He said that he has a quote from Alpine Fence in the amount of $5,664.00 for the slats. Keith said that he would like to purchase them now and he will be installing them next spring.
Councilman Wood made a motion to authorize the purchase of privacy slats for the pickleball court from Alpine Fence in the amount of $5,664.00, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Water-Keith Brass reported that they did a water install on Rock Beach Road and are doing water meter exchanges in water district #4. He said that the water shut offs are coming in and he and John have read districts 3, 4, 5, and 6. Keith told the board that the generator at the pump station had to be manually shut down. He said a new one is ordered and will be installed in November.
Keith also told the board that he would like permission to purchase 70 meters and 70 radios for water district 4 and 6B. He said the price will be $25,000.00 and they are standardized meters and radios.
Councilman Maloney made a motion to authorize Keith to purchase the meters and radios, seconded by Councilman Wiley. There was the following discussion.
Councilman Aubertine asked if the funds were part of the Covid19 relief funds that was set aside and Keith told him that is was.
All members voted AYE.

Jeff Call-Jeff reviewed with the board the number of calls the ambulance made both in Cape Vincent and Lyme. He discussed with the board the amount they have billed out to insurance. Jeff told the board that their budgeted numbers are off with regard to equipment because they have purchased a lot of equipment over this past year. He said the Capitol equipment fund is building up, and they have a fund for a new building. Jeff said that they could use more staff.
Jeff told the board that they can still make the budget work with $250,000.00 from each of the town's, Lyme and Cape Vincent and are on target for the 2023 budget. He said that the second ambulance in Chaumont is working good for second calls.
Councilman Wiley asked if they are able to pay the employees a good salary, and Jeff said that what they are paying is comparable to other squads.
Councilman Wiley asked about training and if they are staying after training. Jeff said that the ambulance squad is paying for the training and the employee are required to stay with the squad for three years.
Councilman Wiley and Jeff discussed the insurance carriers, what has been billed out and the amount that has been paid back to them.
Councilman Aubertine asked what percentage of the staff is a Paramedic and Jeff told him about fifty percent are Paramedics. Councilman Aubertine also asked if they were doing any fund raising. Jeff said that they are putting together a fund-raising letter for the building and an ambulance replacement.
Supervisor Mason said that the town will need a new contract with the ambulance, and Jeff gave a contract stating the only change in the contract from last year was the dates.

Christine Stark-Christine gave the board a Club Street Steering Committee update. She said that the last time they met was in May. She gave the names of who was there and said that they walked the water side of the area. She said that phase 1 calls for two docks to be removed at Clark's Cove. She said that they did talk with people at Clark's Cove and they feel that the holdup is because Captain Jacks was not sold. She also talked about the Trottier properties. Christine said that she knows that Scott and Jay met with Mr. Trottier and an appraisal on the properties was done. Christine said that there isn't too much the Steering Committee can do now and she asked the board what they want them to do at this time.

She suggested the board consider a shift from the purchase of Captain Jacks to the purchase of the Trottier properties.
Councilman Wiley said that a full court press on the Trottier properties is what they want to do. He suggested that she talk with Scott and Jay about their meeting with Mr. Trottier. Councilman Wiley said that Mr. Trottier liked the idea of a private partnership.
Christine said that Mr. Trottier liked the idea of condos at Anchor Marina, and there should be a focus there.
Christine told the board that the Steering Committee is on hold right now and she feels that there is not much they can do at this point. She asked the board again to consider shifting away from Captain Jacks.
Councilman Maloney suggested they move in the direction of working with Mr. Trottier. Supervisor Mason said that he would like them to keep the conversation going with Clark's Cove regarding a boardwalk. Christine said she would talk with them.

Supervisor Mason said that Matt Cooper was going to attend the meeting, but there isn't an update as they are still waiting to hear about the grant.

Councilman's Discussion
Councilman Wiley said that the CVLDC will hold its organizational meeting on Oct. 27 at 5:30pm.

Councilman Maloney said he thought it was a good presentation from Jeff Call, and they need a budget to review. Councilman Maloney said that he wanted to make a public service announcement that the Chaumont bridge project has started and there will be one lane of traffic.

Supervisor Mason said that he attended the DANC meeting and they are waiting for the generator as Keith Brass reported.
Supervisor Mason said that he will be meeting with Scott Burto next week at Tibbetts Point.

New Business:
Councilman Wiley said that he wanted to discuss Scott Burto's contract. He said that knowing that the town did not budget for his contract, he feels that there should not be an incentive clause, but, he wants to wait and see what the LDC wants.
Councilman Wiley said that if the LDC is not established the town and village could use the funds that were budgeted for the LDC to pay Scott.
Councilman Aubertine said that if the LDC is not prepared to have a planner on January 1, the town and village could use Scott on a month to month basis using the funds they budgeted for the LDC.

Councilman Wiley said that there are two individuals who want to apply for Reform NY grants. He said that they are Brian Stumpf and Ron Clapp. Brian Stumpf wants to turn the school house on his property to sell all New York made products, and Ron Clapp wants to use the funds for the Carleton Villa.

The IMA between the town, village and the CVLDC was discussed. The IMA had several corrections made to it and it was reviewed by the town attorney who had a few suggestions and comments, all of them addressed.
Councilman Aubertine made a motion to accept the IMA as written, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Old Business
Supervisor Mason told the board that the water overpayment to Mr. Anthony Casola has been taken care of. He told the board that the attorney sent him a letter, Mr. Casola agreed and a check was mailed to him.

Supervisor Mason told the board that regarding the petition received from residents on the Stony Point Road who are petitioning the board to create a new water district there, he has talked with Matt Cooper about doing a feasibility study. Matt will get information to the board on what the cost will be to do this study.

Tim White-Tim told the board that the Club Street grants he was working on, the demolition of the Swenson house and the boat house is complete and the town has fully recovered the $250,000.00. He also said that he and Supervisor Mason met on October 5 regarding the DASNY grant for the Tibbetts Point Shoreline and the Playground and pickleball grants. He said that he had to get some information together and Tina Maloney was able to provide him with invoices and cancelled checks. He said that he feels that with what he has, he can move forward to getting the town reimbursed. Tim said that there has to be an amendment to the playground grant to include the pickleball, and Patti Ritchie's office is helping him with that. Tim said that he is hoping to get a grant disbursement real soon.

Resolutions
Resolution #58
Resolution #58 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Maloney. Resolution #58 is to set a public hearing date of Nov. 10, 2022 at 6pm for the tax cap override on the 2023 budget, and a public hearing immediately following on the 2023 budget.
There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #59
Resolution #59 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #59 is to appoint Noel Bonvouloir to a five-year term as a member of the Board of Assessment Review. Term will run Oct. 1, 2022 through Sept. 30, 2027.
There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #60
Resolution #60 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Maloney. Resolution #60 is to appoint Noel Bonvouloir to a two-year term as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term will run Jan. 1, 2023 through Dec. 31, 2024.
There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #61
Resolution #61 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #61 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Joint Town, Village and CVLDC IMA agreement.
There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #62
Resolution #62 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Maloney. Resolution #62 is to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with the State Parks for the Tibbetts Point shoreline restoration.
There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Maloney made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding personnel at 7:38pm, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:12pm, seconded by Councilman Maloney.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm.

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Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk