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Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes February 2, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a Meeting on Wednesday February 2, 2022 via Videoconference as per Chapter 1 of the NY State Local Laws of 2022. Present were Mayor Kathleen E. Foley, Trustees Joe Curto, Cathryn Fadde, Eliza Starbuck and Tweep Phillips Woods. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Garbage and Recycling

K. Foley provided background and timeline of Village's discussions on outsourcing garbage and recycling. She thanked former Trustee Marie Early for her efforts and attention to detail in developing a comprehensive list of parcels to be included in the bid proposal.

K. Foley introduced Jim Constantino, general counsel for Royal Carting Service, to provide an overview of the services Royal Carting will provide the Village upon acceptance of the bid and signing of an agreement. Key points covered Mr. Constantino included:

- Royal Carting background
 - 40 years of service in the market
 - Currently service Nelsonville, Wappingers Falls, Beacon
- Transition to Royal
 - Royal will pick up garbage on Thursdays and recycling on Fridays
 - Every eligible parcel will receive a 95-gallon bin for garbage and 65-gallon bin for recycling
 - Royal will order the bins upon passing of a resolution by the Village Board accepting the bid
 - Bins will take up to 6 weeks to be manufactured, assembled and delivered
 - Delivery will occur over the course of two Saturdays
 - Property owners will have the opportunity to request smaller sized bins
 - If a parcel owner needs additional bins/services they will contact the Village Clerk who will coordinate with Royal Carting
 - Royal Carting will designate two dedicated administrators
 - Billing
 - Contract/Admin
- Board Comments/Questions
 - C. Fadde asked how Main Street residences will be handled, specifically 2nd and 3rd floor dwellings that do not have a place to store the bins. J. Constantino replied that Royal will work with property owners to find a solution to any problem/issue.

- E. Starbuck asked if additional services, such as an additional brush pick up, can be added on an as needed basis. (Yes, they can). She also inquired as to how cardboard from Main Street merchants should be handled? Jim replied that cardboard boxes should be broken down and placed in recycling bins. If there is not enough room in the bin then excess cardboard should be placed on top of the bin. People who consistently put out more garbage/recycling than fits in the bins will be contacted by the Village to purchase additional bins.
- T. Woods asked how communications regarding delays or a change in service will be made? Per J. Constantino, the contract contact will make the necessary calls to their counterpart at the Village.
- Public Comments
 - Jennifer Gordineer, 5 Fair Street, asked what time will Royal begin collections? J. Constantino said they will start the route at 6:00 AM.
 - J. Ralph Falloon, 11 W. Bank Street, asked if Royal Carting will enter a Right of Way (private) street to pick up garbage/recycling? J. Constantino said that Royal will not enter a private street but noted that the bins are very easy to maneuver. J. Constantino will have the crew evaluate the situation and formulate a plan. The Village will follow up with J.R. Falloon.
 - Jane Timms, Rock Street, commented that her previous experience with Royal Carting as a resident of Poughkeepsie were all very positive.
 - Shelley Gilbert, 38 Mountain Avenue, commented that she tries to achieve zero waste and feels a 35-gallon bin will work for her. Looking to the future, can pricing be based on usage (lower waste = lower costs)? Per J. Constantino, composting does not lend itself to converting garbage to energy. Royal has trialed various composting options in other communities including setting up composting drop off points.
 - Ed Currelley, 1 Market Street, asked if the costs for additional bins for those that need it be made available and what will determine what is “too much”? Costs will be available and properties that consistently put out more garbage/recycling than fits in the bins will be contacted and be required to add bins to their service.
 - Heidi Wendel, Nelsonville, asked if Cold Spring separates recycling? The Village does not separate recycling.

K. Foley thanked Jim and Elizabeth Constantino for their time and presentation.

J. Curto acknowledged the previous administration for all the leg work they had done in preparing the bid and the detail behind the bid. He reviewed and summarized the costs submitted on the three received bids. The base costs (garbage and recycling pick up) for the first year were:

- AAA Carting: \$650,000
- City Carting: \$281,940
- Royal Carting: \$190,119

Annual fee is based on 635 tax parcels that are currently serviced by the Village Highway Department.

Additional services in the bid include brush pick up, additional Main Street and parks pick-ups, bulk pick-up and holiday tree pick up.

Village Accountant Michelle Ascolillo presented a cost summary of proposed Royal Carting costs vs. Village savings if outsourced:

- Royal Carting Costs (Year 1): \$ 216,667
 - Garbage & Recycling \$190,119
 - Brush Collection \$7,484
 - Main Street \$11,653
 - Bulk \$7,410
- Village Budget Items: \$216,586
 - Garbage/Recycling Refuse Costs \$88,796
 - Truck Maintenance/Fuel \$18,258
 - Main Street Collection \$8,352
 - Salaries & Benefits 101,180

Highway Department Crew Chief Robert Downey summarized projects that department will be able to focus on with the time freed up by not picking up garbage and recycling. These include repairing sidewalks, catch basins, building maintenance, etc.

Public Comments:

- Donald MacDonald, 10 B Street, commented that with no impact on Village property taxes and more time freed up for the Highway Department to concentrate on infrastructure that this appears to be a “win-win” situation
- Matt Francisco, 18 Orchard Street, asked 1) if we could incentivize people to reduce waste and 2) if maintenance projects by the highway department will add to the tax burden of residents?
- Paul Henderson, 18 Stone Street, commented and asked the following:
 - Why is it a 3-year agreement?
 - Per J. Curto, that is the terms the previous Board decided on, though it makes sense to commit to 3 years given the time and planning necessary to take garbage back on
 - Asked for verification that Commercial properties are not included?
 - The bid was prepared based on Village Tax Parcels not commercial vs residential vs amount of taxes paid vs use. With the Villages mix of multi-use spaces on Main St the distinction would have been extremely difficult to implement and approve. Each tax parcel NOT currently being serviced by an outside vendor was eligible per the bid.
 - Where is the end deposit location for Recycling?
 - Village will make inquiries
 - Clarification on the savings from salaries and benefits
 - Per M. Ascolillo, the savings are from the elimination of one P/T position (CDL Driver) and not filling an open F/T Laborer position.
- Steve Smith asked for verification that savings in salaries and benefits will not impact existing full-time employees.

K. Foley polled the Trustees for their thoughts on moving forward. All agreed that they are in favor of reaching an agreement with Royal Carting.

Board Business

C. Fadde made a motion authorizing the mayor to renew the contract with Andres Gil for Prosecuting Attorney services. T. Woods seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

E. Starbuck made a motion to approve the Minutes of the 1/12/22 meeting as submitted. J. Curto seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.

Adjournment

E. Starbuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Curto seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM

Submitted by: J. Vidakovich

Jeff Vidakovich

Date