

**Minutes Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees Meeting  
October 14, 2014**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY beginning at 7:30 pm.

Attending: Mayor J. Ralph Falloon, and Trustees: Stephanie Hawkins, Bruce Campbell, Michael Bowman and Cathryn Fadde

Also: Michael Liguori, Village Attorney; Ellen Mageean, Village Accountant; William Bujarski, Building Inspector  
Members of the public

Mayor Falloon opened the meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Resolution #:2014-28**

Moved by: Stephanie Hawkins  
Seconded by: Cathryn Fadde

*Resolved that (1)* The Board of Trustees of The Village of Cold Spring hereby approves the following Budget Adjustment(s) for the 2014/2015 fiscal year:

(1)	To:	A00-5110-200	Highway Street Maintenance	\$4,825.00
	From:	A00-3120-400	Police – Equipment	\$3,000.00
	From:	A00-5142-200	Snow Removal Equipment	\$1,825.00
			<b>To reallocate the budget for the payment related to the purchase of the Bobcat</b>	

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

On roll call vote:

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

Resolution officially adopted on: October 14, 2014  
Mary Saari-Village Clerk/Treasurer

## Financial Highlights

- A review of financial statements and any audit findings with the village board will be scheduled for a date in December.
- During the month of September the State of New York deposited approximately \$50,000 in village accounts. This amount was related to the following:  
\$29,600 from FEMA for hazard mitigation costs related to the relocation of the West Street pump station. The total amount of the grant is \$109,000.  
\$18,700 from the state related to revenue sharing. The Village had budgeted \$16,500 which leaves a \$2,177 surplus in that line item.
- The village received a check for the sale of the Grove in the amount of \$5,000.
- The accountant is setting up a date for Noah Nadelson from Munistat Services to talk to the board about bond anticipation notes currently outstanding in the water and sewer funds and issuing bonds for general fund projects.

A computer upgrade proposal for Windows XP remediation was received from Managed Technologies of NY, Inc. It was proposed to split the project over two fiscal years with funds for this year's expenditure taken from the sale of The Grove or unspent funds in the NYS Retirement budget line. This matter was scheduled for future discussion.

## WATER AND WASTEWATER

The Upper and Lower Reservoirs are at 65% capacity. A 40,000 gallon/ day leak in the distribution system was repaired at the end of September.

The NYSDEC has approved a proposal to utilize coagulant for sludge bagging. The relocation of the West Street pump station controls, electrical service and emergency generator is being reviewed by Putnam County Department of Health Engineering.

Trustee Bowman moved to institute a voluntary ban on outdoor water use and seconded by Trustee Fadde and unanimously approved.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Bujarski urged the board to review Chapter 40 of the village code with regards to permit duration and renewals. Further, he observed an increase in Main Street signage and urged the board to revisit the sign ordinance. Board review of these code sections was scheduled for 10/28.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The department was satisfied with the resurfacing of Grandview Terrace and Parrott Street by Intercounty Paving. Trustee Bowman called for removing a recently created parking area adjacent to the Cedar Street Cemetery as this is a liability for the village. Further, we are unsure of the cemetery border and the village doesn't need to solve Haldane School's parking problem. Mayor Falloon explained that the goal was to relieve the burden on residents living around the school and that the parking area was aligned with a previously established rock border. Mayor Falloon will follow up with a Putnam County Cemetery representative.

## POLICE AND JUSTICE COURT

The department provided an additional officer for foot patrol during the weekend of September 27<sup>th</sup>. OIC Kane asked for reading a portion of the police report in executive session which included the resume of a candidate for part- time police officer. It was determined that the board would first review this candidate's qualifications and schedule discussion next week. Attorney Liguori will provide a quote for updating the police department code of conduct manual.

The Justice Court collected \$4,932 during the month of September.

## ADDITIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS

Recreation- Trustee Campbell moved to approve an application for use of Mayor's park pavilion on 10/18/2014 and seconded by Trustee Hawkins and unanimously approved. The board had no objections to changing the Tree Lighting ceremony to Saturday, December 6th to coordinate with the Cold Spring by Candlelight event.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a continued public hearing on an application for a variance for a 6' metal fence at 15 Parrott Street.

The Planning Board met 9/17 and agreed to forward the Butterfield site plan to the HDRB for its review. At the same meeting four of five members expressed frustration about their inability to make changes to the mass and scale of the Butterfield Development project during site plan review because the adopted B4A zoning amendment and concept plan foretold the size of the buildings allowed by law. Planning Board members said that during SEQRA of the B4A zoning amendment, members were told to wait until site plan review to address their concerns about mass and scale.

The mayor and board received confidential correspondence from Attorney Georgiou today which addressed questions regarding the Planning Board's authority during site plan review. As some members of the Village Board didn't have an opportunity to read this letter, it was agreed to schedule a review of this correspondence at their next workshop.

Town of Philipstown- The Fjord trail is moving forward. Trustee Campbell will follow up with the Recreation Commission to assure that their concerns about parking have been adequately addressed.

HDRB workshops are scheduled for two projects: consideration of design proposals for the Butterfield Redevelopment and 24 Paulding Avenue to restore a third story on a residence previously damaged by fire.

Putnam County- Trustee Fadde delivered a \$7,500 check from Putnam County for solar compacting refuse receptacles. There was discussion about whether these monies were specifically targeted for this expenditure or budgeted for refuse removal. Mayor Falloon will follow up with the accountant. Putnam County has been approached for assistance with the Main Street holiday lighting project and computer upgrades.

Fire Company- Trustee Bowman read the **attached** correspondence from the Cold Spring Fire Company seeking board assistance to locate grant monies for a new firehouse. Also, there was discussion on the burdens placed on the departments' resources for rescue of lost or injured hikers within state parks.

Parking Committee will be gathering data to support the village's request to Assemblywoman Galef to introduce legislation authorizing an extension of the village's residential parking district. The committee requested board consideration of removing

non-code dependent signs. Lastly, the group asked for removal of the markings restricting parking adjacent to town hall. Trustee Campbell reported that the NYSDOT safety team visited this site and offered that the markings are in compliance with state regulations and they may recommend extending this no parking area.

The lighting committee received estimates from five companies for holiday wreaths. After viewing samples on Main Street poles, they selected a product that has 170 LED lights per wreath, at a price of \$400.00 each. Trustee Fadde thanked the all who generously donated to this effort. The final quote from Pidala Electric for wiring is \$7,600.

Tree Advisory Committee- discussion between the village board and members of the committee on the draft tree ordinance is scheduled for 10/28.

#### REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The board scheduled the following workshops:

10/21 public restroom maintenance

11/4 establishing a standard set of criteria for considering docking applications

The board discussed the following items: instituting work orders, progress on repairs to The Grove, Fjord signage project and developing master plan for signage, NYSERDA scope of work, developing a resolution setting forth the terms and conditions for the zoning update committee, state requirement that the village code aligns with the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan, update on NYSERDA Grant contract.

A request to reserve parking spaces for eight high-end luxury vehicles for two hours on Main Street was considered. After discussion, it was agreed to suggest parking at Mayor's park or Depot Square.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Falloon thanked the Philipstown Garden Club for their efforts to improve the signage and plantings at the northern entrance to the village.

NYS Unified Court System requested a copy of the most recent examination of the local court records. Trustee Campbell will perform an audit. Trustees Hawkins and Fadde offered to assist.

Jim Haywood, representing the management company for the Springbrook Condominiums, inquired about the village's responsibility for maintenance of the brook running through their property. Michael Liguori advised that the village didn't have any maintenance obligations.

Availability of Arbor Day Community Grants of up to \$1,000 was announced.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Falloon read the **attached** legal notice regarding winter parking regulations. Trustee Hawkins moved to post notice and seconded by Trustee Fadde. After discussion, Trustee Hawkins rescinded the prior motion and moved to post notice, subject to a change in the phone number, and Trustee Fadde seconded and unanimously carried.

#### RESOLUTION #29-2014

WHEREAS, the Village of Cold Spring has on-street parking regulations which limit or prohibit on-street parking at certain times and locations; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cold Spring conducts snow clearing on its streets during winter months; and

WHEREAS, snow clearing activity in the vicinity of Marion Avenue and Benedict Road could be better conducted and coordinated with local residents if the Village's on-street parking regulations are suspended on the dead end portion of Marion Avenue south of Benedict Road to allow parked vehicles to remain thereon; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Village Board of the Village of Cold Spring hereby suspends on-street parking regulations for the dead end portion of Marion Avenue south of Benedict Road until April 15, 2015; and

2. A copy of this resolution shall be posted at Village Hall and provided to the Village Police Department forthwith.

Trustee Hawkins presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Trustee Fadde,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Bruce D. Campbell, Trustee, voting YES

Stephanie Hawkins, Trustee, voting YES

Michael Bowman, Trustee, voting YES

Cathryn Fadde, Trustee, voting YES

J. Ralph Falloon, Mayor, voting YES

Resolution approved by a vote of 5-0 on October 14, 2014.

The next monthly meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm due to Veterans' Day holiday.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Weissbrod asked for clarification on reasons for executive session and requested additional details on attorney correspondence related to Butterfield development. Further, he called for consideration of quality of life issues in review of requests.

Frank Haggerty shared that site plan review should be allowed and if there is confusion or uncertainty in the law then the board should deliberate on the law.

With no further public comment, Trustee Fadde moved to adjourn and seconded by Trustee Campbell and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk