

**Village of Cold Spring
Village Board of Trustees
85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516**

**Trustees Workshop Meeting
4-7-2020**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held a workshop meeting at the Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday April 7, 2020 at 7 pm. Present were: Mayor David Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Lynn Miller, Frances Murphy and Steve Voloto.

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2020-21 BUDGETS

Mayor Merandy made a motion to open the public hearing on the FY 2020-21 Budget. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Merandy noted that:

- All Budget materials are available on the Village website
- Comments may be submitted via email, phone or mail
- The public hearing will remain open until Friday, April 10 at 4 pm

During the Board discussion, it was noted that:

- Although the Village will be reimbursed by the County for unpaid taxes, it's not clear when that money would be received
- The Village anticipates it will lose income from court fees (\$6K/month), Fair Street parking lot (\$500-700 in March, \$1500-\$2K in April and \$2K-\$3K in May), \$3K in potential events (held in Mayor's Park and Dockside) and possibly Seastreak docking fees
- Big ticket expense items will remain in the budget, but may be deferred

The Village received an email from Daniel Rose expressing concern that the proposed budget has been increased to the allowable limit when so many people are or may become unemployed.

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DETERMINING THAT PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Merandy for adoption and seconded by Trustee Early, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Village of Cold Spring owns property located at the intersection of Moffatt and Healy Roads consisting of two tax lots:

- Section 49.6, Block 1, Lot 11 consisting of .31 acres in the Village of Nelsonville
- Section 49.6, Block 2, Lot 20 consisting of .67 acres in the Town of Philipstown

WHEREAS, the property was purchased by the Village of Cold Spring in 1966 in order for the Village to connect to the New York City Aqueduct for emergency water source if the need ever arose; and

WHEREAS, since the purchase of the property the Village has constructed a separate emergency connection to the Aqueduct thus making unnecessary the need of the Village to utilize the property as intended.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Village owned property identified as Tax Lots 49.6-1-11 and 49.6-2-20 is no longer needed for municipal purposes; and

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby declares that the Village owned property located at the intersection of Moffatt and Healy Roads and identified as Tax Lots 49.6-1-11 and 49.6-2-20 to be surplus.

On roll call vote:

Trustee Marie Early voted: Aye

Trustee Lynn Miller voted: Aye

Trustee Frances Murphy voted: Aye

Trustee Steve Voloto voted: Aye

Mayor Dave Merandy voted: Aye

Resolution officially adopted on 4-7-2020 by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Village has received a request to purchase village-owned property at 212 Main St. During the discussion it was noted that the Village's terms will take into account future repairs to the stone wall; the purchaser will be requested to agree to this.

The Village has received a letter from the Sloop Clearwater saying they will suspend their sailing season until further notice due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve Batch #5518 in the amount of \$41,393.11. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the 3-18-2020 minutes. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed 4-0 with Trustee Voloto abstaining since he was absent from that meeting.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the 3-24-2020 minutes. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed 4-0 with Trustee Voloto abstaining since he was absent from that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board continued its discussion on paying of employees during the Covid-19 Pandemic. It was noted that:

- School crossing guards will be paid the full salary, as the Village would be subject to an equivalent amount from claims against its unemployment insurance
- Village clerk Jeff Vidakovich and Village registrar Ann Bouchard will be paid their full salary. There is sufficient work and their time in the office is coordinated not to overlap
- NYS has increased allowable sick time by 14 days

Mayor Merandy made a motion to pay the school crossing guard their full salary for the days they would normally work. Trustee Voloto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

Mayor Merandy noted that parking has been reduced along Rte. 9D at Little Stony Point and Breakneck Pass north of the tunnel.

Mayor Merandy noted that the garbage truck (damaged in an accident) has been declared “totaled” by the insurance company.

The next Code Update review will be on 4-15-2020 at 6:30pm.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to waive the upcoming quarterly water and sewer fee for the Santos family due to the recent death of Darrin Santos. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Turton (Highlands Current) asked whether the Village is still planning to take action against illegal short-term rentals. Mayor Merandy responded that the Village’s intent is to pursue legal action to shut down illegal short-term rentals.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor Merandy

Date