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**Board of Trustees**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**March 9, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held its Monthly Meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday March 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 7:00 p.m.

K. Foley made a motion to table Agenda item # 22b – 30 day notification of application for a liquor license – until the 3/16/22 meeting because the Trustees had not had a chance to review the application.. C. Fadde seconded the motion and passed by a vote of 5-0.

**Monthly Reports**

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

- Key dates for the FY 2022-23 Budget are:
  - March 20, 2022: Tentative Budget submitted to Clerk
  - April 13, 2022: Public Hearing for budget
  - May 1, 2022: Deadline to adopt budget (via resolution)
- Initial ARPA report due April 30, 2022

**Highway Department:** Highway Department Crew Chief Robert Downey (not in attendance) submitted the report (attached). K. Foley noted that the Highway Department has been filling potholes.

J. Curto provided an update on garbage including the following:

- Royal Carting provided a 20% discount on the February invoice
- Garbage and Recycling carts will be delivered mid-April
- Letter to residents regarding garbage is being prepared
- A dumpster will be available for the disposal of old garbage cans

**Water and Wastewater:** Water and Wastewater Superintendent Matt Kroog (not in attendance) submitted the report (attached).

**Building Department:** Building Department report was submitted (attached). K. Foley noted the following:

- Code Enforcement Officer Charlotte Mountain has submitted her resignation. K. Foley made a motion to accept the resignation of Charlotte Mountain. T. Woods seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.
- In discussions with Philipstown to provide temporary Code Enforcement coverage for the Village

**Police Department:** OIC Larry Burke submitted the monthly report (attached) and noted the following:

- There were acts of vandalism at the Mayor's Park bathrooms and the subway tunnel (lock to the door for the generator). He commented that the use of cameras could help to prevent these acts and apprehend those who commit the acts. L. Burke cited as an example the role of the License Plate Reader cameras in the capturing those responsible for an armed robbery of a gas station in Garrison.
- E. Starbuck asked what protocols are in place preventing the police from abusing surveillance video and protecting the rights of citizens from this type of abuse?
  - L. Burke cited the protocols in place for the License Plate Readers whereby the data is transmitted directly to the Westchester County Real-Time Crime Center and can only be accessed by authorized personnel. Access to footage from locational cameras and/or body cameras would be limited to authorized personnel.
- J. Curto asked if additional lighting at Mayor's Park would work as a deterrent to vandalism?
  - L. Burke said it could help but wouldn't completely alleviate the problem and cited that car break-ins occur on lit streets.
- J. Curto also commented that he believes the priority for locational cameras should be:
  - Riverfront/bandstand
  - Mayor's Park
  - Subway tunnel entrance
- K. Foley asked L. Burke to comment on a recent complaint received regarding the unpermitted operation of a Short-Term Rental. L. Burke commented that it is a Code Enforcement issue and not a Police matter.

**Cold Spring Fire Company:** Jeff Phillips presented the monthly report (attached).

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

**Historic District Review Board:** Monthly report submitted (attached). Lloyd DesBrisay provided an update on the Design Standards:

- HDRB will submit final version to designer by end of April
- Additional \$2,000 required for completion of project

**Planning Board:** Planning Board submitted its monthly report (attached). K. Foley noted that owners of 40 Main Street had accepted the terms for parking waivers presented by the Village. The Village Attorney will draft an agreement.

**Zoning Board:** No activity for the month of January.

**Tree Advisory Board:** The Tree Advisory board submitted its monthly report (attached). F. Foley noted that TAB chair Jennifer Zwarich had met on-site at Dockside Park with representatives of NYS Parks. New trees will be planted at the park and some trees will be removed as their health cannot be restored and they present a public safety hazard.

**Recreation Commission:** Jeff Amato, Jr. submitted the Recreation Commission monthly report (attached) and provided the following updates:

- 9/11 Memorial signage has been approved by the Historic District Review Board
- Putnam Wine and Food Fest submitted requested documents (updated site plan and documentation of approved parking plan from Haldane). C. Fadde made a motion to approve the application. E. Starbuck seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.
- The Rec Commission recommended the approval of an application by the Knights of Columbus to hold an easter egg hunt at McConville Park. K. Foley made a motion to approve the application. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.

**Town of Philipstown:** Council Member Robert Flaherty presented the report (attached). He noted that Town Highway Superintendent Carl Frisenda submitted his resignation effective 3/31/2022. Adam Hotaling will be the acting Supervisor.

**Report of the Legislator:** Legislator Montgomery reported on the following:

- Four Charter resolutions were presented to the legislature that she opposed.
- Jennifer Cassidy has been appointed to the position of County Historian
- Count Clerk's office will be holding a Passport Day for county residents

**Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce:** Jeff Mikkelson, Advocacy Chair, presented the Chamber of Commerce Report (attached). He noted that the Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Cold Spring In Bloom event on April 22, 2022.

**Report of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees:** Trustees reported the following:

- **C. Fadde** reported that she had met with Highway Crew Chief Robert Downey to discuss work that would need to be completed to implement metered parking on Main Street.
- **K. Foley** reported that she had met with State Senator Skoufis in conjunction with the Town Supervisor, Mayor of Nelsonville and others to discuss infrastructure needs and the dam Cold Spring. Afterwards, the Senator and his staff toured the Village and facilities (Fire House, tunnel, Village Hall) and expressed the desire to work with and the Village on endeavors requiring state assistance.
- **J. Curto** asked if the parking plan would be reviewed, presented to the public for comment before being implemented. K. Foley and E. Starbuck agreed with Trustee Curto's assessment of next steps.

## **Board Business**

**Resolution 06-2022** (attached) Authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with Putnam County to prepare property tax bills was offered for adoption by J. Curto. C. Fadde seconded the motion and on roll call vote the resolution was adopted by a vote of 5-0.

**Resolution 07-2022** (attached) Supporting the enactment of a universal health coverage system as proposed in the New York Health Act was offered for adoption by T. Phillips Woods. J. Curto seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued by the Board on the resolution:

- E. Starbuck stated she is not in favor of the resolution as written as it does not represent what some residents have asked for.
- J. Curto stated he does not support the New York Health Act as written but is in favor of the resolution
- T. Woods stated she supports the resolution
- K. Foley stated she is broadly in support of Universal Health Care but does not support the inclusion of unverified potential savings and references to governing bodies other than the Village of Cold Spring.

On roll call vote, the resolution was adopted by a vote of 4-1 (E. Starbuck against)

### **Purchase of Village Property at 45 Fair Street**

After consulting with Town Assessor, the Board of Trustees set the rate to purchase property at \$4.65 per square foot. K. Foley made a motion to proceed with the sale of an estimated 665 SF of Village-owned property adjacent to 45 Fair Street at a rate of \$4.65/sf. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.

### **Request to fly flag in support of Ukraine**

The Village approved a request to fly a Ukraine flag as a show of support for the people of the Ukraine pending a review of acceptable protocols for displaying the flag of a foreign nation.

### **Approval of Bills**

C. Fadde made a motion to approve Batch # 6397 in the amount of \$50,789.54. J. Curto 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 1/5/22 meeting as submitted. J. Curto seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0-0-2 (T. Woods and E. Starbuck abstained as they were not at the meeting).

E. Starbuck made a motion to accept the Minutes of the 2/2/22 meeting as submitted. T. Woods seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.

## **Public Comment**

Jeff Mikkelson expressed his disappointment that Resolution 07-2022 as presented was not the resolution he endorsed or proposed to the Village Board and urged the Board to revisit the issue.

Jocelyn Apicello, Garrison resident, made the Board aware of a survey being undertaken by Philipstown regarding diversity and urged everyone to take the survey. K. Foley suggested this is something that the Village could promote on its website and social media pages and the Board agreed unanimously.

Rebecca Ramirez, stated that she is disappointed that Resolution 07-2022 was passed as presented.

**Adjournment**

C. Fadde made a motion to adjourn. J. Curto seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Prepared by: J. Vidakovich

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Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Date

## **RESOLUTION #06-2022**

### **Authorizing Mayor's Signature to Contract from Putnam County Real Property for Preparation of 2022 Village Tax Roll and Bills**

The following resolution was offered by trustee Joe Curto for adoption and seconded by Trustee Cathryn Fadde to wit:

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Real Property Tax Service has tendered a proposed contract to the Village providing for certain services in regard to preparation of the Village's tax roll and bills; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that it is in the best interests of the Village to enter the said contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Village Board does approve the proposed contract, a copy of which is attached hereto; and
2. The Mayor is authorized to execute said agreement and any documents necessary for its implementation.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Joseph Curto Jr. voted:	Aye
Trustee Cathryn Fadde voted:	Aye
Trustee Eliza Starbuck voted:	Aye
Trustee Tweep's Phillips Woods voted:	Aye
Mayor Kathleen E. Foley voted:	Aye

Resolution officially adopted on March 9, 2022 by a vote of 5-0.

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Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Date

## **RESOLUTION 07-2022**

### **Resolution of the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees Supporting The Enactment of A Universal Health Coverage System As Proposed In The New York Health Act**

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods for adoption and seconded by Trustee Joe Curto, Jr. to wit:

**WHEREAS**, New Yorkers have experienced a rapid rise in the cost of health care premiums and out-of-pocket costs in recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, according to New York State Health Foundation, approximately 1 million New Yorkers have no health insurance and millions more are underinsured (meaning they have insurance but are unable to use it because of high deductibles and copays); and

**WHEREAS**, medical debt is a major cause of bankruptcy in the United States, and New York hospitals have the ability to place liens on patients' homes over medical bills; and

**WHEREAS**, patients and health care professionals are often forced to base medical care decisions on what insurance companies will cover rather than what patient and provider agree is the best course of treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic revealed the inadequacy of our public health systems, amplifying racial, sexual and economic inequities, and widening structural gaps in the provision of medical and long-term care; and

**WHEREAS**, providing health care coverage for employees is a large financial responsibility for municipalities, school systems, farms, and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York Constitution states: "The protection and promotion of the health of the inhabitants of the state are matters of public concern and provision therefore shall be made by the state;" and

**WHEREAS** the New York Health Act (NYHA), presently in committees of the New York State Assembly and Senate as, respectively, Bill A6058A and Bill S5474, will amend New York State's Public Health Law comprehensively to provide medical and health coverage to all New Yorkers; and

**WHEREAS**, the NYHA aims to extend comprehensive health care to every resident and full-time worker in the State of New York, regardless of age, income, employment status or ability to pay, with no premiums, copays, or deductibles; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of NYHA to cover all primary, specialty, emergency and preventative care, mental and reproductive health, dental, vision, hearing, prescription drugs, and long-term care, with no network restrictions, prior authorization, or out-of-network charges; and

**WHEREAS**, the NYHA may potentially save money for the State of New York by eliminating the administrative costs of private health insurance and by potentially enabling the State to negotiate lower rates on prescription drugs and medical devices, while potentially lowering the annual cost of healthcare for New York residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the NYHA has already passed the New York State Assembly five times, and has majority co-sponsorship in both the New York State Assembly and Senate;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring supports further consideration of the New York Health Act by the State Assembly and Senate; and encourages the pursuit of universal health coverage for all New Yorkers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Republican Leader Senator Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Heastie, Republican Leader Assemblymember Barclay, Senator Serino, Assemblymember Galef, Health Committee Chairs Senator Rivera and Assemblymember Gottfried, and New York Health Commissioner Dr Bassett.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Joseph Curto Jr. voted:	Aye
Trustee Cathryn Fadde voted:	Aye
Trustee Eliza Starbuck voted:	Nay
Trustee Tweep Phillips Woods voted:	Aye
Mayor Kathleen E. Foley voted:	Aye

Resolution officially adopted on March 9, 2022 by a vote of 4-1-0-0

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Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Date