

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

**Trustees Monthly Meeting
5-11-2021**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting via video conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 on Tuesday May 11, 2021 at 7 pm. Present were: Mayor David Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Kathleen E. Foley, Frances Murphy and Tweeps Phillips Woods. Also present was Village Clerk Jeff Vidakovich and Village Accountant Michelle Ascolillo.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Village Accountant Ascolillo noted that:

- Village's Fiscal Year ends on May 31st. If there are any expenses that should be attributed to the current fiscal year, the items should be delivered or services performed by May 31st.
- New department allocations will be sent out in the upcoming weeks for the budget starting on June 1st.
- She is working with FEMA & NYS to finalize reimbursements for clean-up and generator usage after Storm Isaias in August of 2020. FEMA will reimburse 75%, NYS will reimburse 12.5%. (approx. \$7K to be received)
- Annual BAN was renewed on May 6th for previously completed –Water & Sewer projects. New interest rate will be 0.41% - lower than anticipated. Outstanding BAN balance is \$2,263,050 (which is less each year)
- Federal Coronavirus Recovery Funding disbursements are still TBD for local governments.
- The Fire House was added to the Village's list of eligible accounts for Solar Farm discounts (retroactive to Dec 2020).

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In a written report for the month of April 2021, OIC Burke noted that:

- There were 73 calls for service. YTD=228
- There were 31 tickets issued. YTD=165
- There were no arrests

MONTHLY REPORTS

Recreation Commission

Chair Ruthanne Cullinan Barr noted that:

- The following events have been approved:
 - First Presbyterian Church – Sundays in April and May, 10am-noon at Mayor's Park Pavilion
 - Teresa Peer – wedding at Bandstand, May 29 @ noon

- Dara VanDunkam – wedding at Bandstand, August 21 from 11am – noon (32 attendees)
- Patryce McQueen – Wedding at Bandstand, October 23 from noon-1pm (18 attendees)
- Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony at Mayor’s Park on June 12 from 9am – 1pm
- Boy Scout Ceremony at Mayor’s Park on May 16 from 2-6pm
- Repairs, caulking and power washing of Bandstand complete. Painting to begin May 3 with expected completion in two weeks
- Bandstand flagpole needs to be painted. Robert Downey to ask County for assistance
- Tree at Mayor’s Park to be assessed for trim or removal
- Trevor Knight continues his efforts to establish a softball league
- Putnam County Food & Wine Festival on August 7 & 8 pending Board approval

Planning Board

None

Zoning Board of Appeals

In a written report for April 2021 the ZBA noted that:

- April 1 - ZBA held a workshop on for 17 Parsonage St and 17 Marion Ave and interviewed a potential new board member (Marianne Remy) who has subsequently been approved by the Village Board
- April 15 – ZBA held a public hearing for 17 Marion Ave and denied their request for a variance

Historic District Review Board

Sean Conway noted that during the month of April 2021 the HDRB:

- Met twice
- Conducted a public hearing for 212 Main St and approved the application
- Reviewed and approved applications
 - for solar array at 32 Market St
 - Shop sign at 49 Main St
 - Porch reconstruction at 10 Fair St
 - Signage and fencing at 34 Kemble Ave
 - Window replacement and porch repairs at 25 Kemble Ave
 - Extension of previously approved fence at 11 high St
 - New shed at 23 Market St
- Met with owners of 8 Furnace St. regarding non-compliant fence installed without Certificate of Appropriateness
- Received an application regarding replacement windows at 11 Parrott Street
- Received the fourth draft of official map from Putnam County GIS

Cold Spring Fire Company

Trustee Foley read from a written report from the Fire Company for April 2021. It was noted that:

- There were seven alarms:
 - 2 automatic fire alarms
 - 3 EMS assists
 - 1 brush fire mutual aid to No. Highlands Fire Company
 - 1 mutual aid to Village of Fishkill Fire Company (that was cancelled before mobilization)

Town of Philipstown

Bob Flaherty noted that:

- The Town Hall renovations are essentially complete and Town Board has resumed meeting and activities there
- Storm water management draft report received
- 6 month extension of moratorium on development of properties located on Upland Drive, Ridge Road and Cliffside Court extended for six months
- Resolution to auction old highway equipment passed
- Resolution to create a pollinator garden passed, but awaits funding
- Comprehensive plan update available on Town website
- Discussion held about dog park at Glassbury Court
- HVSF application proceeding thru planning board
- Public hearing for proposed solar array at Desmond Fish Library remains open
- Town currently has an over-supply of COVID-19 vaccines
- There is an open seat on the Board of Assessment

Chamber of Commerce

COC chair Eliza Starbuck noted that:

- Chamber held its monthly meeting on April 29
- Next Chamber Breakfast meeting will include presentation about NY Health Act
- Chamber has laminated “Keep Cold Spring Beautiful” signage and will install on trash cans next week
- Chamber has reached out to Optimum regarding WIFI at the visitors center
- Chamber is working on agreement with custodial service to clean the public restrooms on Main St
- Chamber sent a letter to the Village Board with its comments to the proposed Short Term Rental law

- Chamber hasn't received notification from the County regarding the trolley, though they expect it to be in operation this summer

Parking Committee –None

Tree Advisory Board (TAB), TAB Chair Jennifer Zwarich noted that:

- TAB held an Arbor Day celebration on April 30th at Village Hall
- TAB as received new 5-year Tree City stickers
- Six trees were planted on April 29 (by Highway Department and volunteers)
- Seven stumps were ground down
- One tree was removed from McConville Park
- Two trees at McConville Park to be evaluated
- Tree to be removed at 65 Chestnut St. Cost \$1,500.
- Tree management update continues

WATER DEPARTMENT

Water & Wastewater Superintendent Matt Kroog noted that for the month of April 2021:

- Reservoir status is at 98.11% capacity
- Flow to System is 7.98 MG/266 k/day (a 4.89% increase from 2020)
- Monthly rainfall: 2.05"
- Bacteria Lab Test: All routine bacteriological samples were found in good standing
- Westech quote received for Filtration Unit Rehabilitation
- 2nd set of PFOS/PFOA samples to be collected in May
- No updates on Catskill DEP Project
- Dam(s) Emergency Action Plan being updated
- Saks Metering is only firm capable and available to assist with Badger Endpoint upgrades. Labor pricing underway

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Water & Wastewater Superintendent Matt Kroog noted that for the month of April 2021:

- Plant inflow was 7.35 million gallons
- Average daily flow was 245K gallons
- Biochemical Oxygen Demand: 92.24% removal
- Total Suspended Solids: 96.5% removal
- Sludge Hauled Offsite: 40,000 gallons
- E-2 Infiltration and Intrusion inspections postponed till next fiscal year due to scheduling issues

- Department awaiting proposal for Pearl St wastewater line
- Spectraserve (original contractor) contacted re: Blower/Generator building siding
- Potable water leak on WWTF ground sprayer line remains to be repaired

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

None

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Crew Chief Robert Downey noted that during the month of April 2021:

- 48.03 tons of garbage were picked up
- 24.73 tons of recyclables were picked up
- Bandstand prepped for painting
- Catch basin at Marion & Wall streets replaced
- Flags hung on Main St
- Potholes filled
- Various trees removed and stumps ground for TAB
- Visitor Center bathroom floor painted
- Mayor's Park Pavilion bathroom floors and walls painted
- Hauled one load of lamp posts to scrap yard
- Transplanted one tree and planted five new trees for TAB
- Railing cap at the Dock secured
- Cleaned roofs at Village Hall, Main Street restrooms
- Cleaned Subway entrances
- Replaced 3 ft. of curb at 155 Main St
- Held two brush collections
- Met with Gabrielle Trucks to discuss specifications for new dump truck
- Performed oil change and service on the Bobcat
- New air stem installed on Bobcat
- Serviced all mowers/blowers and weed-whackers
- Repaired front bucket linkage and throttle cable

Mayor Merandy discussed short-term hiring Royal Carting for Village trash pick-up when Village truck is taken out of service for repairs, and possible long-term arrangement if affordable

JUSTICE COURT

In a written report Village Justice Costello noted that for the month of April 2021:

- \$4,310 in fines, forfeited bails and civil penalties were collected
- \$3,390 in parking fines were collected

- \$145 in civil fees were collected
- \$1,983 mandatory state surcharges were collected
- There were no Penal Law charges
- There were 13 Vehicle & Traffic Law charges
- There were no Civil charges

REPORT OF MAYOR AND TRUSTEES

Trustee Murphy noted that police policy surveys continue to arrive and final report expected for May 25 Board meeting.

Trustee Foley reported the Village is ineligible for receive dam grant; other grant sources are being investigated.

Mayor Merandy reported that:

- Metro-North Railroad has approved Village signage locations
- He is meeting with Haldane to discuss possible use of parking along Rte. 9D
- He will be speaking with Our Lady of Loreto Church about possible Village use of selected parking spaces (in their lot)
- He thanks all residents who participated in the Short-Term Rental public hearing

Trustee Murphy noted the transcription of the Short-Term Rental public hearing should be available in two weeks.

Trustee Early made a motion to close the Short-Term Rental public hearing on May18th at 4pm. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN MOU WITH COLD SPRING FILM SOCIETY

Trustee Early made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the MOU. Trustee Foley seconded and the motion passed unanimously

REQUEST FOR ANNUAL JUSTICE COURT AUDIT

Trustees Early and Foley will act as auditors.

DISCUSSION ON NEXT STEPS FOR POLICE REFORM & REINVENTION

Trustee Foley reported that:

- 43 Lexipol chapters have been reviewed to date
- Redlines of five chapters have been sent to Mayor Merandy for review
- Method to adopt approved chapters TBD

- Police department would like to receive direction as chapters are adopted rather than waiting for the entire package
- Chapter redlines to be sent to board members
- Board discussed releasing chapters for public comment as they are adopted
- Board will release chapters when they feel comfortable with changes
- Community Stakeholders group may not need or desire to review all chapters
- Concern was expressed about the amount of work that will be required from the Stakeholders group

CORRESPONDENCE

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Early made a motion to approve Batch #6000 in the amount of \$21,848.87. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the minutes of 4-22-2021 as submitted. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the minutes of 4-23-2021 as submitted. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to adopt the minutes of 4-27-2021 as modified. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eliza Starbuck, 172 Main St (speaking as a resident) expressed her gratitude to the Board for their work on the Police Reform and Reinvention survey and analysis

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Early seconded and the motion was passed unanimously at 9:01 pm

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor David Merandy

Date