

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

**Trustees Workshop Meeting
6-25-19**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held a workshop meeting at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street on Tuesday June 25, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Present were: Mayor David Merandy and Trustees Marie Early, Lynn Miller, Frances Murphy and Steve Voloto. Also present was Village Treasurer Michelle Ascolillo.

FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Ascolillo presented a report on the Village finances, noting that:

- As of June 17, the Village has collected \$730,183 for village taxes, firemans' service award and past due water and sewer charges, representing approximately 42% of the total levy
- The preliminary reports distributed to the Board are for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2019
- The independent auditors are scheduled to do their field work July 29-31
- General Fund – Revenues
 - Building Department \$27K over budgeted amount due to Butterfield permits
 - Misc. Permits over budget by \$9K due to docking and filming
 - Main St. Project final payments of \$41K that was not previously accrued
- General Fund – Expenses
 - Health Insurance savings
 - Budgeted for (2) family plans for (2) employees which opted out of coverage (approx. \$45K in savings)
 - Budgeted for a 10% rate increase, but actual rate was about 3%
 - Personal Services savings
 - Accountant was on maternity leave for several months (approx. \$13K in net savings)
 - Turnover of personnel in the Highway Department
 - Attorney expenses were about \$35K less than budgeted
 - Emergency accounts not used (judgements & contingency) approx. \$10K
 - Storm drain savings \$16K

RESOLUTION 16-2019 AMENDING EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PACKAGE

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring desires to make certain revisions to the Employee Benefit Package; and

WHEREAS, the Employee Benefit Package shall apply to full-time and part-time employees who are not otherwise party to a collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, the new Employee Benefit Package intends to make revisions to the existing Employee Benefit Plan, including a change to Appendix A for licenses, certificates and stipends; and

WHEREAS, after analysis and discussion, the Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring have determined that it would be in the best interest of the Village to amend the Employee Benefit Package that was effective June 1, 2017 and most recently amended on September 4, 2018 to change the stipend due to the Water and Sewer Superintendent to \$15,000 annually subject to the conditions as stipulated in the Employee Benefit Package

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that a change to Appendix A to the Employee Benefit Package, attached hereto as Exhibit A, shall be effective as of June 1, 2019 for all eligible employees.

Mayor Merandy moved the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Trustee Early.

On roll call vote:

Frances Murphy, Trustee voting	Yes
Marie Early, Trustee voting	Yes
Lynn Miller, Trustee voting	Yes
Steve Voloto, Trustee voting	Yes
Dave Merandy, Mayor voting	Yes

Resolution officially adopted on 6-25-19 by a vote of 5-0-0.

APPROVE COMPENSATION FOR MATT KROOG

The Board discussed whether to waive the probationary period and how this might impact payment of the stipend (included in Kroog's compensation package). During the discussion it was noted that:

- The probation policy should be consistent among applicable employees
- The Handbook is not clear (on this matter)
- The stipend should be disconnected from the probationary period
- Any changes to the Handbook will need to be consistent in all instances where a stipend is mentioned
- The Handbook allows a probation waiver

Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve payment of the stipend during the probationary period. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed 4-1-0-0, with Trustee Early casting a "no" vote.

APPROVE HIRING OF LABORER FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to hire Joe Narok at \$18/hour. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously. I believe that the probation period was identified to be 6 months.

APPROVE RENEWAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE (EFFECTIVE 7/1/19)

Mayor Merandy made a motion to renew the policy with CompAlliance for a total annual premium of \$60,924. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Village received an email from Assemblywoman Galef's office requesting a letter of support for Bill A.5404 to amend the real property tax law to tax spent nuclear fuel rods that will be stored at Indian Point. The Board is in favor of Galef's request and will direct the Village Clerk to draft a letter of support.

The Village received an email from Lauren Drummond of Greenery Productions, requesting permission to hang banners at the end of Main St. and at Mayors Park for the Putnam Wine & Food Festival. Board consensus is that a banner at the end of Main St. will not be permitted and that signage at Mayors Park would only be permitted one week in advance of the event.

RESOLUTION 14-2019 OPPOSING THE DANSKAMMER BUILD OUT PROPOSAL

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Merandy for adoption and seconded by Trustee Voloto, to wit:

Whereas, the Village of Cold Spring has supported the Community Choice Aggregation program which allows municipalities to purchase energy with the goal of lowering energy bills and increasing access to clean, renewable resources; and,

Whereas, the Danskammer project will use fossil fuels which is in opposition to the Village's goal; and,

Whereas, the result of this project is a plant which will release pollutants such as methane, Carbon monoxide, and Carbon Dioxide into the air, which will cause health risks such as pulmonary diseases and more, and will accelerate climate change; and,

Whereas, while the expansion of the Danskammer plant would create jobs, the implementation of clean, renewable, energy sources such as solar and wind could decelerate climate change, and create even more jobs than the Danskammer plant; and,

Whereas, while carbon fees and other programs designed to reduce emissions could cause consistent operation to be too expensive, capacity charges on all Central Hudson rate payers will continue throughout the plant's lifetime of 40 or more years;

Therefore be it resolved that the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees calls upon the Public Service Commission to reject the Danskammer application;

On roll call vote:

Trustee Marie Early voted:	Yes
Trustee Lynn Miller voted:	Yes
Trustee Frances Murphy voted:	No
Trustee Steve Voloto voted:	Yes
Mayor Dave Merandy voted:	Yes

Resolution officially adopted on 6-25-19 by a vote of 4-1-0-0.

REQUEST TO REMOVE CENTRAL HUDSON LIGHT AT BUTTERFIELD ENTRANCE

During the discussion it was noted that:

- The light is not necessary
- There is already too much light (from the facility) none of which reaches the road
- The light could be moved across the street
- Mayor Merandy will contact Central Hudson to see if relocation of the light is feasible

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve Batch #5162 in the amount of \$28,661.00 (FY2018-19). Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve Batch #5163 in the amount of \$18,488.16 (FY2019-20). Mayor Merandy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adopt the 5-28-19 Board minutes. Trustee Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

Trustee Voloto reported that a CCA option for Community Solar (as a power source) is now available. The Town of Philipstown is moving ahead with this and a public meeting is to be held in mid-July. Trustee Voloto will draft a public announcement that will be posted on the Village website.

Trustee Early noted that the CUC has sent the Board a request for the Planning Board to administer the Waterfront Consistency law.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tara Vamos thanked the Board for passage of the resolution against the Danskammer project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Merandy made a motion to enter into executive session, noting that no business will be conducted afterward. Trustee seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 8:55pm.

At 9:247pm Mayor Merandy made a motion to exit executive session. Trustee Voloto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Merandy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 9:27 pm.

Submitted by: M. Mell

Mayor David Merandy

Date