

**Village of Cold Spring
Board of Trustees Workshop
April 11, 2013**

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Cold Spring held a public hearing on Thursday, April 11, 2013 for a rate increase for Sewer usage beginning at 7:00 pm and for the tentative Village budget for 2013/2014 beginning at 7:15 pm both at the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Board members attending were Trustees Bruce Campbell, Charles Hustis, III, Matthew Francisco, Stephanie Hawkins and Mayor J. Ralph Falloon.

Greg Phillips, Superintendent of Water and Wastewater, presented information on the reasons to consider a flat rate increase of \$4.00 per household per quarter for the sewer usage.

The key points for consideration in the current proposal are:

- Replacement of the Pump Station at Market Street at an approximate cost of \$100,000;
- Inflow and Infiltration – identification and correction at an approximate cost of \$445,000; and
- Aeration and Electrical System Upgrade at an approximate cost of 1.45 million dollars.

Point 1 - Generally, the Village should break even on the funds set aside for the Market Street pump station.

Points 2 & 3 - Due to the current age, condition, code violations and life threatening safety issues of the existing equipment, it is imperative that this system be replaced.

A motion to close the public hearing for the proposed sewer rate increase was made by Trustee Hustis, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote. The approval of this increase is scheduled for April 23, 2013.

At 7:15, the public hearing was opened for review and comment of the tentative Village 2013/2014 budget.

A budget message was received from Mayor Falloon. Following is an excerpt. (*A complete copy is attached.*)

There are three major funds for the Village of Cold Spring:

GENERAL FUND:

The majority of the Village services, including police, garbage and recycling collection, and sidewalk and road maintenance are paid for through this fund. Revenues and expenditures are identified by the Letter A before the account number.

WATER FUND:

This fund pays for all the expenses related to the running of the water system and is funded by the usage and flat rate fees paid by the individuals that use the water system. Revenues and expenditures are identified by the letter F before the account number.

SEWER FUND:

Similar to the Water Fund, this fund pays for all of the expenses related to the sewer system and is funded by the usage and flat rate fees paid by the individuals that use the sewer system. Revenues and expenditures are identified by the letter G before the account number.

Following are some changes noted this evening. A00-1010-140 Trustee Newsletter – This has been eliminated due to the time constraints on the Village Clerk.

Mayor Falloon has declined the raise of \$2,000 that was given to the previous Mayor last year – A00-1210-100. He stated that he has received a raise moving up from Trustee to Mayor and feels that the additional monies are not necessary at this time. He also declined the \$2,500 allowance for Budget Officer – A00-1340-100.

A00-7110-400 Parks & Recreation- Repairs and Improvements: This was budgeted for \$7,000 based on an estimate from Pidala Electric to upgrade the utility poles for the installation of Christmas lights as per Central Hudson. Because Central Hudson has changed some of its upgrades to accommodate the Village, the cost will be less than \$4,500 to update.

A00-7510-100 Historic Board Personal Services. This item has a matching grant from the state.

A00-8710-100 Energy Conservation and Environment Commission Chairman – Personal Services: Trustee Hustis has declined to accept this stipend. He would like it to be re-budgeted to the improvement of sidewalks.

The Board agreed to purchase a new computer for the board room for a cost of \$700.

The Tentative Fireman's Service Award expenses have changed from \$70,000 to \$61,287 and the total to be raised by taxation has changed from \$51,768 to \$43,055.

Trustee Hustis made a motion to accept the change to the Fireman's Service Award, seconded by Trustee Francisco, with a unanimous vote to carry the motion.

There were no additional comments or questions regarding the water/sewer budget based on the presentation by Greg Phillips at the public hearing which began this evening at 7:00 pm.

The public hearing for the tentative budget was closed with the voting on the budget scheduled for April 23, 2013.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Falloon