

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

Trustees Workshop Meeting
7-28-2020

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 28, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Present were: Mayor Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Lynn Miller and Frances Murphy. Steve Voloto was absent.

APPROVAL OF INSURANCE RENEWAL

Village's insurance agent Kieran Boyle (Spain Agency) attended the meeting. During the discussion it was noted that:

- The Spain Agency has identified four suggested changes on their quote:
 - Crime optional limits – increase from \$100K to \$250K
 - Funds transfer fraud – add this coverage
 - Fire hydrants – add this coverage
 - Uninsured motorists – decrease from \$1M to \$50K
- The cost of a new parking meter at the Fair Street lot has been reduced and the insurance coverage can be reduced
- Areas in Village eligible for National Flood Insurance coverage would include the wastewater treatment plant and blower facility (both on Fair Street.) Premium in 2013 was approx. \$3000 per location. Coverage for each structure would be \$500k for the building and \$250K for building contents. Though these properties don't appear on the flood plain maps, Boyle stated that they are in the High Hazard Area and he will confirm coverage.
- Deductible for flood coverage ranges between \$25k - \$50k
- Board to confer with Wastewater Superintendent Kroog and staff about past flooding, if any, and what contents (of the buildings) might be damaged during a flood
- The Board discussed insurance liability issues related to the MOU with the Chamber of Commerce (COC) related to volunteers to sanitize the public washrooms at the foot of Main Street. It was noted that:
 - Current Village insurance policy has no exclusions for liability claims that might result from use of the washrooms by the general public and the volunteers
 - COC maintains its own insurance policy and is not covered under the Village policy
 - How would the MOU impact the Village's coverage? Boyle to review.
 - What would Village liability be from the volunteers? Volunteers would be covered under Workers Comp, but would have to prove that their work at the washrooms was directly connected to developing the Covid-19 to pursue a claim.
 - COC will provide a free-standing sanitizer station to be placed on the street between the two washrooms

- Overall premium increase as quoted is 2.5%. Premium decrease, taking into account the suggested changes, is \$539.91.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to approve the policy renewal for 8-1-2020 through 8-1-2021 for an annual premium of \$94,004.73. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

TAB RECOMMENDATION TO REMOVE TREE ADJACENT TO 33 MARKET ST

Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve the tree removal recommended by the Tree Advisory Board. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER GREG NARANCA

Mayor Merandy made a motion to accept Officer Naranca's resignation. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Village received a letter from Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley thanking Officer-in-Charge Burke and the Cold Spring Police Department for their assistance to apprehend a suspect in a larceny case that occurred on 7-18-2020.

The Village received an email from Bridget O'Brien requesting permission to use the Pavilion at Mayor's Park on Saturday 8-1-2020 to hold a memorial gathering for Cate Kanlong (who passed away recently.) Mayor Merandy made a motion to grant permission and to waive any fees. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Opening of public washrooms

- Pending information from both Village insurance company and Chamber of Commerce insurance company, Board feels comfortable, based upon current information and its recent discussions to open the washrooms on a limited basis. Village will need to purchase face shields for the COC volunteers.

Purchase of new garbage truck

- An additional quote for \$93k has been received and the Highway Crew Chief is soliciting an additional quote.
- Village may have to advertise
- Board will discuss financing (for the amount remaining after the insurance payment) with the Village Accountant

Drainage on Fair Street

- Mayor and Highway Crew Chief to investigate the matter further
- Village has purchased No Trespassing signs

Yard debris removal

- Trustee Early has spoken with Scenic Hudson about the possibility that they could provide space for Village yard debris, but possible presence of weeds and invasive species (in the debris) may prevent an agreement

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve Batch #5657 in the amount of \$15,133.39. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Trustee Early made a motion to adopt the 7-21-20 minutes as modified. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously

BOARD COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Turton (Highlands Current) asked whether the Village has taken any action on suggestions that have been made to aid local businesses during the reopening process. *Mayor Merandy responded that, other than the one-way walking stencils, no action has been taken.*

Turton also asked about public participation in the NYS Police Department review. *Mayor Merandy responded that Officer-in-Charge Burke has attended various meetings and will report to the Mayor and Board. The Board has not decided whether or not to participate with other towns and villages in the county. Once the Board has developed a policy to discuss, public meetings will be held, with input welcomed from all interested parties*

CODE UPDATE REVIEW

The Board continued its review of:

- Chapter 104 Signs
- Chapter 106 Steep Slopes
- Chapter 52 Floodplain Management
- Chapter 108 Streets & Sidewalks

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 8:31 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor Merandy

Date