

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

**Trustees Monthly Meeting  
6-9-2020**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting via Zoom on Tuesday June 9, 2020 at 6 pm. Present were: Mayor David Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Lynn Miller and Frances Murphy and Steve Voloto.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Merandy made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 6 pm.

Trustee Early made a motion to exit executive session. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 6:45pm

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Merandy noted that Police Officer Scott Morris has advised that he will submit his resignation. The resignation is in response to negative comments on social media as well as "paste & cut bombardment" of negative emails regarding a past issue when Officer Morris was a member of the NYC police force.

Mayor Merandy stated that Officer Morris was totally up front with a long letter regarding this incident when he applied for the position and the Board did extensive research and background checks during the hiring process. After doing these checks, the Board voted unanimously to hire Officer Morris.

Mayor Merandy noted that he and Trustee Voloto have spoken with Officer in Charge Larry Burke and the PBA regarding the blue line flag decals on village police vehicles. It was agreed that the decals would be removed.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

In a written report, Officer in Charge Larry Burke reported for the month of May 2020 that:

- There were 61 calls for service
- There were 18 parking tickets issued
- There were 6 moving violations
- There were two arrests for criminal trespass

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Recreation Commission

Ruthann Cullinan Barr noted that there was no new business during the past month.

### Planning Board - None

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Chair Aaron Wolfe noted that the ZBA did not meet in May and that there was no new business.

### Cold Spring Fire Company

Chief Tom Merrigan In an email, noted that for the month of May:

- There were 2 EMS assists
- There was one mutual aid assist
- There were two occasions where power lines were down
- There was one motor vehicle accident with an animal

### Town of Philipstown

Bob Flaherty noted that during the month of May:

- Town Hall and Building Department remain open
- Courts remain closed until further notice
- Correction to last month's report. Correct dates for Resolution accepting the Stormwater MS4 annual report are from March 10, 2020 to March 9, 2021.
- Town Hall renovations are moving on schedule with completion anticipated late this year/early next year
- A mockup of the siding was disapproved, noting the juncture detail of the coins and siding was unacceptable
- Construction of a new highway garage is underway. During construction, highway department equipment and activities are relocated to facilities rented from Whoville LLC (at the old Allen Coal garage)
- The Town will continue to offer \$100 vouchers redeemable at Foodtown
- Drug World gift card amounts are capped at \$100 monthly
- \$175,000 has been disbursed to residents (for Foodtown and Drug World vouchers)
- The summer recreation program has been cancelled for this year
- A resolution supporting the Emergency First Responder Privacy and Protection Act was passed
- A resolution supporting NYS Universal Health Care Coverage, under the NYS Health Act was passed
- The July monthly meeting will be held on July 9 (rather than July 2)

### Historic District Review Board

Chair Al Zgolinski reported that the HDRB did not meet in May, but in February and March had the following applications before it:

- 22 Parrott St. – modification of front porch
- 16 Orchard St., - modifications to rear yard fences
- 5 Cedar St., - modification to rear yard fence
- 192 Main St., - demolition and construction of new rear yard accessory structures and modification of the primary house rear façade
- 24 Parsonage St., - replacement of window and dormer features

The HDRB continued its work to update the Historic District Design Guidelines and has engaged Kirsten Heincke (KH Creative, Inc) to complete the graphic design.

The Village Board of Trustees appointed Lloyd DesBrisay to fill the seat vacated by Carolyn Bachan.

The next HDRB meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10 from 4-6pm, via Zoom.

Parking Committee –None

Tree Advisory Board (TAB) - None

## **WATER DEPARTMENT**

Water & Wastewater Superintendent Matt Kroog noted that for the month of May 2020:

- Reservoir status is at 97.55% capacity
- Flow to System is 7.80 MG/252 k/day (a 3.4% increase from 2019)
- 2019 Flow to System was 7.54MG / 243k/day
- Bacteria Lab Test: all monthly samples were found in good standing.
- Catskill DEP Project: Badey & Watson survey conducted and report received on 3-2-2020. Bart Clark reached out to the DEP on 5-10-2020, but there has been no response.

## **WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT**

Water & Wastewater Superintendent Matt Kroog noted that for the month of May 2020:

- Plant inflow was 8.03 million gallons
- Average daily flow was 259K gallons
- Biochemical Oxygen Demand: 95.95% removal
- Total Suspended Solids: 94.98% removal
- Sludge Hauled Offsite: 24,000 gallons

- Kemble Ave Pump Station Alarm Panel: new alarm panel installed on 5-20-2020. All alarms tested and working except Pump Failure Alarms, which require upgraded electrical contactors. Highway Department installed manhole Monitor at the lower Main St. estuary on 5-21-2020

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

In a written report the department noted that for the month of May 2020:

- 5 new building permit applications were received
- 0 building permits were issued
- 0 operating permits were issued
- 3 dumpster permits were issued
- 0 Certificates of Occupancy were issued
- 4 record searches were completed
- 0 complaints were received
- 2 referrals to the HDRB were made
- 0 referrals to the ZBA were made
- 0 referrals to the CSPB were made
- \$500 in application and permit fees were collected
- \$300 in record search fees were collected
- \$90 in other fees were collected

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

In a written report, Crew Chief Robert Downey noted that during the month of May 2020:

- 66.08 tons of garbage were picked up
- 27.55 tons of recyclables were picked up
- New pump and alarm system installed at lower Main St. estuary
- 8 yards topsoil spread and area seeded at McConville Park
- Flags put out
- Lunn Terrace saplings trimmed
- Old lockers removed and new ones installed at police department
- Clogged drain in Subway repaired
- New rear tires installed on backhoe
- Spring replace on Zero Turn

## **JUSTICE COURT**

In a written report Village Justice Costello noted that for the month of May 2020:

- A tentative court calendar has been posted to the Village website

- \$325 in fines, forfeited bails and civil penalties were collected
- \$685 in parking fines were collected
- \$0 in civil fees were collected
- \$372 mandatory state surcharges were collected
- There were no Penal Law charges
- There were 7 Vehicle & Traffic Law charges
- There were no Civil charges

### **REPORT OF MAYOR AND TRUSTEES**

Mayor Merandy noted that:

- All parks are now open except Tot's Park
- Municipal parking lot on Fair St. is open
- Haldane will remove cones at parking area on 9D ball field
- Village is now in Phase 2 of the NYS reopening plan

Trustee Miller asked Bob Flaherty whether the Town of Philipstown has taken any action regarding establishment of a human rights commission. Flaherty responded that the Town has had some discussions but not taken any action

Trustee Voloto noted that signage about social distancing and wearing of masks has been installed on Main St. Also, painted sidewalk stencils have been installed indicating direction of pedestrian traffic.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Village received an email requesting approval to hold the Wine and Food Festival on 9/5,6/2020. Mayor Merandy responded that this would conflict with Community Day and that in any case, the Board has decided not to schedule any large events until a mid-July reevaluation of the public health situation.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Trustee Murphy made a motion to approve Batch #5598 in the amount of \$34,567.15. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **MINUTES**

Trustee Murphy requested that approval of the 6-2-2020 minutes be tabled. Mayor Merandy made a motion to table consideration of the 6-2-2020 minutes. Trustee Voloto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tara Vamos, 6 Rock St. said she was pleased that the blue line flag details have been removed from village police vehicles and that police officer Morris has resigned. She asked that links to Village Zoom meetings be more prominently displayed on the Village website.

Jenna Hershkowitz, 62 Main St. said she is happy with Village efforts regarding Covid-19 public health related issues. She remains concerned about large groups eating on the bench outside her home

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion was passed unanimously at 7:43 pm

Submitted by: M. Mell

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Mayor David Merandy

Date