

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

Trustees Workshop Meeting
7-21-2020

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held an online workshop meeting via video conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Present were: Mayor Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Lynn Miller, Frances Murphy and Steve Voloto .

SIDING AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mayor Merandy noted that this and other small projects around the village need to be addressed:

- Trustee Voloto will contact original contractor regarding siding at the wastewater treatment plant
- Trustee Voloto will find roof panels for the highway department and report to the Board
- Ad to be placed to replace the side door at the firehouse

DISCUSSION ABOUT PUBLIC RESTROOMS

The Board continued discussion about reopening of the public restrooms at the foot of Main St. Tracy Walsh, from the Putnam County Tourism Office was present. It was noted that:

- PC Tourism office can offer sanitizer, gloves and masks to the Village
- PC Tourism office can offer signage for use by the Village
- CDC regulations appear to allow reopening if there is a thorough cleaning on Friday evening/Saturday morning and again on Sunday morning with periodic sanitizing during the day
- Restroom hours would be limited to 11am -4pm
- Encourage visitors (using the restrooms) to “buy in” would be useful. Signage would ask them to properly dispose of waste, wear a mask, etc.
- Put sanitizer in the restrooms for visitors to use
- CDC is now less concerned about virus spread from surfaces
- The fact that each restroom is a “single” will help provide a better environment
- Air dryers are functional
- Larger trash receptacles to be provided
- Only two Village maintenance staff are willing to clean the restrooms
- Village has sufficient PPE - masks
- Board is waiting for a MOU from the Chamber of Commerce who have offered volunteers to help clean and sanitize the restrooms

DISCUSSION ABOUT NEW GARBAGE TRUCK

The Village has received three quotes. During the discussion it was noted that:

- All the quotes include good quality vehicles
- All vehicles quoted have similar features and warranty
- Quote for an International truck is the lowest bid
- Two of the vehicles are available now; the third vehicle has a dealer availability date in October
- Insurance will cover about \$30K towards the estimated \$97K required for the lowest priced new vehicle
- Village will investigate a loan to cover the balance

HIGHWAY GARAGE ROOF

Highway Department Superintendent “Bugsy” noted that the roof has only leaked during the recent heavy rains.

YARD DEBRIS DUMPING ON BENEDICT AVE

During the discussion it was noted that:

- There has been no change since the Board’s last discussion on the matter
- Leaves could be vacuumed, but that is problematic and the leaves still have to be dumped somewhere
- It is unlikely that residents will separate leaves from other debris
- Leaf vacuuming is time consuming
- Might the Town of Philipstown have a dump site?
- Bugsy will see if the County has a site
- Debris could be disposed of as trash, but that would cost the Village
- Landscapers usually pay for debris disposal
- Does Haldane have a possible site? *Mayor Merandy will ask.*
- Does Scenic Hudson have a possible site? *Trustee Early will ask.*

FAIR STREET DRAINAGE

The Village has received photographs documenting the conditions on Fair Street from Highway Superintendent Robert Downey. During the discussion it was noted that:

- Catch basins have been cleared but the pipes in and out remain clogged
- A heavy rain might clear the lines
- The fire company could use a high-pressure hose to clear the lines
- It may be possible to lift blue stone to expose lines for cleaning
- A temporary solution would be to use flexible plastic pipe to bypass the broken pipe ends
- The Board will engage an engineer to evaluate the situation and make recommendations

BOARD COMMENTS

Mayor Merandy noted that the anti-gay graffiti on the sidewalk at the Mayor’s Park Pavilion has been documented and referred to the police department for investigation. The graffiti has been painted over.

Mayor Merandy noted that the Village is evaluating what its participation in the NYS police department review will be. OIC Burke will attend initial County meetings. All interested parties will be invited to participate in a discussion about how the Village will proceed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Foley, 2 Locust Ridge, suggested properties along the access road to the reservoir might be a location for disposal of yard debris. *Highway Crew Chief responded that those properties are private.*

K. Foley suggested use of the Philipstown's chipper to reduce the amount of leaves/branches at Benedict Road site. *Highway Crew Chief responded that was near impossible.*

MINUTES

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the 7-14-2020 minutes as submitted. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CODE UPDATE REVIEW

The Board continued its review of:

- Chapter 104 Signs
- Chapter 106 Steep Slopes
- Chapter 52 Floodplain Management

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 8:23 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor Merandy

Date