

May 7, 2026

Town Board Work Session

Present: Deputy Supervisor Patty Bach, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Bill Gould, Councilman Ron Jacobs, Councilwoman Mary Farrell, and 1 visitor.

Absent: Supervisor Christine Stark

Deputy Supervisor Bach opened the work session at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Farrell reported that a motion would be needed at the May 21, 2026 Town Board Meeting to pass the Bus Plan for Cape Vincent. A letter would be drafted and presented for signature from the Town Board, Village Trustees, and LDC. Town Clerk Featherly stated she spoke with Jennifer Hodge, Director of Mobility Management, and invited Ms. Hodge to the 5/21/26 Town Board meeting to explain the route and other logistics of the initiative. It was also reported that the LDC was in financial trouble and would disband in seven months due to lack of funding from the Village. This includes removing the grant writer position and just using a contracted grant writer, when needed. Councilwoman Farrell asked the Board what their thoughts were on the subject. Councilman Wiley stated he would hate to see the LDC disband and lose their 501-non-profit status. He recommended that they continue until town's budget renewal to see what could be done. The other Board Members agreed with that recommendation. Councilwoman Farrell will attend the LDC meeting on May 14th stating the Town Board supports the LDC and please wait until 2027 budget amounts are assigned.

Councilman Jacobs reported the Ambulance had their NYS Inspection this past week and passed with flying colors. They are answering 3-4 calls per day. Councilman Jacobs reported that he advised the ambulance team to speak directly with Mr. Deneke to address his letter reporting the destruction of the arch used at charity runs. There will be more to come on the matter.

Councilman Gould reported the Zoning Board is working on 2 storage unit applications (Grindstone & Rivertime), and continued work on Lyle Wood's stone quarry application. He also reported the new Fire Truck has been ordered.

Councilman Wiley reported the school tax levy increased 3.5% due to increased health care costs. He reported that he will send an email to the Town Board with the new lease agreement language with Figueroa for their review before signing as there were some changes to the language and effective date. He stated a new Resolution would be needed for the next Town Board meeting on May 21, 2026.

Club Street Update – Councilman Wiley stated just waiting for the machines to start project. Deputy Supervisor Bach stated BIG needs to be signed by Supervisor Stark only, who will be back on May 11, 2026. And the groundbreaking ceremony with ribbon cutting will be held on May 20, 2026 @ 3pm.

Water District #7 – Deputy Supervisor Bach stated that she and Supervisor Stark will be going door to door before the May 26, 2026 vote to inform residents about the water district and how the vote will work.

Personnel Policy Updates – All board members agreed that updates needed to be made. Deputy Supervisor Bach and Councilwoman Farrell will be taking the lead on the project, using a template provided by Mineral.

Will no further discussion, the work session was adjourned at 7:04pm.

Shannon Featherly, Town Clerk