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Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held its Monthly Meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday February 9, 2022, via videoconference as per Chapter 1 of the NYS Laws of 2022. Present were Mayor Kathleen E. Foley, Trustees Joe Curto, Cathryn Fadde, Eliza Starbuck and Tweep Philips Woods. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

J. Curto made a motion to table Agenda item # 19 – Resolution 02-2022 Accepting the Refuse and Recycling Collection bid – until the 2/16/22 meeting in order to provide Royal Carting the opportunity to review contract revisions submitted by Village Attorney John Furst. C. Fadde seconded the motion and passed by a vote of 5-0.

Monthly Reports

Town of Philipstown: Council Member Robert Flaherty presented the report (attached). Of note:

- the Town Recycling Center on Lane Gate Road is open every Saturday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The center accepts white goods and large items.
- The Town will begin accepting e-waste in the spring on a 6-month trial basis.
- The Town has \$30 vouchers available for residents to dispose items at the Royal Carting facility.

Financial: Accountant Michelle Ascolillo submitted the financial report (attached). Of note:

- The list of Village parcels with unpaid property taxes for FY 2021-22 has been prepared. K. Foley made a motion to approve forwarding the list to Putnam County for collection. T. Woods seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.
- Guidelines on how ARPA funds can be spent have become less restrictive and reporting simplified
- Budget worksheets are in the process of being sent to department heads and boards

Highway Department: Highway Department Crew Chief Robert Downey (not in attendance) submitted the report (attached). J. Curto noted that he and R. Downey drove the garbage route to address location specific questions and concerns.

Water and Wastewater: Water and Wastewater Superintendent Matt Kroog submitted the report (attached). M. Kroog noted:

- New endpoints for water meters have shipped. Once received they will need to be installed

- Radios at the Market and West Steet pump stations need to be replaced. The one at the Kemble Street pump station is newer and does not need replacing

Building Department: No report submitted

Police Department: OIC Larry Burke (not present) submitted the monthly report (attached). K. Foley noted that:

- The Board conducted interviews with 5 candidates over the previous 10 days. Background checks are being performed and recommendations will be forthcoming from L. Burke.
- False alarms at New York Presbyterian Medical Building continue to be an issue
- Ad-hoc committee to review police procedures will meet on 2-26-22. Ed Currelley will chair the group

Cold Spring Fire Company: Report submitted by the Fire Company (attached). K. Foley noted that in January the department provided Mutual Aid to the North Highlands and Garrison fire departments, showing growing capacity within the CSFC.

Justice Court: Village Justice Thomas Costello submitted report (see attached).

Historic District Review Board: No members were present (report attached).

Planning Board: Jack Goldstein presented the monthly report (attached). He noted that the Board had two items key in January:

- Workshop for an application for a Change of Use to Building #1 at Butterfield.
- Review of the proposed revisions to the Historic District boundaries map. The Planning Board recommends that the boundaries of the National District be called out in some way on the updated district map. The Planning Board had no objection to the proposed boundary corrections.
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Zoning Board: No activity for the month of January.

Tree Advisory Board: No activity for the month of January.

Recreation Commission: Jeff Amato, Jr. submitted the Recreation Commission monthly report (attached) and the following revised documents:

- Application for Ticketed Events
- Application for Non-Ticketed Events
- Job description for an Events Coordinator

E. Starbuck made a motion to approve all three documents as submitted. J. Curto seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.

J. Amato also noted that:

- Two event organizers have requested 2022 dates for ticketed events at Mayor's Park.
 - July 16th: Hops on the Hudson

- August 6th-7th: Putnam Wine and Food Fest
- Event organizers must submit revised applications to the Recreation Commission for review
- K. Foley, J. Amato and R. Downey will review items in the storage shed at Mayor's Park to determine what can or should be done with the remaining items. Once cleared out the Recreation Commission will use it to store equipment
- Commission is developing a plan for activity offerings based on the results of survey conducted in the Fall 2022
- Signage for the 9/11 Memorial, a project by Boy Scout Owen Carmecino, was discussed. K. Foley noted that any fundraising for this project should be the responsibility of the individual and not a function of any Village Boards/Commissions.
 - Irene Pieza, 6 Paulding Ave., confirmed that fundraising, establishing bank accounts, etc. is the responsibility of the Scout.
- J. Amato will be a member of the Haldane Campus Master Plan committee

Report of the Legislator: The Legislator was not present as she was attending a concurrent Legislative committee meeting.

Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce: Jeff Mikkelson, Advocacy Chair, presented the Chamber of Commerce Report (attached). J. Mikkelson also noted that Zipcar and the MTA will not partner on offering service at the Cold Spring or Garrison Metro North parking lots.

Report of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees:

Trustees reported the following:

J. Curto noted that:

- An inspection has been performed at the Firehouse (basement) and a report prepared/delivered to the Board and Fire Company. Quotes to remedy the situation are pending
- On the advice of the Village Attorney, he will recuse himself from discussions and votes related to Short Term Rentals as he is one of the home owners who has been granted a permit

T. Woods reported that she and E. Starbuck met with Anthony Adamo of Managed Technologies to review technology recommendations recently presented to the Board. Of primary concern are the servers for the Police Department and Village Hall as they are 10 years old and approaching their end of period of support by the manufacturer. Other key issues addressed were surveillance cameras in locations of recurrent vandalism on Village property, Microsoft upgrades and equipment upgrades to facilitate improved meeting experiences both virtually and in-person.

E. Starbuck reinforced what T. Woods reported and added that text messaging services are also being considered. She noted that she and C. Fadde will be meeting with Granicus to see how its platform could assist the Village with monitoring various short term rental advertising sites and identifying properties in the Village that are available on these sites.

K. Foley reported that she is getting quotes to remedy safety and quality of life issues at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. She also noted that she:

- had a productive first meeting with the owner of 40 Main Street to begin discussions/negotiations on alternate parking solutions for the property
- Is working with M. Ascolillo and J. Vidakovich to identify and prioritize capital improvement projects

Board Business

Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Agreements with Philipstown

E. Starbuck made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the following agreements with Philipstown:

- IMA for Snow Removal
- Use of a Town Truck for Sanding (for sanding/salting)

C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0

Request for Exemption from §100-5C(6)

The Board received correspondence from Marianne Remy, 5 Cedar Street, requesting an exemption from the code requirement that you must own the property for which you are applying for a Short-Term Rental permit for at least 3 years. K. Foley noted the Village Board is reviewing the existing code with the Village Attorney to determine if the code as written can be legally enforced and defended. Trustee Starbuck will propose possible code modifications to foster compliance. Any modification in the law will require a public hearing and notification to the Putnam County Planning Department.

K. Foley made a motion to deny the request for exemption from §100-5C(6) pending further review and discussion of Chapter 100. E. Starbuck seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (J. Curto abstained).

Approval of Bills

J. Curto made a motion to approve Batch # 6361 in the amount of \$136,423.11. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

C. Fadde made a motion to accept the Minutes of the 1/19/2022 meeting as submitted. J. Curto seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.

J. Curto made a motion to accept the Minutes of the 1/26/2022 meeting as submitted. T. Woods seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0; Trustee Fadde and Mayor Foley abstained as they were not in attendance at the meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

C. Fadde made a motion to adjourn. K. Foley seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Date