

Village of Cold Spring

Board of Trustees Workshop

April 15, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending were Mayor J. Ralph Falloon, Trustees Bruce Campbell, Stephanie Hawkins and Michael Bowman along with Accountant Ellen Mageean, and Attorney Nancy Tagliaferro. Trustee Cathryn Fadde was absent.

Mayor Falloon read the public notice regarding the **Budget** Hearing scheduled for tonight's meeting. He then read his Budget Message.

Ms. Mageean pointed out an error on the tentative budget:

A00-7510-400 Historic Board Contractual CHANGE FROM \$400.00 TO \$600.00.

A00-1990-400 Contingent Account CHANGE FROM \$7,500.00 TO \$7,300.00.

The budget will be put on the agenda for April 22 for final review. It must be adopted by May 1, 2014.

Public Comment regarding the budget

Mike Armstrong suggested 3 points:

1. Consider consolidating the Police Department with the Putnam County Sheriffs' Department;
2. Split the garbage collection from the general fund and put on a user fee basis; and
3. Initiate the budget process earlier each year with discussions on the Comprehensive Plan and its goals and objectives.

After a short discussion regarding some questions, Trustee Hawkins made a motion to close the public meeting seconded by Trustee Bowman. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Falloon read the public notice regarding the **proposed sewer flat rate increase of \$9.00 per unit per quarter**. The purpose of this increase is to cover the costs of the upgrade to the sewer plant. There have not been any major repairs/upgrades on the main system since 1972 and there are "life threatening safety issues".

After public comment, Trustee Hawkins made a motion to close the public hearing on the waste water increase, seconded by Trustee Bowman. The public hearing was closed with a unanimous vote.

Jennifer Zwarich, village resident and Chair of the Tree Advisory Committee, offered a power point presentation on the draft Tree Management Plan. This plan is in reference to trees planted on Village property only. The committee, comprised of 11 volunteers, proposes tapping into volunteer energy and making it more organized and establishing a permanent tree commission dedicated to finding sources of revenue to assist with the care of public trees.

The following resolution was presented to the Board from Accountant Ellen Mageean:

Resolution #:2014-14

Moved by: Trustee Stephanie

Seconded by: Trustee Bowman

Resolved that (1) The Board of Trustees of The Village of Cold Spring hereby approves the following Budget Adjustment(s) for the 2013/2014 fiscal year:

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| (1) | To: | A00-1560-000 | Bldg/Fire: Permit Fees | \$100.00 |
| | To: | A00-3620-400 | Building Inspector: Contractual | \$100.00 |
| | | | To increase the building inspector budget for purchase of a battery backup surge protector | |
| (2) | To: | A00-3389-000 | Other Public Safety (revenue) | \$1,300.00 |
| | To: | A00-3120-420 | Police: Telephone & Radio (revenue) | \$1,300.00 |
| | | | To increase the budget for the purchase of the police radios with grant money | |
| (3) | To: | A00-1620-400 | Shared Services: Contractual | \$3,000.00 |
| | To: | A00-1620-411 | Shared Services: Heating | \$1,000.00 |
| | To: | A00-1640-410 | Shared Services: Restroom | \$300.00 |
| | From: | A00-1620-100 | Shared Services: Personal Services | \$4,300.00 |
| | | | To reallocate the shared services budget to cover additional heating costs and the cost for offsite backup for all of the computers. | |
| (4) | To: | A00-3120-400 | Police: Vehicle repairs | \$100.00 |
| | From: | A00-3120-120 | Parking Enforcement: Personal Services | \$100.00 |
| | | | To reallocate the police budget for purchase of tires for police car. | |
| (5) | To: | A00-3410-412 | Fire Department: Heating Oil/Service | \$4,000.00 |
| | From: | A00-3410-460 | Fire: Building Repairs | \$2,100.00 |
| | From: | A00-1990-400 | Contingent Account | \$1,900.00 |
| | | | To increase the fire department budget for additional heating costs. | |
| (6) | To: | A00-5110-410 | Highway Street Maint: Supplies & Materials | \$500.00 |
| | To: | A00-5110-413 | Highway Street Maint: Oil/Service | \$1,000.00 |
| | From: | A00-5110-400 | Highway Street Maint: Resurface | \$1,000.00 |
| | From: | A00-5110-420 | Highway Street Maint: Equipment Repair | \$500.00 |
| | | | To reallocate the Highway budget for additional heating expenses and repairs to rail in subway tunnel. | |
| (7) | To: | A00-5142-100 | Snow Removal: Personal Services | \$2,759.00 |
| | To: | A00-8170-100 | Street Cleaning: Personal Services | \$1,000.00 |
| | To: | A00-8160-100 | Garbage: Personal Services | \$2,700.00 |
| | From: | A00-5110-100 | Highway Street Maint: Personal Services | \$4,459.00 |
| | From: | A00-8160-100 | Recycling: Personal Services | \$1,000.00 |
| | From: | A00-8540-100 | Storm Drain: Personal Services | \$1,000.00 |
| | | | To reallocate the highway department salaries. | |
| (8) | To: | A00-5182-400 | Street Lights: Contractual General Street Lights | \$6,500.00 |
| | From: | A00-7140-100 | Recreation: Personal Service | \$4,500.00 |
| | From: | A00-7140-460 | Recreation: Christmas Decorations | \$2,000.00 |
| | | | To increase the street lights budget to cover the cost of outlets for the Christmas Decorations. | |

And (2) The accountant is hereby authorized to transfer such funds immediately.

On roll call vote:

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| Trustee Stephanie Hawkins voted: | YES |
| Trustee Bruce Campbell voted: | YES |
| Trustee Michael Bowman voted: | YES |
| Trustee Cathryn Fadde voted: | ABSENT |
| Mayor Ralph Falloon voted: | YES |

Resolution officially adopted on Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Mary Saari-Village Clerk/Treasurer

Correspondence

Robert McCaffery, representing Abselhady Hussein, M, known as Jimmy of Silver Spoon Café, asked how to proceed with the purchase of the front porch at 124 Main Street. Jimmy has been serving customers on the porch since he opened the restaurant.

The Board had a discussion with Ms. Tagliaferro regarding the legal end of this and it was determined that it would take about four (4) weeks to process the sale. However, the board agreed that he could continue the work to the front porch that he has committed to. Mayor Falloon will notify Jimmy of this decision.

Michele Hanna requested permission to sell flowers on State Route 9D across from DP Mart between April 19 and May 19, 2014 as she has done previously for a number of years.

Trustee Hawkins made a motion to approve Michele Hanna's request to sell flowers from April 19 through May 19, 2014. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bowman and carried with a unanimous vote.

Letter from Steven and Katherine Marino:

My wife Katherine and I consent to an extension of 30 days for the Board's review of our response to the Grove RFP. There are still outstanding issues being considered both by the Board and our family, including the proposed tax abatement law and disposition of the underground fuel tank....

Email sent to Village Clerk, Mary Saari from Stephen Sussman, Envirotrac:

Per my visit with Chuck Dusel from URS to your office yesterday afternoon regarding the property on the northeast corner of New Street & West Street attached is a road opening permit in the event it is needed. We concluded that there would be enough grass area in the right of way that we would not need to disturb the sidewalk concrete area or be on the private property of Unicorn Contracting. As discussed you mentioned you would bring this to the attention of the Board this evening to review. We would only need to access approximately 1 foot area just off the curb to perform the work we are doing. The work is planned for Wednesday morning. Please contact Chuck or myself regarding the outcome of the Board meeting.

Ann Bouchard, assistant clerk for the Village, asked if Food Town, billed for 3 units of water and sewer for their space, should now be billed for an additional unit for the adjacent space previously used by the United States Post Office as they will be taking over that space.

Greg Phillips, Superintendent of Water and Sewer, said that they should be billed for the 4 units because they will be using that space.

A motion was made by Trustee Hawkins to charge Food Town for 4 units of sewer and water, seconded by Trustee Bowman. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Public Comment

Beth Siegler and James Hartford asked if there was a procedure in place for purchasing their front porches which, at this time, belong to the Village. This is not unusual as many of the porches, where the houses were built with no setbacks are owned by the Village. Mayor Falloon and Board agreed that they will talk with Attorney Michael Liguori and put a procedure in place for future potential purchasers.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully

Sandra L. Falloon