

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

**Monthly Meeting
10/10/17**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:30pm. Present were Mayor David Merandy and Trustees: Lynn Miller, Marie Early, Frances Murphy, and Steve Voloto.

Mayor's Remarks:

Mayor Merandy gave updates on various lawsuits involving the Board. Paul Guillaro's lawsuit regarding the Butterfield Project was discontinued with prejudice. Kenneth Trimble's lawsuit regarding age discrimination was dismissed and his lawsuit regarding discrimination over military status was withdrawn. K. Trimble may sue in federal court.

Mayor Merandy stated that "The Old VFW" will be funding the Independence Day fireworks next year.

Mayor Merandy thanked everyone involved with the Senior Picnic.

Mayor Merandy stated that he received a phone call from Governor Cuomo's regional representative stating that the Village will be receiving a \$215,000 grant for clean water. The grant was written for the Market Street sewer pump station replacement.

Mayor Merandy stated that advertising for bids for the Firehouse roof project was advertised on 10/4.

Mayor Merandy stated that he, Trustee Voloto, Greg Phillips, and Bart Clark met with the regional rep from the Governor's office in hopes that pressure would be put on the DEP regarding the aqueduct connection agreement.

Financial Report:

Village Accountant Michelle Ascolillo presented the September 2017 Financial Report. Highlights included:

- Tax collected through 9/30 is \$1,547,027, or 95%.
- Independent Auditors have completed their onsite review. They are expecting to have a draft of the Financial Report to the Village Accountant by the end of October. If on track, their presentation to the Board could be scheduled for 11/14.
- The Village received \$18,474 from NYS State as part of the State's Aid to Municipalities program.
- Water & Sewer Flat Usage Revenue is showing a slight negative due to a check returned by the bank. The payment was received in October to offset this.
- All retirees have paid the first installment for Health Insurance, and some payments from the next quarter have been received.
- Con-Tech has submitted their final bill for the remainder of the contract amount for work on the Main Street Project. CHA's final billing should be received shortly.

Consider Resolution 28-2017:

Trustee Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution 28-2017 authorizing budget adjustments. Mayor Merandy seconded. The motion passed via roll call vote:

Mayor Merandy: aye

Trustee Miller: aye

Trustee Early: aye

Trustee Murphy: aye

Trustee Voloto: aye

Resolved that (1) The Board of Trustees of The Village of Cold Spring hereby approves the following Budget Adjustment(s) for the **2017/2018** fiscal year:

(1)	To:	A00-950-800	Unemployment Insurance	\$1,550
	From:	A00-9040-801	Workers' Comp Ins: Fire	(\$1,550)
			<i>To relocate between insurance accounts</i>	
	To:	A00-1410-200	Village Clerk Equipment	\$247
		A00-1620-200	Shared Services Equipment	\$2,122
	From:	A00-4020-100	Registrar Vital Statistics: Personal Services	(\$1,700)
		A00-1620-410	Shared Services: Computer Software	(\$339)
		A00-3620-400	Building Inspector: Contractual	(\$330)
			<i>To relocate funds to cover the cost of the trailer & shredder</i>	

And (2) The accountant is hereby authorized to transfer such funds immediately.

Monthly Reports:

- **Recreation Commission:**

The Committee reported on the following:

- Approved a request from Haldane for a class trip at Mayors Park on 10/11.
- Approved the request from the Cold Spring Chamber for their annual Halloween parade on 10/28.
- Approved a request for the Cold Spring Turkey Trot on 11/23.
- Approved a request from Lithgow Osborne for Magazzino Italian Art on 11/4.
- Approved a wedding at the Bandstand on 11/11.
- A wedding that was approved for 10/7 was cancelled due to illness of the groom's mother; a refund was requested.
- Discussed new member applications.

- **Planning Board:**

None

- **Zoning Board of Appeals:**

None

- **Town of Philipstown:**

Robert Flaherty reported on the following:

- A Climate Smart Community Coordinator will be appointed within the coming weeks.
- Paving in North Highlands and Continental Village has been completed.
- The Annex Building should be completed by late November/early December.
- The Town Board is looking to build a new building for the Highway Superintendent.
- The cell tower has been proposed for Vineyard Road off Route 9; the Town Board is looking for alternative locations.
- Budget workshops have been scheduled for this week.

- **Historic District Review Board:**

- HDRB held three meetings in September.

- Applications that were considered: 101 Main Street (proposed sign), 26 Garden Street (major façade changes), 224 Main Street (façade changes), 16 Stone Street (door replacements), 18 Stone Street (new fence), and Butterfield (proposed revisions to Building #3).
- HDRB voted to recommend AKRF Environmental as consultant on the SEQRA review of the EAF Long Form regarding the 126 Main Street application.
- The 32 Market Street and 20 The Boulevard applications may also be Type I under SEQRA.
- HDRB received comments from the Village Board on the proposed revisions to Chapter 64 of the Village Ordinance.
- HDRB continues to work with Steve Tilly on the Design Standards Update and are in the process of preparing a report to SHPO on the project.
- **Fire Company:**
Fire Company President Matthew Steltz asked the Board for the status of the \$34,000 owed from Nelsonville. Mayor Merandy stated he sent a letter to the Mayor O'Neill saying that he would like to continue negotiations if he would state that the outstanding payment is a portion of the whole as opposed to half. Mayor O'Neill refused to negotiate under those terms, and negotiations have stalled. M. Steltz asked if the money could be received from the Village of Cold Spring so the Fire Company can continue to operate. Mayor Merandy stated that the Village does not have the money in their contingency for that and suggested the Fire Company write Mayor O'Neill. Mayor Merandy stated that the Board will do whatever it can to resolve the situation, but cannot negotiate unless Nelsonville removes the stipulation that their payment would be half.
- **Parking Committee:**
None
- **Tree Advisory Board:**
Jennifer Zwarich reported on the following:
 - The first phase of the tree guard fabrication and installation happened last week. Six of the seven guards that have been sponsored were installed. The seventh will be installed in front of Village Hall once a necessary tree removal has taken place.
 - Markings that were put on several trees were taken down. Markings will be replaced with spray paint.
 - A joint meeting with the Recreation Commission is planned for this month in regards to the Tree Walking Tour.
- **Code Update Committee:**
 - The Committee continued to outline preparation and research into the seven topics in the "Appearance" category.
 - The topics of "Landscaping Within and Around Parking Lot Standards", "Standards for the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Artifacts", "Standards for Three Story Buildings", and "Fence Standards" have been completed.
 - The Committee has completed "Area and Bulk Regulation Standards" and "Maximum Lot Coverage and Setback Standards" for R-1, R-3, B-1, B-2, B-3, B4, and B-4A. Work continues on MU-1, PR-1.
 - The Committee continues to make progress on "Sign Standards".
 - The second public meeting will occur in the October timeframe; NYSEDA had agreed with this schedule change.

Report of Water and Wastewater Departments:

- The Schematic Design Report for the Upper Dam Rehabilitation Project has been received. Copies were distributed last week for the Boards' review.

- Negotiations with DEP continue regarding the NYCDEP Connection. A meeting with Governor Cuomo's regional representative was attended in hopes of facilitating a more acceptable timeline and resolution of the terms of the Water Supply Agreement.
- A change-order in the amount of \$6,562.50 is needed to the contract with Kings Capital Construction on the Market Street Pump Station Replacement Project and should be considered by the Village Board when given the opportunity.
- The contractor for the Market Street Pump Station Replacement Project has submitted shop drawings for review and hopes to begin construction in early November.
- A meeting was held on 10/9 to finalize the rough openings for doors and equipment at the Blower Building. Construction is expected to begin later this month.

Trustee Early made a motion to approve the establishment of an escrow account in the amount of \$6,562.50. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Building Department:

- Received 8 new building permit applications.
- Issued five building permits.
- Issued two dumpster permits.
- Issued two CO's.
- Completed five Title Searches.
- Received four complaints.
- Generated five HDRB referrals.
- Generated one ZBA referral.
- Generated one Planning Board referral.
- Collected \$2,614.75 in fees.

Report of the Highway Department:

- Picked up 49.3 tons of garbage.
- Picked up 20.9 tons of recycling.
- Made repairs to 1988 yellow dump truck.
- Repainted the crosswalk on Main Street by the Village Office.
- Painted two new crosswalks on Main Street; one from Church Street to Furnace Street and another from Kemble Ave. to Garden Street.
- Painted yellow no parking next to crosswalks on Main Street and Rock Street.
- Cut grass that Village is responsible for.
- Refaced six stop signs.
- Put up no parking signs across from the Sewer Plant and a no parking anytime sign in front of the Sewer Plant.
- Put up three signs in Municipal Parking Lot that show mobile devices can be used to pay for parking.
- Picked up leaf and yard debris.
- Repair black top on Paulding Avenue, in front of Mayors Park, around a manhole at the Sewer Plant, by Downey Oil, and at the Highway Garage.

Report of the Police Department:

Officer-In-Charge Larry Burke presented the CSPD monthly report. Highlights included:

- In the month of September, there were 59 calls for service, one arrest, and 60 tickets issued.
- The two burglaries that occurred over the past months are being investigated by the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.

- No incidents were reported during the Oktoberfest celebration.
- Officer Burke will be meeting with the Parking Committee this month to discuss parking areas in the Village.

Justice Court Report:

A written report identified ongoing court cases, monies received from fees, fines, etc. (\$8,923), and a distribution summary.

Report of the Mayor & Board of Trustees:

Trustee Miller stated that she was contacted by a parent coordinator at Manitou School who expressed interest in having students from the school decorate trash/recycling bins, as the Butterfield Library kids have done. Mayor Merandy suggested these bins be located at the Riverfront.

Old Business:

Trustee Early made a motion to approve the HDRB's recommendation of planning/engineering services by AKRF for 35 Market Street. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

In a letter to the Board, Jennifer Zwarich of 192 Main Street made a request to hold a small public ceremony in McConville Park on 11/4 at 10:00am. The ceremony is a plaque dedication in remembrance of local resident Jodi Ferdico, who passed away last spring. Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills:

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve Batch #3416 in the amount of \$44,935.52. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve Batch #4319 in the amount of \$151,832.80. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bandstand Plaque:

Faith Supple presented her revised plans for a commemorative plaque at the Bandstand honoring her grandfather, who founded the Cold Spring Musical Society. Trustee Miller suggested minor changes to the layout of the wording on the plaque.

Public Comment:

Doug Cunningham asked the Board when the news regarding the Butterfield lawsuit was received. Mayor Merandy answered that the Board received the news two or three weeks ago.

Adjournment:

Trustee Early made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.