

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

**Monthly Meeting  
12/12/17**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:30pm. Present were Mayor David Merandy and Trustees: Lynn Miller, Marie Early, and Frances Murphy. Trustee Steve Voloto was absent.

**Financial Report:**

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

- There is an anticipated savings of \$7,350 as a result of the consolidation of the Building Department with the Town.
- The Highway Department is estimated to be \$7,700 under budget.
- The majority of the \$8,000 cost of work for trees was attributed to the fiscal year 2016-2017, resulting in a savings on \$4,235.
- The HDRB budget was listed as the full grant expense amount. However, \$5,000 of Tilly Architect's fees was paid out of last fiscal year's budget, resulting in savings from 2016-2017.
- There's \$25,000 of savings in Medical Insurance due to one less family plan enrollee than budgeted. January rates are increasing 7.5% instead of 10% estimated in the budget.
- The annual invoice regarding police retirement is being paid this month; it is \$4,500 above the estimated invoice. There was a difference in the actual pensionable salaries reported for 2016-2017 versus the estimated.
- By switching companies for worker's compensation this fiscal year, there will be a savings of about \$4,600 in the general fund. However, the sewer fund rates were about \$1,000 over budget.
- There is a reduction in anticipated expenses for some department phone accounts due to cost reducing changes to the Village's Verizon Wireless accounts.
- There is a reduction in anticipated expenses for some electric utility accounts due to terminating the Village's contract with third party supplier Veridian Energy.
- Overall it is anticipated that revenues will exceed expenses by about \$53,000 by the end of the year.

**Report of the Police Department:**

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

- In the month of November, there were 72 calls for service, zero arrests, and 58 tickets issued.
- A quote from Management Technologies of \$5,015 was received for the installation of security cameras for surveillance at the Village Hall and the Police Station. A grant received from Senator Sue Serino's office could be put towards this expenditure.

**Monthly Reports:**

- **Recreation Commission:**

The Committee reported on the following:

- The Tru Green Contract renewal for 2018 was discussed.
- Future ideas and plans for Main Street bathroom maintenance was discussed.
- Annual tree lighting setup and date was discussed.
- Met and welcomed new Rec member Ruthanne Baar.

- The Tree Lighting was held on 12/2 and went very well.
- The damaged trees at Waterfront Park were cut and the area was cleaned.
- Worked with the Tree Advisory Board and a Tree Farm Contractor regarding tree replacement recommendations. The Tree Advisory Board recommended three Tupelo Trees.

Trustee Early made a motion to approve the purchase of the three tupelo trees for placement at the Waterfront as per the recommendation of the Tree Committee. Mayor Merandy added to the motion the condition that the Board not have to receive more than one bid. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Planning Board:**

None

- **Zoning Board of Appeals:**

None

- **Town of Philipstown:**

- The Annex building is now occupied. The first meeting there was held on 12/11. The rolling file system should be installed by the end of the week.
- Two 24 inch pipes were installed on Manitou Station Road and the roadway was raised between 36 and 42 inches. The project cannot continue until the spring.
- A public hearing was held regarding the proposed cell tower on Vineyard Road.
- Bids for the replacement windows on the Town Hall are under review.
- Discussion regarding the proposed safe gun storage rules was held and will continue in the coming months.
- Work on updating the Comprehensive plan is underway.
- Stephanie Hawkins was named to the Citizens Advisory Committee to the MTA.

- **Historic District Review Board:**

None

- **Fire Company:**

None

- **Parking Committee:**

None

Mayor Merandy stated that the Parking Committee meeting scheduled for 12/14 will be canceled.

- **Tree Advisory Board :**

The Tree Advisory Board's report contained a suggested work plan for December, 2017.

- **Code Update Committee:**

The public meeting for Phase Two occurred on 11/29 at the Fire House. Twenty one people attended and all materials from the meeting have been posted to the Village website. The public meeting will be kept open until 12/31 and all comments received by that date will be posted on the Village website.

**Report of Water and Wastewater Departments:**

None

**Report of the Building Department:**

- Received 10 new building permit applications.
- Issued eight building permits.
- Issued one dumpster permit.
- Issued three CO's.
- Completed five title searches.

- Received four complaints.
- Generated two HDRB referrals.
- Generated one ZBA referral.

**Report of the Highway Department:**

- Picked up 78.6 tons of garbage.
- Picked up 23.1 tons of recycling.
- Pulled out old sidewalk on Orchard Street for contractor to form and pour new one.
- Yard debris picked up every Wednesday.
- Blew leaves around the Village and picked them up with the leaf truck.
- Hung Christmas decorations.
- Patched potholes throughout the Village.
- Shut water off at Mayors Park and winterized the restrooms and utility room.
- Made repairs to Village trucks.

**Justice Court Report:**

A written report identified ongoing court cases, monies received from fees, fines, etc. (\$6,880), and a distribution summary.

**Report of the Mayor & Board of Trustees:**

Trustee Miller stated that the Health Department encourages people to be vigilant with handwashing and sanitation of doorknobs due to a recent occurrences of the Norovirus.

Trustee Murphy stated that planning for the proposed employee appreciation party is taking place. The event may potentially be held on 1/26 at the Firehouse if the facility is available.

Mayor Merandy issued condolences to the Phillips Family on the death of Debbie Phillips.

Mayor Merandy stated that he will be meeting with Haldane students on 12/14 and 12/15 to discuss their requests to build a skate park at Mayors Park and to paint and clean out the subway. The students may make a presentation to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Mayor Merandy stated that the public restrooms are closed. He is working with Rec Commission Chair Bruce Campbell to determine if at least one restroom can be opened for the remainder of the year.

Mayor Merandy stated that a small section of curb along the north side of Oak Street was repaired along with a section of sidewalk and curb on Orchard Street.

Mayor Merandy stated that a number of trees throughout the Village were taken down or pruned.

Mayor Merandy stated that letters containing copies of the Tectonic survey will be sent out on 12/13 to the landowners most affected by the Upper Dam.

**New Business:**

Planning Board Chairman Matt Francisco wrote to the Board that two Planning Board members will be leaving their positions due to life events. On 12/7, the Planning Board met with two applicants for those positions: Lara Eldin and Sue Meyer. Both applicants were supported unanimously by the Planning Board members and the approval of their appointment by the Trustees is recommended.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to appoint Lara Eldin and Sue Meyer to the Planning Board, as per the recommendation of the Planning Board.. Trustee Early seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

The Board received a petition from Johnny Peters of 18 Fair Street requesting signage on Fair Street to alert drivers to slow down and watch out for children.. The petition received 24 signatures. The Board stated that putting up such signs may be counterproductive in that it may encourage children to play in the street. The Board would continue to look into this issue.

The Board received a letter from Nelsonville Mayor William O'Neill requesting a joint public meeting between the CSVb and the Nelsonville Board to discuss and negotiate a settlement of the Fire Protection Agreement with the Cold Spring Fire Department. The Board unanimously agreed that they should go ahead with the meeting and would attempt to schedule it for either 1/10 or 1/11 at 7:00pm.

**Authorize Mayor to sign letter of support for Little Stony Point Citizens Association:**

Trustee Murphy made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Little Stony Point Citizens Association. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Bills:**

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve Batch #4408 in the amount of \$79,327.76. Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

Mike Turton asked the Board if action was taken in terms of accepting the recommendation from Tectonic regarding the upper dam project. Mayor Merandy stated that no such action has yet to be taken beyond sending letters to the affected land owners.

The Board was asked how long Nelsonville had been paying into LOSAP for the Fire Company. Mayor Merandy answered that the original contract signed in 2009 stated that Nelsonville would pay into LOSAP at a rate that would incrementally increase for four years. When that contract ran out in 2013, Nelsonville continued to pay the amount they had been paying during the final year of the original contract.

Frank Haggerty asked the Board what the speed limit is on Fair Street. The Board answered that the speed limit is 30 miles per hour. F. Haggerty asked if there is an increased need for more parks due to the amount of children playing in the street. Mayor Merandy stated that there have been no requests for new parks, though Haldane students have presented a proposal to build a skate park at Mayors Park.

**Adjournment:**

Trustee Early made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Submitted by Thomas Califano