

**Board of Trustee Workshop**  
**February 3, 2009**

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 7:30 PM at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending: Mayor: Anthony Phillips  
Trustees: Edward T. Mancari  
Gordon Robertson  
Seth Gallagher  
John Teagle

Also: Gregory Phillips, Water Superintendent

Members of the Public: Charles Hustis

G. Phillips presented the **attached** correspondence from Bart Clark of Oakwood Environmental Associates which suggested a revised timeline for the SPDES (State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit inflow and infiltration requirements. In item #4 it was recommended that flow monitoring should be spread out over 3-4 years. Trustee Teagle commented that this study would probably provide the most useful information and questioned the reasons for a multi-year approach. G. Phillips commented that the associated costs are significant (\$1,000/week/meter). G. Phillips also recommended video monitoring in areas known to have increased flows during rain events. The board had no objection to forwarding this information to the NYSDEC.

The Friends of Tots requested use of the village insurance to cover a family dance fundraiser at the VFW Hall on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Robertson will contact our insurance carrier and follow up on this matter.

Trustee Mancari distributed the **attached** NYS Comptroller's Village Budget calendar. A meeting was scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> to begin budget preparation. A memo will be sent to department heads requesting their input.

Trustee Robertson called for a considerable raise in the Mayor's salary in the upcoming budget and was amendable to a 50% decrease in the Trustee's salary to offset this increase. He commented that the Mayor's position is a twenty-four hour seven day per week position. He added that members of the Comprehensive Board put in as much time as the Trustees without any compensation.

Trustee Mancari received correspondence from Dave Rodgers of RBC requesting a change in method used for billing Fireman's Service Award processing fees. He asked for consideration of a proposal with a quarterly fee based on the value of the assets rather than a per transaction charge. The board briefly discussed the current status of these investments. Correspondence will be forwarded to the Village Accountant for review and comment.

Trustee Robertson asked members if they would consider reducing the number of board workshops by one per month. He preferred fewer meetings for a longer period of time, if it was necessary. Possible advantages include fewer administrative costs and an increase in the meeting attendance by village residents.

C. Hustis commented that it was disturbing that the room was empty and he would like to see more public awareness. Trustee Robertson asked him to assist the board as a spokesman.

In other matters, Trustee Robertson stated that he wants to restrict his email to only those items coming from the Village Office. He questioned the legality of a quorum of board members communicating on the internet. He cited a recent incident involving email where his comments were misconstrued. He added that board members are opening themselves to litigation. Also, he preferred that his personal email was not open to FOIL. Trustee Teagle recommended that Trustees have an email address through the village. Lastly, Trustee Robertson asked for a tracking of billable hours for the Village Attorney and recommended that members contact the office and provide the date and time of their communications so that documentation can be added to invoices.

A meeting with Central Hudson has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Central Hudson representatives will be asked for their opinion on the installation of underground utilities.

Trustee Robertson is seeking quotes on insurance coverage.

Mayor Phillips met with representatives of the school to discuss possible partnering opportunities. He commented that the school was quite excited about participating in the tree farm at the wastewater plant.

Trustee Robertson motioned to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues and motion seconded by Trustee Mancari and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk