

Village of Cold Spring  
Board of Trustees workshop  
March 24, 2009

## **Board of Trustees Workshop Meeting**

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**Members Present:** Mayor Phillips, Trustee Seth Gallagher, and Trustee Gordon Robertson and Trustee John Teagle

**Member absent:** Trustee Edward Mancari

Mayor Phillips opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

### **1. Letters of resignation:**

Three letters of resignation were reviewed from the following:

Ransom Taggart

Tom Valentine

George Tompkins

### **2. Special Board Member:**

Trustee G. Robertson moved to accept the appointment of Catherine Square as a Comprehensive Plan Board member. Trustee S. Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **3. Correspondence:**

Letter from Love Management regarding payment of a recent water bill

### **4. New Police Officer:**

Trustee S. Gallagher moved to hire John Lobasso as a part time Village of Cold Spring Police Officer. Trustee G. Robertson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **5. Maintenance and Services:**

Previously the Chamber of Commerce and the Antique Dealers Association agreed to give the village \$500.00 each for upkeep, maintenance and services at the public restroom/ information center. The Village received the \$500.00 from the Antique Dealers Association but, no monies have been received from the Chamber of Commerce.

### **6. Budget Review:**

The Board reviewed the proposed Preliminary General Fund Budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010. The public expressed concern over such items as lighting, police officer clothing, cost of news letter & Christmas lights. A question was asked as to what contractual expenses were. Trustee G. Robertson suggested adding 5% more to increase the insurance since there are issues with the dams in town and Dockside Park will have to have insurance. Mr. Serradas from East Belvedere Street asked the trustees if paving East Belvedere can be included in the budget. Mr. Serradas stated that chemicals from the road are getting into the drinking water. Mr. Serradas stated that he is 99% complete with the signatures he needs to have Belvedere Street dedicated to the Village. The \$250,000 grant money received for lighting and sidewalks is not in the preliminary budget due to the fact that the money will not be released until 2010.

**7. Village News Letter:**

There was a brief discussion over the status of the Village news letter by Trustee G. Robertson and Trustee S. Gallagher. Trustee G. Robertson encouraged the public to sign up for the Village web site stating it is very informative. Trustee J. Teagle recommended continuing the newsletter for the upcoming fiscal year and suggested that all articles should be in by January 1, 2010. Trustee G. Robertson agreed only if the newsletter comes with a phase out option where the newsletter will be published at the Village web site only. No action taken.

**8. Other Board Business:**

- Mayor Phillips suggested to the public if any lights along the Village streets are out it should be reported to the Village so Central Hudson can be contacted to change the bulbs.
- Mayor Phillips thanked the Haldane Central School for donating a diesel tractor to the Village of Cold Spring. A letter of appreciation will be sent to the school board.
- There will be no workshop meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2009.
- The current Christmas lights will not be used again since they can no longer be hung from one pole to another.

**9. Bills:**

Trustee G. Robertson moved to accept the bills for payment. Trustee S. Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

**10. Public Comment:**

Karen & John Dunn, Susan Peehl and Trustee S. Gallagher thanked Mayor Phillips for his 16 years of service and dedication to the Village.

Trustee G. Robertson moved to adjourn the public portion of the meeting to go into executive session for personnel business. Trustee S. Gallagher seconded the motion. The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Valentino