

**Village of Cold Spring
Village Board of Trustees
85 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516**

**Trustees Monthly Meeting
1-14-2020**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday January 14, 2020 at 7 pm. Present were: Mayor David Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Lynn Miller and Frances Murphy and Steve Voloto.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In a written report, Officer in Charge Larry Burke reported for the month of December 2019 that:

- There were 43 calls for service
- There were 63 tickets issued
- There were three arrests for vehicle infractions

MONTHLY REPORTS

Recreation Commission - None

Planning Board

Planning Board Chair Matt Francisco reported for the month of December 2019 that:

- The Planning Board discussed an advisory opinion for 21 Parsonage requested by the ZBA
- The Planning Board adopted a resolution to allow the relocation of the easement for the protected tree at the Butterfield Development
- The Planning Board held a public hearing for 114 Main Street for site plan approval. The hearing was left open as the applicant didn't bring proof of neighbor notification. If approved, the application will require 11 parking waivers

Zoning Board of Appeals

In a written report for December 2019 the ZBA noted that:

- The ZBA opened a public hearing for an application of variances needed to construct a home at 21 Parsonage Street. The hearing will continue on February 6, 2020.

Cold Spring Fire Company

Trustee Voloto noted that:

- During the month of December 2019 there were eight alarms bringing the total to 155 for the calendar year
- Tom Merrigan will assume the post of Chief effective January 1, 2020

Town of Philipstown - none

Historic District Review Board - none

Tree Advisory Board (TAB)

In a written report for the month of December 2019, Chair Jennifer Zwarich noted that:

- The TAB did not hold their regular meeting due to the holidays
- The 4th quarter progress report for the NYDCE Priority Street Tree Maintenance Grant was completed
- The Chamber of Commerce is thanked for spearheading the solar light project in a manner that didn't harm village trees
- Application for 4th year renewal of the Tree City USA status was completed
- Taro Ietaka was approved by the Village Board as a member of the TAB

Code Update Committee

In a written report for the month of December the CUC noted that:

- The CUC met once on December 11 to present their recommendations to the Village Board and to turn the project over to the Village Board
- The CUC has no additional meetings scheduled, but will be available to advise the Village Board as required
- The next step in the process is the Village Board's review of the CUCs recommendations, which will be followed by public meetings, public hearings and SEQRA.
- The December conference call with NYSERDA was cancelled by NYSERDA
- Some invoices from the CUC consultant and legal counsel have not been received. When received, a request for reimbursement will be submitted to NYSERDA

WATER DEPARTMENT

Water & Wastewater Superintendent Matt Kroog noted that for the month of December 2019:

- Reservoir status is at 95% capacity
- Flow to System is 7.98 MG/257 k/day (a 14% increase from 2018)
- 2018 Flow to System was 6.87 MG/215 k/day
- Bacteria Lab Test sampling is acceptable for drinking
- 35 residences are not providing wireless water meter reading data. These locations will need to be inspected to ensure functionality before possible warranty replacement
- The up-flow clarifier screens on filtration units 2 & 3 were replaced. Filtration unit 1 was replaced within the past year and a half. All three units require rehabilitation due to age
- A few discolored water complaints were received. Samples collected showed elevated iron present but were within drinking water parameters. Iron and manganese have been added to

the daily analysis of the raw points throughout the filtration process. Entry point and distribution system samples have been collected.

- The Badey & Watson survey of the DEP connection site was approved and authorized on December 11, 2019.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Water & Wastewater Superintendent Matt Kroog noted that for the month of December 2019:

- Plant inflow was 6.50 million gallons
- Average daily flow was 210K gallons
- Biochemical Oxygen Demand: 97.39% removal
- Total Suspended Solids: 93.11% removal
- Sludge Hauled Offsite: 23,000 gallons
- 9 Fair St roadway depression: an aqua-scope of the depression for possible leaks on December 12, 2019 was inconclusive. This area was not included in the April 2019 inspection data. An inspection of the sewer lateral to the main (from the residence) will be scheduled
- Kemble Ave Pump station: a date for valve replacement work has not been set
- A quote has been received from PCS to upgrade the Kemble Ave PS alarm system (\$4,106.64) and to relocate the existing manhole monitor system (\$3,750). Both quotes are within the Department's budget.
- The sludge wasting regimen has been significantly increased since the last P&D Engineering site visit. The Department will re-evaluate whether a press upgrade is needed, as a change in the existing polymer seems to be working fairly well with constraints on the system

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

In a written report the department noted that for the month of December 2019:

- 8 new building permit applications were received
- 7 building permits were issued
- 0 operating permits were issued
- 1 dumpster permit was issued
- 7 Certificates of Occupancy were issued
- 1 record search was completed
- 1 complaint was received
- 1 referral to the HDRB was made
- 1 referral to the ZBA was made
- 1 referrals to the CSPB was made
- \$1,375 in application and permit fees were collected
- \$75 in record search fees were collected
- \$30 in other fees were collected

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Crew Chief Robert Downey noted that during the month of December 2019:

- 63.20 tons of garbage were picked up
- 24.82 tons of recyclables were picked ups
- There were three snow events
- New LED lighting was installed at the garage
- There were two brush collections
- Potholes were repaired on E. Belvedere and Hamilton
- Street cleaning of gutters continues
- Philipstown Tree Service removed two damaged trees
- A small tree on North Street was removed
- The 2016 salter spreader motor is to be rebuilt
- A back rack, with light (from Sal Pidala) was installed on the 2019 F-250
- A new amber hazard light was installed on the 2019 F-250
- A bent tie-rod was fixed on the 2011 F-350
- Wiper motor on the 1989 International was repaired
- 2003 International garbage truck marker lights were repaired
- New headlight installed on plow on the 2019 F-250
- Oil changes were performed on the 2011 & 2019 trucks
- A flat tire on the 2019 F-250 was repaired
- New cutting edges were installed on the 2011 & 2016 F-350 snow plows
- A new used wire harness was installed on the 1997 F-350
- A new used light was installed on the 2016 F-350 salter
- A new used valve body for the 1997 F-350 plow was used to repair the plow
- A flat tire was repaired on the 1989 International salter
- Tasks for January include: removal of holiday decorations, pothole repair and street cleaning

JUSTICE COURT

In a written report Village Justice Costello noted that for the month of December 2019:

- \$5,508 in fines, forfeited bails and civil penalties were collected
- \$2,165 in parking fines were collected
- \$355 in civil fees were collected
- \$2,779 mandatory state surcharges were collected
- There was one Penal Law charge
- There were 25 Vehicle & Traffic Law charges
- There were no Civil charges

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Trustee Early made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Law Office of Andres D. Gil. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN MOU WITH COLD SPRING FIRE COMPANY

Trustee Early made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the MOU with the Cold Spring Fire Company. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE COMPLETION OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR J. NAROK

Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve completion of J. Narok's probationary period effective 12-26-19. This approval includes a \$1/hour pay increase. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE HIRING OF TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve the hiring of Bill Bujarsky for up to 64 hours at \$25/hour. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR USE OF DOCKSIDE PARK BY HOPS ON THE HUDSON

John Scherer has submitted an application to the Recreation Department to hold an artisan/crafts festival on May 30 & 31, 2020. During the discussion it was noted that:

- The Board remains very concerned about vehicular access, parking and the number of participants and attendees
- Scherer suggested participant parking could occur at the highway department, Our Lady of Loretto Church and Haldane. The Board requested confirmation before it would be able to grant approval for the event.
- The Board is concerned about damage to the Park from vehicles.
- By the Village's agreement with NYS, the Park must remain open to the public even during private events
- Mayor's Park might be a preferable location
- There is disagreement between the Board and Scherer about whether the ground is firmer at Dockside than at Mayor's Park
- The Board would like to see the number of participants (vendors) reduced and asked Scherer how many vendors were required to make the event profitable for him
- A small fee will be charged to attendees
- Loudspeakers should be pointed away from the village
- No tents should be located along the river's edge
- Overnight security will be provided
- OIC Burke expressed concern about:
 - The number of vehicles
 - The fact that there is only one entrance/egress point

- The number of vendors and attendees is unknown
 - The impact of other activities (hikers, etc.) that will impact traffic
 - Parking arrangements will have to be confirmed
 - Closing off Main Street is problematic and will require extra police officers
- The Board asked that the number of vendors be reduced to 55 before it will consider the application
- The Board asked for a clearer estimate of the number of attendees expected
- Scherer to revise the application

REPORT OF MAYOR AND TRUSTEES

Mayor Merandy commented upon the recent spate of water discoloration complaints and noted that:

- There have been 20-40 complaints and the cause of each is difficult to figure out
- The Village is concerned and Water and Waste Water Superintendent Matt Kroog “is on top of all complaints”
- Bacteria counts remain within prescribed limits
- The water lines are over 100-years old and subject to deterioration that can cause discoloration
- System flushes are used to resolve the issue, but the drought in 2019 limited the number that could be performed. The next flush will occur as soon as conditions allow
- Sometimes low system use can cause sediment buildup
- Putnam County has been apprised of the situation
- Residents can run the water till it clears
- Residents should notify the Village of all discoloration so that those homes can be checked and that the discoloration can be tracked

Trustee Early noted that the Board will hold a workshop to review CUC recommendations on January 15, 2020.

Trustee Miller has written the County suggesting the recent excess sales tax collection should be rebated to Cold Spring to mitigate the cost of tourists. She has also written to the County suggesting that while exploration of public transportation between Southeast and Danbury is a good thing, public transportation between Carmel and Cold Spring should also be considered.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE VILLAGE-OWNED PROPERTY AT 29 ROCK STREET

Trustee Murphy made a motion to deny the request to sell village-owned property at 29 Rock Street. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE VILLAGE-OWNED PROPERTY AT 207 MAIN STREET

James Hartford appeared on behalf of the property owner and presented updated site plans. Board members expressed concern that the sale, as proposed, would limit future modifications to Academy

Street and suggested that only the minimum amount of property necessary to ameliorate the property's drainage issue might be sold. Hartford will revise the plans.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve Batch #5419 in the amount of \$170,456.87. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the minutes of 1-7-2020. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident noted that the walk/don't walk signs at Main Street and Chestnut only operate if the button is pushed. She opined this is an unsafe condition and that the signs should always operate in tandem with the traffic lights. Board members noted that the traffic lights are controlled by the NYSDOT. The Board requested a letter describing the issue that they would forward to the NYSDOT

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion was passed unanimously at 9:25 pm

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor David Merandy

Date