

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

**Workshop Meeting
5-18-2021**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held an online Public Hearing via video conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 on Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 6:30pm. Present were Mayor Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Kathleen E. Foley, Frances Murphy and Tweeps Phillips Woods. Village Clerk Jeff Vidakovich and Village Accountant Michelle Ascolillo were also present, as well as Highway Department Crew Chief Robert Downey.

DISCUSSION ON TICKETED EVENTS (PUTNAM WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL)

In the absence of the event promotor (Lauren Drummond) the Board noted that:

- Event dates are August 7 & 8, 2021
- Will the event have a timed entry?
- Previously promotor suggested that 300 persons would be admitted per entry period
- Clarification is needed as to the number of persons expected overall each day
- Promotor needs to submit a COVID plan to the Recreation Committee
- All Board members agreed that it is "time to open things up"

BOARD BUSINESS

Mayor Merandy voiced his desire to resume in-person meetings. During the discussion it was noted that:

- All Board members agreed that they wished to resume in person meetings
- Crowd control for public hearings and similar meetings where a large number of persons is expected is an issue
- Public hearings could be held at the Recreation Center, Town Hall or CS Fire Company
- Could meetings be live streamed?

Trustee Early noted that Wi-Fi reception in the courtroom is too poor to handle any video conference meetings and that Wi-Fi is required for the Board to continue review of the code updates. Village Clerk noted that the Village has a proposal from Managed Technologies to install Wi-Fi extenders at \$4,400 that would provide Wi-Fi throughout the building. Accountant Ascolillo noted that monies are available in the current fiscal budget and all Board members agreed to move forward.

GARBAGE TRUCK UPDATE

During the discussion it was noted that:

- Due to parts shortages, the truck ordered by the Village will not go into production until January 2022 for April 2022 delivery
- Another similar truck is available to go into production in September 2021 for December 2021 delivery. This truck, however, doesn't meet all of the original specifications. Crew Chief Downey commented that this truck would be acceptable.

- Should the Village elect to purchase the truck (available in December), the previously accepted bid would need to be rejected and the truck re-bid.
- Royal Carting will pick up Village garbage for one week while remaining Village garbage truck undergoes repairs. Two Village workers will be required. Cost is \$1,500/day + regular trash disposal and recyclables disposal
- Village has solicited Royal Carting for a proposal to take over all garbage pickup in the Village, but has not responded. Mayor Merandy and Trustee Early to meet with them next week.
- The Village will also investigate other carting companies.
- Crew Chief Downey noted the following necessary repairs to the remaining truck:
 - Body rot repair
 - Electrical systems
 - New fuel tank
 - Leaking hydraulics
 - Estimated overall cost could be \$10K. Crew Chief Downey will attempt to obtain more specific estimates
- A Village truck should be retained even if an outside vendor provides garbage pickup

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN LOA WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE MAIN STREET RESTROOMS

Board members have sent their comments to the Chamber Board of Directors for action prior to signing.

SHORT TERM RENTALS FOLLOW UP

The Board agreed to begin discussion at the May 25, 2021 meeting of the comments received. The transcript is expected to be available by June 1.

Board members agreed that an STR survey is not required as sufficient data has been obtained from the recent public hearing, the written comments from the public hearing, and the 2019 public meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CODE UPDATE REVIEW

The Board continued its review of Chapter 126 – Vehicle & Traffic

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Murphy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor Merandy

Date