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Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a Meeting on Wednesday April 6, 2022 via videoconference as per Executive Order 11.4. Present were Deputy Mayor Tweeps Phillips Woods, Trustees Joe Curto, Cathryn Fadde and Eliza Starbuck. Mayor Kathleen E. Foley 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 Deputy Mayor Woods.

Announcements

T. Woods reminded the public that comments should be held until the Public Comment sessions and are limited to 3 minutes.

T. Woods announced that Royal Carting extended the deadline for swapping garbage/recycling carts to May 15th. After May 15, 2022 there will be a \$25 fee.

Budget Discussion

Village Accountant Michelle Ascolillo reviewed changes made to the FY 2022-23 Budget since the previous meeting:

- General Fund
 - \$3,500 revenue added for Altice Technology Grant
 - Expense for Locational cameras (\$8,500) eliminated
 - \$5,000 for Public Health-Contractual added for a police training program with Philipstown Behavioral Hub
 - \$2,000 added for costs related to the maintenance of public restrooms
- Water and Sewer Funds
 - No changes
- Tax Rate increase at 1.99%
 - J. Curto challenged the Board to get the increase down to 1.89%
- Public Hearing scheduled for 4/13/2022

Public Comment on Budget - None

Breakneck Ridge

T. Woods stated that the Town of Philipstown has passed a resolution requesting that the Metro-North Station at Breakneck Ridge remain closed until the Fjord Trail is closer to opening to help minimize the strain on first responders who are continually called upon to rescue inexperienced and ill-prepared hikers.

- C. Fadde asked what had happened to the Trail Stewards at the start of the hiking trails previously employed by the NYS Parks Department? J. Curto commented that the Stewards are not effective for people getting off at Breakneck Ridge station as it bypasses the Stewards location.

- E. Starbuck commented that if the Breakneck Station is closed that it will create more foot traffic through the Village as hikers will need to get off the train in Cold Spring, which will increase the strain on Village resources and infrastructure.

The Board unanimously agreed to the drafting of a resolution in support of the continued closure of the Breakneck Ridge Station

Visitor Center Bathrooms

The Board discussed the schedule and responsibilities for maintaining the public restrooms at the Visitors Center.

- T. Woods commented that the Village is now a year-round destination for visitors and should consider options for having the bathrooms open year-round
- J. Curto recommended that the bathrooms be opened upon completion of repairs and that the status quo be maintained for 30 days while the Village explores maintenance options
- E. Starbuck will ask the Chamber of Commerce if they are willing to continue with the previous agreement for 30 days

Board Business

Fireman's Service Award

T. Woods made a motion to approve the final listing for the Fireman's Service Award. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (K. Foley absent)

Project Updates

- Firehouse Repairs: Per J. Curto, mold remediation in the Firehouse basement has been completed
- Fjord Trail Community Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for 5/25. Location TBD
- Subway: T. Woods stated that she and K. Foley met with representatives of Metro-North to tour the subway underpass and identify items that are in need of repair. MTA expressed willingness to work with the Village to address the issues.

Approval of Bills

C. Fadde made a motion to approve Batch # 6413 in the amount of \$25,083.73. J. Curto seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (K. Foley absent)

Public Comment

Mike Turton of the Highlands Current inquired as to the status of negotiations with Seastreak for the 2022 season. E. Starbuck responded that there are no updates to report at this time.

Adjournment

T. Woods made a motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Fadde seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.