

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

Trustees Workshop
4-6-2021

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held an online workshop meeting via video conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 on Tuesday April 6, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Present were: Trustees Heidi Bender, Marie Early, Kathleen E. Foley and Frances Murphy. Also present was Village Clerk Jeff Vidakovich. Mayor Merandy was absent.

REQUEST TO RELOCATE CROSSWALK @ OAK ST AND RTE 9D

Bruce Croushore has requested that the crosswalk on the north side of Oak Street be relocated to the south side of the intersection. He noted that:

- The crosswalk, in its current location is unsafe because:
 - It is poorly lit at night due to a tree that blocks the streetlight
 - Rain water floods the crosswalk at the east end
- He has sent letters to the NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) including photographs illustrating the conditions
- NYSDOT responded that a resolution from the Village (in support of the relocation and a demonstration of public support) would be required before any action could be considered

Board Discussion

It was noted that:

- Relocation of crosswalk would also move it farther from the entrance to the gas station
- A determination must be made about what constitutes public support
- At present the crosswalk is scheduled to be refreshed in 2023. Even if NYSDOT agrees to the relocation it may not happen till then
- NYSDOT will investigate drainage issues
- Per requirements of NYSDOT, the Village will need to demonstrate public support for a resolution to relocate the crosswalk

DISCUSSION ON IMPLICATIONS OF UTILITY TERMINATION MORATORIUM LAW

During the discussion it was noted that:

- The law has been passed but not yet signed by the Governor
- Moratorium will impact upcoming water/sewer bills scheduled to be issued beginning of next week
- If the moratorium is not signed into law before the end of this week, then the bills can be sent out per usual

- If the moratorium is signed into law this week the Village will have to issue a letter explaining the moratorium and water user's options to opt in or out
- Additional cost to send the letter (postage, materials) estimated @ \$180 per quarter plus labor
- Implementation of moratorium could impact the upcoming Village budget (resulting in a potential loss of \$21K in anticipated income)
- Village will prepare a draft letter (in anticipation of the bill's signing)

HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY POWER PROGRAM RENEWAL PRESENTATION

Jeff Domanski walked the Board through a PowerPoint presentation noting 2020 updates. A presentation made by Domanski can also be found at <https://tinyurl.com/HVCP2020performance>.

The program, entered into by the Village in 2019 is approaching the end of its two-year term. The next step would be for the Village to pass a non-binding resolution to participate in the new Joule RFP for electricity supply.

Board Discussion

It was noted that:

- The Village has not received the annual reports required by the resolution. *Domanski replied that a report would be sent.*

APPOINTMENT OF MARIANNE REMY TO ZBA PER RECOMMENDATION OF ERIC WIRTH

Trustee Foley made a motion to appoint M. Remy to the ZBA. Trustee Bender seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ESTABLISH REOPENING DATE FOR PUBLIC BATHROOMS ON MAIN STREET

During the discussion it was noted that:

- The Board would like to reopen the bathrooms as soon as the Highway Department completes de-winterizing
- Bathrooms would be open Thursday through Mondays, until the Memorial Day weekend. Hours of operation TBD
- Village Clerk will coordinate reopening with Village police department

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Bender made a motion to approve Batch #5956 in the amount of \$29,429.65. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Bender made a motion to approve Batch #5952 in the amount of \$43.00. Trustee seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Murphy made a motion to adopt the 3-2-2021 minutes as submitted. Trustee Foley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Foley made a motion to adopt the 3-9-2021 minutes as submitted. Trustee Bender seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to adopt the 3-16-2021 minutes as submitted. Trustee Bender seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS

The 4-13-2021 monthly meeting will begin at 6:30pm with a public hearing on the upcoming budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Mikkelson, Chamber of Commerce, asked what the public bathroom hours of operation will be.
Trustees will coordinate with the police department and respond.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Early made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Foley seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 7:49 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Trustee Early

Date