

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

Trustees Workshop
11-5-2020

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held an online workshop meeting via video conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 on Thursday November 5, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Present were: Mayor Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Frances Murphy and Steve Voloto. Trustee Miller was absent.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Merandy commended Village residents for their cooperation to scale back Halloween celebrations on Parrott Street.

The Mayor also thanked all the poll workers for their efforts on election day.

REQUEST TO HIRE LEXIPOL TO UPDATE CSPD POLICIES TO CONFORM TO STATE STANDARDS

Officer in Charge Larry Burke presented Lexipol's scope of work and noted that:

- A user-friendly template customized template would be prepared for the Village, complying with all current NYS requirements
- The current CSPD policy is over two years old
- The Putnam County Sheriff's office, Fishkill and other similar sized municipalities in Putnam, Dutchess and Westchester counties subscribe to Lexipol
- After preparation of the template and review by the Village Board, public input can be incorporated
- A Lexipol subscription will allow the Village to review and compare its policy with other similar size municipalities
- No significant changes are expected
- The last update was in 2013
- Lexipol maintains a large library of rules and regulations for reference
- Subscription rates are based upon the number of full-time police offices. According to Lexipol, the Village's 13 part-time officers would be equivalent to three full-time officers. The first year's subscription would cost \$3,500.
- The program doesn't track complaints
- It's anticipated that the process of creating a new policy may take up to two and one half months plus time for public input afterwards
- NYS has set a deadline of April 1, 2021
- Creation of an updated police policy is an unfunded mandate from NYS

Mayor Merandy made a motion to table approval until the next Board meeting to allow Board members time to review the Lexipol proposal. Trustee Voloto seconded and the motion passed unanimously

APPROVE OFFERING ROTH OPTION TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Trustee Early noted that a Roth option is not currently offered and that issue had been raised by a retiree.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to make a Roth option available. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve Batch #5782 in the amount of \$25,123.11. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the 10-20-2020 minutes as submitted. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Foley, 2 Locust Drive, described Lexipol as a model code aggregating service and asked how it would be paid for. OIC Burke responded that certain CSPD equipment purchases will be deferred to cover the cost and there will be no increase to the budget.

Heidi Shira Bender thanked OIC Burke for his efforts.

CODE UPDATE REVIEW

The Board continued its review of Chapter 134 - Zoning

AJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 8:37 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor Merandy

Date