

## Board of Trustee Workshop

April 3, 2012

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, beginning at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending: Mayor Seth Gallagher, Trustees: Charles Hustis, III and Matthew Francisco. Trustees Bruce Campbell and J. Ralph Falloon were absent.

Jon Champlin, President of **Pop Warner Football**, presented a proposal for the installation of a 40 foot pole with four lights at Mayors Park to provide lighting on their night time practices, with Peter Giachinta, Assistant Coach for Pop Warner and partner of Pidala Electric, explaining the installation process.

There are three (3) teams that practice from August 1<sup>st</sup> to the beginning of November. The challenge, as September comes and school opens and the practices move to evenings, is a loss of sunlight earlier each day.

Assistant Coach, Peter Giachinta, has been in contact with Central Hudson. Central Hudson is willing to donate and set a 40 foot telephone pole on the west side of Fair Street just south of the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout. Pop Warner would like to move forward with this offer and purchase and install four (4) lights on the pole. The pole will be set just inside the fence, removing the possibility of a car hitting the pole. These lights would be controlled by key access with the Village of Cold Spring and Pop Warner each having the only keys. Pop Warner would pay for any expenses to get the lights purchased and installed and will pay a yearly fee to the Village to cover any electrical expense that is incurred as well as agreeing to not use the lights after a given time each night.

The pole and lights would be placed in a location as to not interfere with the views of any residents on Grandview Terrace or Fair Street (River Road) and the lights would face toward the river preventing any light spillage towards homes or businesses in the area.

The Village would have access to use the lights for any events they chose to have at Mayors Park that would benefit the community with the lighting (i.e. Relay for Life and July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration).

It is believed that the Village has already approved running an electrical line from the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout down to the southeast corner of Mayors Park to provide a permanent electrical service for events held at Mayors Park. This would entail digging a trench right past where the telephone pole would be installed.

Our proposal, as stated above, would further be that Pop Warner would purchase and install the lighting fixtures which would then be hooked to the electrical line running in the trench.

Attending this workshop were residents from Spring Brook, Fair Street, across from Mayors Park, and Grandview Terrace. Also in attendance were Donald MacDonald and Richard Turner Zoning Board members, and Mike Armstrong, Comprehensive Plan Board member.

Some of the concerns of the residents were the position of the pole; the position of the lights causing light spillage; additional traffic and parking problems; additional use of lighting other than that of Pop Warner

causing electrical usage expense being put on the taxpayers; decrease in real property values: the baseball teams using the lights, and conformance to the Comprehensive Plan.

Position of the Pole and Lights: Jon Champlin and Peter Giachinta will put in a stake where they think the pole should go causing the least interference with the homes. The lights can be moved so as to cause the least glare. They can be adjusted at any time even after they have been installed.

Additional Traffic and Parking Problems: There is a great deal of congestion when Pop Warner is playing their games on Sundays, but there is very little congestion during practice hours.

Additional Use of Lighting other than that of Pop Warner: All organizations and individuals requesting the use of Mayors Park must submit an application to the Recreation Board. The Recreation Board will have control of whom and how many times Mayors Park is in use. Park rules state that there is a 9:00 pm curfew.

Decrease in Property Value: It is unlikely that this will have any bearing on real property value.

Baseball Teams using the Lights: Poles set for baseball must be 80 feet high. The proposed pole will not give enough light to light up the field for baseball.

Conformance to the Comprehensive Plan: Mike Armstrong said that this is well within the boundaries of the Comprehensive Plan.

A request was received by the Mayor and Village Board from the **Nelsonville Fish & Fur Club** for the use of the reservoir on Fishkill Road for the Kids' Fishing Derby on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 4 pm with the issuance of a Certificate of Insurance from Powers and Haar.

Trustee Hustis made a motion to approve the request from the Fish and Fur Club for the use of the reservoir on Fishkill Road for the Kids' Fishing Derby on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 4 pm, seconded by Trustee Francisco. The motion was approved unanimously.

A request was received from **Michele Hanna** for a vendor's permit to sell flowers on April 7 and 8, 2012 in front of The Nest on Route 9D (Chestnut Street).

Trustee Hustis made a motion to approve the request from Ms. Hanna for a vendor's permit to sell flowers on April 7 and 8, 2012 in front of The Nest on Route 9D, seconded by Trustee Francisco. The motion was approved unanimously.

The bills were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Hustis to approve payment of the bills. Trustee Francisco seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the motion was carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Falloon