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Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a Meeting on Wednesday March 23, 2022 at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring NY. Present were Mayor Kathleen E. Foley, Trustees Joe Curto, Cathryn Fadde and Eliza Starbuck. Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods was absent. Also present were Village Clerk Jeff Vidakovich and Village Accountant Michelle Ascolillo. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Foley.

Request to add agenda item

K. Foley made a motion to add discussion on construction of a skate park to the agenda. E. Starbuck seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0.

30 Day Notice for Liquor License

The Board acknowledged receipt of the standard 30-day notice that a liquor license (wine, beer, cider) has been applied for by the owners of The Foundry Rose. C. Fadde noted that the application does not include service for outside seating. No action required.

Project Updates

- **Dockside Park:** K. Foley noted the following:
 - Gravel roads will be restored upon completion of the project
 - A gate is needed to control access but requires cooperation from the owner of 3 North Street.
 - Boat launch requires further discussion specific to access, parking and loading/unloading
 - Jennifer Zwarich added that the trees designated to be removed have been inspected by the Tree Advisory Board (TAB). The TAB is an agreement that the trees cannot be saved and pose a public hazard. NYS Parks is committed to replanting trees at the site
- **Short Term Rentals:** The Board will be meeting with the Village Attorney on 3/30/22 to discuss the best path forward in terms of revising and enforcement of the existing code
- **NYSERDA Code Update:** a request for an extension to December 31, 2022 for completion of the Code Update has been submitted.
- **Skate Park:** K. Foley recapped previous discussions with the Haldane Discover, Create, and Innovate (DCI) program.
 - DCI previously presented to the Board of Trustees and Recreation Commission in 2019
 - Further discussions stalled due to COVID
 - Haldane DCI program coordinators have approached village about revisiting discussions
 - J. Curto commented that creating a "Friends of Cold Spring Parks" 501C would help facilitate proposals such as this
 - E. Starbuck stated that creating spaces for teens is important
 - A Workshop will be scheduled to address the project

Approval of Quotes

K. Foley made a motion to approve the quote from ESC Environmental in the amount of \$10,894.25 to replace pumps at the Water Treatment Plant. Village Accountant noted that ESC Environmental is a sole source provider. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0.

K. Foley made a motion to approve the quote from GP Jager to replace the Auger and Cutter Box at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$8,970.94. Quote is for parts and equipment only and does not include labor. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0.

Approve \$2/hour increase for C. Thomas and K. van Tassell

K. Foley made a motion to approve a \$2/hour pay increase for Cory Thomas and Kyle Van Tassell effective 3/27/2022. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0.

Parking at Mayor's Park for Haldane Events

The Board discussed parking at Mayor's Park during Haldane Events (baseball games and practices). The Board was in agreement that attendees should not be required to pay the meters during Haldane events. Ensuing discussions revolved around how to best communicate and facilitate this. Options included:

- Turning off the meters for events
- Installing temporary signage
- Asking the PD not to enforce parking regulations at the site during events

The Board will investigate the options and discuss with Office in Charge Larry Burke.

Discussion on Truck Access to Railroad Avenue

K. Foley commented that truck access to Railroad Avenue needs to be addressed and that this is a start to the conversation. The issue is large delivery trucks exiting from Depot Square via Railroad Ave. The limited space at the turn combined with narrow streets that allow parking on both sides creates a public safety hazard as large trucks and busses attempt to maneuver the turn.

Patrick Biesman, 5 Railroad Avenue, commented that the drivers familiar with the Village are less of a problem than "outlier" trucks and tour busses.

For next steps, K. Foley commented that Officer in Charge Larry Burke needs to be brought into the conversation to explore solutions. C. Fadde said she will speak with the owners of The Depot Restaurant about alerting delivery truck drivers to the situation so they can plan accordingly.

Continuation of FY 2022-23 Budget Discussions

K. Foley commented that budget discussions in public session are part of an on-going process aimed at putting forth a budget that minimizes tax increases, addresses life safety issues and tackles rising costs. The General Fund was addressed at the previous meeting (4/16/22). The Water and Sewer Funds will be addressed at this meeting.

Village Accountant Michelle Ascolillo noted that Matt Kroog, Water/Wastewater Superintendent has submitted a budget request that includes the hiring of a dual-licensed operator and facility repairs necessary for the continued safe operation of both the Water and Wastewater plants. It was noted that usage rates were last increased in 2004 for water and in 2008 for sewer. M. Ascolillo noted that a 3% increase equates to an additional \$.09/1,000 gallons for water and \$.035/1,000 gallons for sewer.

E. Starbuck asked if a 3% rate hike was sufficient or should the Board consider a higher increase.

M. Ascolillo will look at different rate hike scenarios and report back to the Board. The Board will request M. Kroog attend the 3/30 meeting to address staffing.

General Fund: Board discussed projects/spending that could happen under the current FY 2021-22 Budget. These include:

- Installation of security doors at Village Hall, Police Department, Water and Wastewater plants
- Enclosure of generator building at Wastewater plant
- Body cameras for PD
- Locational cameras at Mayor's Park and Riverfront

K. Foley commented that before body cameras are purchased there needs to be a policy in place on how they are used and the access to and availability of footage. K. Foley will ask OIC Larry Burke to attend 3/30 meeting to address these issues.

Approval of Bills

C. Fadde made a motion to approve Batch #6403 in the amount of \$49,859.44. K. Foley seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

E. Starbuck made a motion to approve the Minutes of the 2/23/22 meeting as submitted. K. Foley seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 3-0-1-1 (T. Woods absent. J. Curto abstained).

Public Comment

Bill Pugh, 3-5 Rock Street, commented on the following:

- Requested that the Public Comment portion of meetings be moved to the beginning of the agenda so that residents do not have to sit through an entire meeting before able to comment
- Wants to hear what the long-term goals of the Village are as part of the budget process
- Would like to see the Village address ways it can share services with the county and town as a means of reducing Village taxes
- Regarding the Cold Spring Police Department, he noted that 17.5% of the Village budget is for police vs. 5.5% for the NYPD and questioned the appropriateness of that level of budget commitment.

Adjournment

C. Fadde made a motion to adjourn the meeting. E. Starbuck seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.