

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

**Workshop Meeting
10/24/17**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held a meeting at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 7:30pm. Present were Mayor David Merandy and Trustees: Lynn Miller, Marie Early, Frances Murphy, and Steve Voloto.

Climate Smart Communities presentation (Roberto Muller):

Roberto Muller and Philipstown trustees Robert Flaherty and Mike Leonard gave a presentation to the Board about Climate Smart Communities, which is a DEC program in cooperation with NYSERDA that is an effort to support municipalities in their efforts to be more environmentally conscious and efficient. R. Muller stated that the Board could agree to either join the Climate Smart Communities program by signing a resolution, or take the CSC pledge. The pledge has no commitments and is simply a symbolic statement that the Village would make an effort to be more environmentally conscious. Becoming a Climate Smart Community creates potential opportunities for the Village to receive grants from both NYSERDA and the DEC. The Town of Philipstown has already taken the pledge.

Mayor Merandy stated that the Board would not have the time to do all of the necessary work, nor would they have much luck getting people to volunteer for a committee. Mayor Merandy stated that the Board would need more time to review all of the information before making a decision on the matter, though he would be interested in taking the pledge. Trustee Early and Trustee Murphy stated that taking the pledge is meaningless if there are no required actions. Trustee Murphy suggested advertising for positions on a potential committee to see if one can be formed before committing to anything.

Resolution 29-2017 Suspension of on-street parking on Marion Avenue for snow removal:

Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve Resolution 29-2017 which suspends on-street parking on Marion Avenue for snow removal. Trustee Miller seconded. The motion passed via roll call vote:

Mayor Merandy: aye

Trustee Miller: aye

Trustee Early: aye

Trustee Murphy: aye

Trustee Voloto: aye

Discussion on bids and funding for firehouse roof:

Mayor Merandy stated that two companies have placed bids for the firehouse roof repair for \$115,000 and \$235,000, respectively. Mayor Merandy stated that the Board agreed to budget \$99,000 from the fund balance. Mayor Merandy stated that options going forward are to restart the bidding process or pull more money from the fund balance. The Board determined that they would contact references regarding the next steps and would potentially hold a special meeting on this matter on 10/26.

Discussion on repairs to firehouse door:

Trustee Voloto stated that repairs have been made to the firehouse door's broken spring, though no bill has been received as of yet. An estimate of \$1,731 to complete the repair of the door by replacing all of its springs was received by the Board. Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,731 for the repair of the firehouse door. Trustee Voloto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

The Board received a request from Zachary Langer that they reconsider the rule in the employee handbook that prevents him from using any of his PTO days until the end of his one year probationary period. Trustee Murphy made a motion to approve allowing Zachary Langer to use five PTO days each per quarter worked since his hire date of 6/5. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board would consider amending the employee handbook regarding the use of PTO days during a probationary period.

The Board received a request from Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tendy to attend and present at a subsequent CSVB meeting. The presentation would include an introduction of his office to the people of the Village, a discussion of the opioid epidemic, and the opportunity to answer any questions from the Board and public. Mayor Merandy stated that the Board would welcome such a presentation. The Board determined to invite DA Tendy to their next monthly meeting on 11/14. Mayor Merandy stated that he would have the Village Clerk contact DA Tendy with this information.

Recommendation from Planning Board on new member (Stephanie Hawkins):

Trustee Early made a motion to appoint Stephanie Hawkins to the Planning Board, as per the recommendation of Planning Board Chair Matt Francisco. Trustee Miller seconded. The motion passed 4-0, with Mayor Merandy abstaining.

Approval of Bills:

Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve Batch #4331 in the amount of \$63,879.08. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Changes were made to the 9/12 meeting minutes. Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve the 9/12 meeting minutes as amended. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Additional Discussion:

Trustee Early stated that there are two new lamps and one new fixture that are emitting very bright white light. One is located on the corner of Stone St. and Main St. and the other is on Church Street. Trustee Early stated that she contacted Central Hudson and described the issue, though they could not identify the issue based on her description. Trustee Early stated that she believes Central Hudson has gone back to using 4000 kelvin lamps in the Village. Central Hudson had agreed to use only lower kelvin rated lamps. Trustee Early will continue to work to resolve this issue.

Adjournment:

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.