

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

**Workshop Meeting  
2-7-17**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held a workshop meeting at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6 pm. Present were Mayor David Merandy and trustees: Marie Early, Frances Murphy, Steve Voloto and Lynn Miller.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to add an executive session to the meeting agenda. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**COLD SPRING FIRE COMPANY**

Cold Spring Fire Company President Matthew Steltz, Vice-president Ralph Falloon and Chief Stephen Smith appeared before the board to discuss ongoing issues between the fire company.

- Parking
  - Parking is necessary for CSFC members, most of whom drive to the fire house.
  - Existing signage ineffective.
  - Old signage should be removed
  - Request the street be painted to indicate “parking for fire company personnel only” or similar. CSFC vehicles will need a sticker or dashboard ID. Trustee Early noted that whatever choice is made will need to be reflected in the village code.
- LOSAP
  - Member contact information is being updated, but some members have moved out-of-state and may be difficult to track down. Steltz noted that individual fire company members are responsible to update their information in order to receive information, payments, etc.
  - Trustees would like the updated info sooner rather than later.
- Nelsonville
  - CSFC has not received payment to date.
  - Trustees explained that they have received a partial payment and that the village clerk is holding the check until full payment is received (to prevent Nelsonville from presuming that cashing of the partial check would indicate acceptance of that partial payment as acceptable to the village as the full payment.)
  - CSFC requested payment of any monies received in order to purchase necessary supplies and equipment.
  - Trustees have not seen the check and Mayor Merandy stated he would speak with the treasurer on 2-8-17 to resolve the matter so the CSFC may receive payment.
- Firehouse Repair Budget
  - Steltz noted the difficulty in creating a budget due to the many interrelated repairs required for the building; primarily related to the leaking roof and HVAC systems.
  - CSFC estimates that roof repairs will cost at least \$50K and the HVAC system at least \$20K. Steltz stated that they are at a loss on how best to proceed and are searching for options.
  - CSFC taking possession of the building was discussed but no definitive actions were made.

- Communication
  - Trustee Early suggested the CSFC make an in-person or written presentation at the Board of Trustees monthly meeting to raise public awareness and in general improve communication with the trustees.

#### **FIREMAN'S SERVICE AWARD POINT LISTING**

Trustee Murphy made a motion to approve the award point listing. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **FORWARDING OF UNPAID TAXES TO PUTNAM COUNTY FOR COLLECTION**

The amount of unpaid taxes, plus interest is \$49,778.97.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to remove Village of Cold Spring unpaid taxes from list (to be sent to Putnam County). Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to waive any interest shown against the Village of Cold Spring. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to forward a list of unpaid taxes (without those of the Village of Cold Spring) to Putnam County for collection. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CHANGES TO VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC CODE**

Kathleen Foley sent the trustees an email arguing against increasing the village speed limit. She encourages the trustees to compile data to support reduced speed limits within the village. She also suggests the village submit two new school zones for consideration by the state.

John Reinhardt sent an email expressing his disapproval of an increase in the Village speed limit.

#### **CHANGES TO VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC CODE**

In response to public comment and a review of the changes discussed at the public hearing, Trustee Early presented modifications to the proposed changes in § 126-34 and 35.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to poll board members about §126-34, section 7: speed regulations. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Early made a motion to adopt the changes discussed to §126, omitting only §126-34. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustees have received a letter from Wayne Robinson describing discrepancies in his water bill arising from conflicts between the interior flow meter and the exterior remote. Robinson included a detailed history of his water usage including statements from the village, a spreadsheet of payments and photographs of the water meter itself. He calculates his charges at \$1,468.28 (compared with his bill of \$1,579.14) and submitted a check for \$1,468.28 to satisfy "undocumented usage during the past 19 years."

Trustee Early made a motion to accept Robinson's check and so consider the matter closed. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Emerson Pugh wrote a letter to the Greg Philips (Water & Sewer Superintendent) about the recent water bill charging "a lot of money" for discrepancies between the interior and exterior water meters. He cites his belief that the discrepancy arises from the fact that the interior meter was installed when the house was built, but the exterior meter was added "much later."

Mayor Merandy noted that Greg Philips will contact Pugh to resolve the issue.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Murphy noted that new containers for recyclables cost \$625 each. She will apprise Ms. Carnevale (who has offered to pay for two new containers) of the cost.

Trustee Miller noted that existing recyclable containers are not clearly marked and that this may contribute to their use for regular garbage.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Volunteer Appreciation Party

Trustee Murphy noted that the Volunteer Appreciation Party is tentatively scheduled for 2-25-17 at the American Legion Hall. Invitees will only include volunteers and village employees. Murphy will send out the invitations.

#### Benefits Package

Mayor Merandy would like to set up an executive session devoted to discussion of the employee benefits package. Trustees agreed to schedule this session on 2-21-17 at 6 pm.

#### Filming Permits

Trustee Miller has revised the film permit application form. Trustees discussed whether a public hearing is required on the application and on a possible fee structure.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Merandy made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss specific employees regarding personnel matters and employee benefits. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:21pm, Trustee Early made a motion to exit executive session. This was seconded by Trustee Miller and approved unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Miller seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Submitted by M. Mell

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David Merandy, Mayor	Date
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