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Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes - October 8, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop meeting on October 8, 2021 at Village Hall. Present were Mayor Dave Merandy, Trustees Marie Early, Kathleen E. Foley, Frances Murphy, and Tweeps Phillips Woods. D. Merandy called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Workshop with Highway Department Crew Chief

The Board met with Robet Downey, Jr. to address issues raised by R. Downey. These issues included: Staffing, Equipment, and Workload.

Staffing

D. Merandy noted that staffing decisions are contingent on whether the Village outsources garbage and recycling collection. He provided an update on the Village's efforts to prepare and issue a bid for garbage and recycling collection.

- Draft of the bid is in review
- Village is a minimum of one month away from being able to make a decision
- Elements of the bid in addition to garbage and recycling collection include:
 - Lawn and Leaf
 - Weekend pick-up
 - Bulk pick-up
 - Holiday specific (Christmas trees and wreaths)

If the Village outsources garbage collection, then the plan is to maintain the department with three employees (Crew Chief + 2 Laborers). If the Village keeps garbage, then the department size could increase. Questions the Board raised relating to staffing that will need to be addressed include:

- What will a new person do?
- What will be their rate of pay?
- What will be the required licensing and experience qualifications?
- Is a full-time laborer needed or a part-time driver (CDL) or both?

Equipment

R. Downey stated that the Village will potentially need a new garbage truck even if garbage is outsourced. The 2003 International garbage truck currently being used needs major repairs (tires, piston rebuilt, floor replacement, plastic sliders, new fuel tank, exhaust brakes, etc). A decision on whether to repair the existing truck or purchase a new one will need to be made. If the decision is made to purchase a new truck, then the two options include:

- Purchase a completely new, smaller garbage truck
- Utilize the existing compactor on a new chassis and cab

R. Downey will research costs for a smaller new truck and present it to the Board

Workload

R. Downey stated that the Highway Department has more tasks and “to-do” items than it can handle. The Board inquired if some of these items (sidewalks, catch basins) could be outsourced? R. Downey will compile a list of all tasks that the Highway Department performs. Once compiled, the list will be reviewed by the Board to determine items that can be outsourced and priorities set for the remaining items.

Board Business

Request by Chamber of Commerce for use of Bandstand and Halloween Parade: D. Merandy made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce’s request to hold the Halloween Parade and utilize the Bandstand on Saturday October 30, 2021. F. Murphy seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

Request to dock at river front: D. Merandy made a motion to approve the request by Trinity Cruise Company to dock at the riverfront on Tuesday October 12th at 4:00 pm pending receipt of docking fees (\$8/foot). F. Murphy seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

Adjournment

D. Merandy made a motion to adjourn. K. Foley seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.