



## VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING

85 MAIN STREET  
COLD SPRING, NEW YORK 10516

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### **Board of Trustees Meeting Wednesday, April 24, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**

1. Executive Session
  - a. Discuss the Employment History of an Individual
  - b. Collective Bargaining Negotiations Pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law

**(The Regularly Scheduled Meeting Will Begin Immediately Following Executive Session)**

2. Announcements
3. Opportunity to Add/Modify Agenda
4. Resolution 12-2024 Adopting General Fund Budget
5. Resolution 13-2024 Adopting Water Fund Budget
6. Resolution 14-2024 Adopting Sewer Budget
7. Resolution 15-2024 Removing Holiday Mondays from Main Street Metered Parking Regulations
8. Board Business
  - a. Approval of Minutes – 3/20/24
  - b. Approval of Bills - Batch #:                      Amount: \$
9. Adjournment

Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in-person at Village Hall (85 Main Street) or via Videoconference pursuant to Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022. To join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88983853791?pwd=NG1RWU5VVG9RVTRZaStQaW9kMXBMZz09>

Or by phone: 646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 889 8385 3791

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**RESOLUTION 12-2024 ADOPTING GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

A resolution adopting a General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing on June 1, 2024 and ending on May 31, 2025, making appropriations for the conduct of the Village of Cold Spring government and establishing the rates of compensation for officers and employees for such period.

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ for adoption and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, this board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the tentative General Fund Budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the tentative General Fund Budget, as amended and revised, and as hereinafter set forth in the amount of THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE DOLLARS (\$3,830,591) is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the column titled "Tentative" in the tentative General Fund Budget, but hereafter referred to as "Adopted", in Schedule A, are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in the salary schedule of the tentative General Fund Budget shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein, effective Wednesday, April 24, 2024; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the tentative Fireman's Service Award Tax Levy, as amended and revised, and as hereinafter set forth, in the amount of THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$32,000), is hereby adopted and the amounts stated are hereby appropriated for the object and purpose specified, and are hereby fixed at the amount shown therein, effective Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

On roll call vote:

- Trustee Laura Bozzi voting:
- Trustee Aaron Freimark voting:
- Trustee Eliza Starbuck voting:
- Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods voting:
- Mayor Kathleen E. Foley voting:

Resolution 12-2024 officially adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk-Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**RESOLUTION 13-2024 ADOPTING WATER FUND BUDGET**

A resolution adopting a Water Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing on June 1, 2024 and ending on May 31, 2025, making appropriations for the conduct of the Village of Cold Spring government and establishing the rates of compensation for officers and employees for such period.

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ for adoption and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, this board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the tentative Water Fund Budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the tentative Water Fund Budget as hereinafter set forth, in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$803,036) is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the column titled "Tentative" in the tentative Water Fund Budget, but hereafter referred to as "Adopted", in Schedule F, are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in the salary schedule of the tentative Water Fund Budget shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

On roll call vote:

- Trustee Laura Bozzi voting:
- Trustee Aaron Freimark voting:
- Trustee Eliza Starbuck voting:
- Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods voting:
- Mayor Kathleen E. Foley voting:

Resolution 13-2024 officially adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION 14-2024 ADOPTING SEWER FUND BUDGET**

A resolution adopting a Sewer Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing on June 1, 2024 and ending on May 31, 2025, making appropriations for the conduct of the Village of Cold Spring government and establishing the rates of compensation for officers and employees for such period.

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ for adoption and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, this board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the tentative Sewer Fund Budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the tentative Sewer Fund Budget, as hereinafter set forth in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$707,265) is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the column titled "Tentative" in the tentative Sewer Fund Budget, but hereafter referred to as "Adopted", in Schedule G are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in the salary schedule of the tentative Sewer Fund Budget shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

On roll call vote:

- Trustee Laura Bozzi voting:
- Trustee Aaron Freimark voting:
- Trustee Eliza Starbuck voting:
- Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods voting:
- Mayor Kathleen E. Foley voting:

Resolution 14-2024 officially adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION #15-2024  
REMOVING “HOLIDAY MONDAYS” FROM MAIN STREET METERED PARKING  
REGULATIONS**

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ for adoption and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, metered parking went into effect April 1, 2024, on Main Street for Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holiday Mondays (Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President’s Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Columbus Day); and

**WHEREAS**, due to limitations in the back-end system, the meters cannot be programmed to accommodate specific Mondays but instead require inclusion of every Monday or a manual update needs to be completed by a staff member the day before a holiday Monday.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the parking meters on Main Street will not be in effect on holiday Mondays effective immediately; and

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees directs the Village Clerk to update the Master Fee Schedule accordingly.

On roll call Vote:

- Trustee Laura Bozzi voted:
- Trustee Aaron Freimark voted:
- Trustee Eliza Starbuck voted:
- Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods voted:
- Mayor Kathleen E. Foley voted:

Resolution officially adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Board of Trustees Workshop Meeting Wednesday, March 20, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at Village Hall. Present were Mayor Kathleen E. Foley, Trustees Laura Bozzi, Eliza Starbuck, Tweeps Phillips Woods, and Aaron Freimark. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

#### **Executive Session**

K. Foley made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:32 pm to discuss Collective Bargaining Negotiations Pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, and to discuss the employment history of individuals. E. Starbuck seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

K. Foley made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:15 pm, seconded by T. Woods. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

#### **Announcements**

K. Foley made the following announcements:

- The Dock lights are now in place and have been turned on tonight.
- A temporary heavy duty construction fence for Fair Street has been ordered and will be put in place next week.
- A combined team of the Village Roadways and Facilities Department, Evan Thompson and crew from New York State Parks, and Deputy Matt Amato with the Putnam County Inmates Work Program coordinated a cleanup effort at Dockside Park.
- Fran Farnorotto, Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce Secretary, announced that Cold Spring Abloom is scheduled for Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, with a rain date of April 28<sup>th</sup>, and will follow last year's format. The Putnam History Museum will offer a history tour and trivia session. The Chamber is also working on a Shop Local/Shop Green initiative for Earth Day.
- Trustee Bozzi added that the Cold Spring Climate Task Force will be participating in the Shop Local/ Shop Green program.

## **Board Business**

### **Discussion of Cold Spring in Bloom**

E. Starbuck made a motion to approve the Cold Spring Abloom proposal for Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, with a rain date of April 28<sup>th</sup>. K. Foley seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

### **Opportunity to Add/Modify Agenda Items**

K. Foley made a motion to modify the agenda to shift the remaining board business to follow after the budget discussion. Seconded by E. Starbuck and passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

### **Continuation of Budget Discussion**

K. Foley commented that the Board is in the midst of the budget process; the General Fund was reviewed at the last meeting (3/13/2024). The Board made requests and recommendations to the Village Accountant to bring the budget into balance, which she has done. The Mayor noted that the Water and Sewer Budget will be discussed following the General Budget discussion, and she asked the accountant to go over the changes.

### **Changes to General Fund Budget after 3-13-24 Meeting**

Adjustments included:

- Increasing proposed revenue for the Occupancy Tax
- Seastreak visits
- Additional Parking Fines
- Fund balance contributions for storm drains, sidewalks, and eCode
- Revenue adjustments for parking meters

K. Foley commented that two items may need to be added due to FEMA declining to fund the replacement of the generator that runs the sump pump at the Main Street tunnel. The Village is appealing the decision but still may need to buy a generator. The Village also may need to purchase a pump for Cedar Street. The Board discussed options regarding the pump.

M. Ascolillo went over the changes to expenses, which included:

- Shifting the cost of eCode to the fund balance
- A decrease for the MTA tunnel camera assurance plan
- The decrease for the highway laborer including benefits, FICA, and clothing allowance
- A decrease in the per gallon cost for Highway Diesel
- Recalculation of pension expenses
- Increase in benefits for two new full-time employees

M. Ascolillo noted a 3% increase for hourly employees. Negotiations for the PBA need to be factored in.

M. Ascolillo noted that the NYSERDA Grant will need an amount to be included in the 2024-25 budget. L. Bozzi commented that the electric truck and chargers at the water plant, and LED lighting at the Sewer plant, are examples of proposed expenditures.

K. Foley commented that they are waiting for estimates from the architect and DASNY regarding work at the Village Hall. She also noted the need for a Hydrologic and Hydraulic analysis for storm water.

The Board also discussed how to budget for CHIPS, the Trash Pump, the Generator, and the Tree Grant.

### **Water & Sewer Tentative Budget Discussion**

M. Ascolillo noted that the Water & Sewer Budget is balanced. They are separate funds but will be spoken of as one.

Revenue items discussed included:

- Water & Sewer flat rates -no change
- Water & Sewer usage rates – increased approximately 3% each
- Revenue flat rates are based on actual accounts billed
- Revenue Usage is an estimate based on historic usage
- Increased interest rates for both bank accounts
- Fund balance
  - 30K contribution from the Water Fund Balance
  - Dam engineering, hydrants
  - \$44K contribution from Sewer Fund Balance

M. Ascolillo remarked that M. Kroog has noted a need to replace the RAS (Return Activated Sludge) pumps which keep the sewer plant running. The pumps are original to the sewer plant. The fund balance would mostly be used for that project.

### **Expenses**

- Auditors & Liability Insurance estimated increases
- Chemical item prices have increased, plus increase usage due to rain events
- Health Insurance increases due to estimated percentage increase in January plus change in elected insurance coverages
- Most other items remain stable



## **Board Business (continuation)**

### **Request by Hudson River Sloop Clearwater for Empowerment Program @ Dockside Park**

- K. Foley made a motion to approve the request by the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater to hold their Youth Empowerment Programs at Dockside Park on August 2, 2024 and August 16, 2024. L. Bozzi seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

### **Approval of Request for Kids Fishing Day**

- K. Foley made a motion to approve the request for Kids Fishing Day on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Cold Spring Reservoir, the cleaning of debris, stocking of the stream with trout, and the donation of 20 permits to Club members. Seconded by E. Starbuck and passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

### **Authorize Mayor to Sign MOU with Cold Spring Film Society**

- E. Starbuck made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Cold Spring Film Society, dated March 20, 2024, to present a series of films to be screened outdoors this summer at Dockside Park. Seconded by T. Woods and passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

### **Approve Quote for 3-Year Renewal of Firewall Licensing**

- Freimark made a motion to approve the quote for a three-year renewal of Firewall Support and Service with Managed Technologies of New York. The motion was seconded by L. Bozzi and passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

### **Resolution 08-2024 Accepting Results of FY 2022-23 Audit (attached)**

- E. Starbuck made a motion to adopt Resolution #08-2024 Accepting the Results of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Audit conducted by EFPR Group LLP, and seconded by T. Woods. On roll call vote, the motion was passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

### **Approval of Minutes – 2/14/24**

- L. Bozzi made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/14/24 meeting as submitted. A. Freimark seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4-0-1-0 (T. Woods abstained).

### **Approval of Bills**

- E. Starbuck made a motion to approve Batch # 7291 in the amount of \$55,753.08, seconded by T. Woods. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

### **Adjournment**

- K. Foley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by E. Starbuck, and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Submitted by: Kelly Pologe

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Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Date