

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

**Meeting
3-6-18**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held a meeting at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday March 6, 2018 at 7 pm. Present were Mayor David Merandy and trustees: Marie Early, Frances Murphy, Steve Voloto and Lynn Miller.

UPDATE ON DOCKSIDE AGREEMENT

Trustee Murphy made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Dockside Park agreement. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

WATER SERVICE TERMINATION LETTERS TO OUT-OF-VILLAGE ACCOUNTS WITH PAST DUE BALANCES

Mayor Merandy made a motion to authorize sending of service termination letters to out-of-village water accounts with past due balances. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MIKE CHEFALO RESIGNATION LETTER

Mayor Merandy made a motion to accept Mike Chefalo's letter of resignation from the Recreation Commission. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

RESIGNATION LETTERS

Mayor Merandy made a motion to accept Rhonda Wallach's (CSPD) letter of resignation effective 2-26-18. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to accept Zachary Langer's (Hwy) letter of resignation effective 3-5-18. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to accept Charles Norton's (Hwy) letter of resignation effective 3-13-18. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PBA CONTRACT UPDATE

The Board of Trustees tabled action on this item.

PROPERTY TAX PREPARATION CONTRACT WITH PUTNAM COUNTY

The Board of Trustees tabled action on this item until a formal resolution is prepared.

STORM RECAP

Mayor Merandy summarized cleanup activities in the village, noting that:

- Utility work continues in some areas
- All power has been restored, but some roads remain unpassable due to downed trees and utility poles/lines

Mayor Merandy read a letter from Central Hudson that noted that:

- 99% of customers have had power restored from last week's storm
- Central Hudson is preparing for the upcoming storm and 550 workers are on standby

- The public can see status updates and general storm-related info on their website (www.centralhudson.com), Facebook page and Twitter.
- The public should stay away from downed power lines

Trustee Murphy noted that in response from complaints, Verizon will clear their downed wiring.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Merandy noted that there will be a West Point canon firing and aircraft flyover on 3-20-18

The Board discussed whether to procure “Big Belly” compactors for village recyclables. During the discussion it was noted that:

- They may be purchased or leased. Purchase price is \$2,500 for non-compacting recycle units; compacting units are \$4,500. Bags and other accessories must be purchased separately
- The compacting units do not work well with glass and are best used for trash, with dedicated, non-compacting units for recyclables
- They have the advantage of keeping insects and vermin out and would allow for advertising
- The capital cost may be excessive for the capacity they offer
- Scenic Hudson may assist in funding, should the Village elect to purchase/lease these items.

Mayor Merandy solicited board member comment about employee raises for the upcoming budget and suggested that a 2% increase would be appropriate. During the discussion it was noted that:

- There was no increase in 2016 and a 2.5% increase in 2017
- On a weekly basis a 2% increase is not a lot of money
- The Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) over the past year has been flat; it is 2% in 2018.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to include a 2% salary increase for Village employees in the upcoming budget. Trustee Murphy seconded. The motion passed 4-1, with Trustee Early casting the lone “No” vote.

Trustee Early noted the Village has still not received a proposal from Royal Carting.

Mayor Merandy noted that the board will hold a joint meeting with the Recreation Commission on 3-8-18 to discuss Dockside and Independence Day celebrations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Hawkins commented that Big Belly compactors in use in Port Jefferson have been prone to flooding. She also voiced her support for the village employee salary increase.

PCNR’s Doug Cunningham asked the board the number of Village employees. Board members responded between 14-16. Cunningham also asked if the Cold Spring Police Department was included in this count (and included in the 2% raise approved by the Board.) The Mayor responded that the Village has a separate contract with the police department

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Voloto seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Submitted by Michael Mell

Mayor David Merandy

Date