

**Village of Cold Spring  
Board of Trustees Workshop Meeting  
July 6, 2021**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held a workshop meeting at Village Hall on Tuesday July 6, 2021 at 6:30pm. Present were Mayor Dave Merandy, Trustees Marie Early, Kathleen E. Foley, Frances Murphy and Tweeps Phillips Woods.

**Mayor Merandy called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.**

**Resolution 19-2021** Adopting Local Law 01-2021 Adding Chapter 100 Short Term Rentals and Amending Chapter 134 Zoning was tabled.

Mayor Merandy stated that a number of significant changes to the original draft law warrant a second public hearing and re-submission for approval to the Putnam County Planning Department. Changes include:

- Increase in number of nights annually a unit can be rented
- Increase in # of permits to be issued
- Increase in fines

J. Vidakovich to prepare Resolution for 7/13/21 meeting setting the date and time for a public hearing

**Resolution 20-2021** (see attached) Rejecting Previously Approved Bid to Purchase a Garbage Truck Cab and Chassis was offered by Mayor Merandy for adoption and seconded by Trustee Murphy. Upon roll call vote, the resolution passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

Mayor Merandy provided an update on garbage and recycling collection:

- The supplier is unable to deliver on the previously accepted bid
- A new bid will be submitted through the NY State bidding system
- Privatizing garbage collection has been investigated but cannot be accomplished without a significant cost increase to the taxpayers

**Resolution 21-2021** (see attached) Accepting Results of the FY 2019-20 Audit of the Justice Court was offered by Mayor Merandy for adoption and seconded by Trustee Early. Upon roll call vote the resolution passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

**Resolution 22-2021** (see attached) Classifying Amendments to Chapters 5,9,21,32,40, 45, 47, 57, 71, 118 and 127 of the Village Code as Type II Actions under SEQRA was offered by Trustee Early for adoption and seconded by Mayor Merandy. Upon roll call vote, the resolution passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

**Fire Protection Service Agreement with Nelsonville**

Trustee Early made a motion authorizing Mayor Merandy to sign the Fire Protection Services Agreement with the Village of Nelsonville. Trustee Murphy seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-1-0 (Trustee Foley abstained due to lack of clarity in the agreement regarding responsibility of maintenance of fire hydrants).

**Approve Hiring of Police Officers**

Mayor Merandy made a motion to hire John Martinez as a Police Officer with the Village of Cold Spring Police Department. Trustee Murphy seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to hire James Hipple as a Police Officer with the Village of Cold Spring Police Department. Trustee Early seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

#### **Approve Settlement Agreement re: 29 Rock Street**

Mayor Merandy made a motion to accept the settlement agreement with Mr. William McComish of 29 Rock Street. Trustee Early seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

#### **Discussion on Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

Mayor Merandy provided background on the two Electric Vehicle Charging stations scheduled to be installed adjacent to 25 Main Street (dead end portion of Main Street west of the railroad of tracks). This is an initiative by Climate Smart Philipstown.

- An easement allowing Philipstown use of Village property for the charging stations has been approved by the Village and is pending approval by the Town of Philipstown Supervisor

Nina Pidala (representing family trust that owns 25 Main Street) brought up that there is a stream running underneath the area and that it causes flooding in the area. She requests the following:

- An environmental impact study be conducted
- A traffic impact study be conducted
- Alternative locations be considered

Roseanne Powell (18 Market Street) stated that parking is already an issue and that the charging stations will only exasperate the situation. She also believes that charging stations present an environmental hazard and alternative locations should be sought.

Denise Friedly (9 Church St) asked if the Village has checked with Metro-North to see if they plan to install charging stations in their parking lot as they have done at other stations along the line. Mayor Merandy said the Village has not spoken with Metro-North.

Trustee Foley suggested that concerns and comments be directed to Krystal Ford, Climate Smart Philipstown Coordinator, as this is a Philipstown initiative.

#### **Old Business - Hops on Hudson Event(s) at St. Mary's**

After discussion on signage for the event, the Board agreed on the following:

- Promotional signs can be placed on Village property at the intersection of Lunn Terrace and Main Street beginning two weeks before the event and must be removed the day after the event
- Directional signs can be placed the day of the event at corner(s) of Garden & Main, Kemble & Main, and two as you exit the subway tunnel. These must be removed the day after the event

#### **Approval of Bills**

Trustee Early made a motion to approve Batch # 6060 in the amount of \$21,987.04. Trustee Foley seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

**Public Comment**

Mike Turton (Highland Current) – inquired about the License Plate Readers (LPRs) installed on 9D (north and south ends of Village) and 301 (east end of Village). All three were installed just outside of the Village border in Philipstown (9D) and Nelsonville (301).

- Mayor Merandy commented that the Board was unaware of the size of the LPR's or that they would be installed outside of the Village. He had spoken with Supervisor Shea but had not had the chance to speak with Mayor Bowman. He will also follow up with OIC Burke.
- D. Friedly (9 Church St) asked what is the purpose of the LPR's? Trustee Early explained that the LPR's capture license plate information as vehicles enter the Village and is used for tracking during chases, amber alerts, etc.
- Trustee Foley added that there is a policy chapter on LPR's in Lexipol that she will circulate to the Board to see if it is helpful or something that should be addressed as part of the police reform initiative

John Lane (5 Mountain Ave) thanked the Board for taking into consideration previous comments regarding Short Term Rentals and for scheduling a second public hearing on the draft law.

Trustee Early reminded the public that a Public Hearing is scheduled for July 14, 2021 beginning at 6:30pm at Village Hall to consider amendments to 11 Chapters of the Village Code. Another Public Hearing is scheduled for July 15, 2021 beginning at 7:00pm at the Cold Spring Firehouse (154 Main Street) to consider draft local laws prohibiting cannabis dispensaries and operating establishments that allow on-site cannabis consumption.

Mike Turton inquired in the next steps regarding parking. Trustee Early responded that a presentation by the Parking Committee to the Board of Trustees will be scheduled.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Foley seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Submitted by: J. Vidakovich

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Mayor Merandy

Date

## **Resolution # 20-2021 Rejecting Previously Approved Bid to Purchase Garbage Truck Cab and Chassis**

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Dave Merandy for adoption and seconded by Trustee Fran Murphy, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Cold Spring (the “Village”) needs to purchase a new garbage truck cab and chassis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village previously solicited bids through the NYS Vehicle Marketplace Mini Bid System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees on January 12, 2021 passed Resolution 01-2021 awarding the winning bid to Gabrielli Truck; and

**WHEREAS**, the supplier has not been able to deliver on the bid as specified.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees rejects the previously awarded bid and rescinds Resolution 01-2021

On roll call vote:

Trustee Marie Early voted:	Yes
Trustee Kathleen E. Foley voted:	Yes
Trustee Frances Murphy voted:	Yes
Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods voted:	Yes
Mayor Dave Merandy voted:	Yes

Resolution officially adopted on July 6, 2021 by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

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Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Date

**Resolution 21-2021 Accepting the FY 2019-20 Audit of the Justice Court**

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Dave Merandy for adoption and seconded by Trustee Marie Early, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that town and village justices annually provide their court records to their respective town and village auditing boards, and that such records be examined and audited; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Cold Spring Auditing Committee conducted an audit of the court records for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of this audit were submitted to the Village Board of Trustees at a public meeting held on June 8, 2021;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees accepts the report of the audit of Justice Court records and instructs the clerk to forward the findings to the NYS Office of Court Administration as required.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Marie Early voted:	Yes
Trustee Kathleen E. Foley voted:	Yes
Trustee Frances Murphy voted:	Yes
Trustee Tweep Phillips Woods voted:	Yes
Mayor Dave Merandy voted:	Yes

Resolution officially adopted on July 6, 2021 by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

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**Resolution 22-2021 Classifying Amendments to Chapters 5, 9, 21, 32, 40, 45, 47, 57, 71, 118, and 127 of the Village Code as Type II Actions under SEQRA**

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Marie Early for adoption and seconded by Mayor Dave Merandy, to wit:

**Whereas**, the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees is considering adoption of amendments to 11 Chapters of the Village Code including Chapters 5, 9, 21, 32, 40, 45, 47, 57, 71, 118, and 127 within the Village of Cold Spring, Putnam County, New York; and

**Whereas**, none of the proposed 11 amendments involve creation of new programs in the Village or constitute a major reordering of priorities; and

**Whereas**, each proposed amendment is designed to update the respective Chapter to comply with State Law or other identified issues related to continuing agency administration and management; and

**Whereas**, after comparing the thresholds contained in 6 NYCRR 617.4 and 5, the Village Board has determined that the proposed adoption of each Chapter amendment is a Type II Action that meets the thresholds found in 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(26).

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Village Board hereby declares that no further review under SEQRA is required.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Marie Early voted:	Yes
Trustee Kathleen E. Foley voted:	Yes
Trustee Frances Murphy voted:	Yes
Trustee Tweep Phillips Woods voted:	Yes
Mayor Dave Merandy voted:	Yes

Resolution officially adopted on July 6, 2021 by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

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