

**MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 8, 2016**

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held their regular monthly meeting immediately after a public hearing on a local law to address metered parking.

All board members attending the workshop attended the monthly meeting.

Also attending: Ellen Mageean, Village Accountant; Gregory Phillips, Water & Wastewater Superintendent

MONTHLY REPORTS

The Recreation Commission had preliminary discussions with an engineer to explore the possibility of using discharge from the wastewater treatment facility to irrigate Mayor's Park field.

Robert Flaherty, Town of Philipstown Councilman, announced that the town and village boards scheduled discussion on building department consolidation.

The Historic District Review Board continues to work on revisions to Chapter 64 of the Village Code. An updated application has been developed and will be forwarded to the Village Board and Village Attorney for comment.

The Tree Advisory Board (TAB) prepared an information sheet for tree professionals wishing to be considered for work in the village. The board proposed a small tree pit improvement project including lining the tree pit with a Belgian block border and possible iron surround. The board had no objection to the TAB seeking quotes for materials. Labor for this project will be donated.

During the month of February, the Code Update Committee reached consensus on the topic of Detached Garage Standards. The topic of Permitted Use will be completed in March. The topics of Accessory Apartment Standards and Overnight Accommodation Standards are being addressed. The committee hopes to conduct a public meeting by the end of April.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Ms. Mageean provided responses to questions posed at the February 1, 2016 board meeting. The following comments/changes were made to the 2016/2017 preliminary general fund budget:

A00-1620-400 Shared Services Contractual increased to \$10,600.

A00-2376 Putnam Refuse/Garbage County Aid to remain unchanged.

No changes made to either Police Computer Technology or Police Equipment lines. The board requested additional information from the Police Department.

A00-8540-410 Storm Drain Supplies increase to \$8,500 for purchase of catch basins for Bank Street drainage improvements, required prior to resurfacing.

A00-5110-420 Street Maintenance Equipment decrease by \$3,500 and transfer this amount to A00-8160-410 Garbage and Recycling Truck Repair.

Follow up regarding recreation improvements and lawn care.

The current general fund balance is \$463,207 and \$150,000 is dedicated to the village portion of the Main Street project.

A00-1410-100 increased to \$65,000 for retiring personnel.

Merge Attorney Contractual and Attorney Special lines.
Building Inspector revenues and expenses set at \$24,000.
Follow up with the Chamber of Commerce for support of public restroom maintenance.

Greg Phillips provided highlights of the 2016/2017 Water and Sewer Fund budgets as follows:

F00-8320-420 Source of Supply Dam Engineering increased to \$110,00 related to expenses for the design phase of the upper reservoir dam repair. This expense will be taken from the water fund balance.
F00-8330-230 Purification Sludge Disposal increased due to plans for more frequent hauling of sludge.
F00-8330-430 Purification Electricity increased to \$23,000 based upon this years' experience.
F00-8340-400 Transmission & Distribution Contractual increased to \$12,000 for replacement of hydrants on Morris Avenue, Chestnut Ridge and Garden Street.

G00-8120-415 Sanitary Sewer Equipment Repair monies are targeted for Kemble Avenue pump station repairs.

G00-8120-417 Sanitary Sewer- Repairs. The department plans to clean and inspect basin in the northeast portion of the village to determine areas of inflow and infiltration.

G00-8130-200 Treatment & Disposal Equipment increased to \$5,000 related to pump repairs.

G00-8130-411 Treatment & Disposal Sludge Management increased to \$30,000 related to changes in systems at the wastewater plant.

G00-8130-430 Treatment/ Disposal Electricity Plant decreased by \$13,000 related to expected efficiencies of the new aeration system.

G00-8130-480 Treatment/Disposal Buildings & Grounds increased by \$3,000 to improve lighting in a section of the plant property.

Bank balances were reviewed. Ms. Mageean suggested placing donations for trees, Independence Day celebration and holiday lighting in the Trust & Agency fund. Donations will be easier to track and this transfer will alleviate public concerns about monies incorporated into the general fund.

WATER AND WASTEWATER MONTHLY REPORT

A meeting is scheduled with the NYCDEP to discuss their next draft of the water supply agreement.

An emergency repair to a sludge pump was performed on February 12th. Scott Monroe, Charles Norton and Peter Giachinta of Pidala Electric were thanked for their work to restore operations.

G. Phillips will be seeking recommendations from the Tree Advisory Board on screening for the new building.

A request for a new connection to the sewer system to accommodate two single-family homes planned for property located east of the Cedar Street extension. The connection would involve installation of a line on Cedar Street and connecting to Mountain Avenue. Although the installation will be undertaken by the applicant, there were questions about the future ownership and responsibility for this line from the manhole out. Greg Phillips will follow up and additional discussion will be scheduled for later this month.

Code Enforcement -no report

Highway Department- no report

POLICE AND JUSTICE COURT

The Police Department issued 55 moving violations, 31 parking violations and handled 54 calls for service. The Justice Court collected \$9,970 during the month of February.

RESOLUTION #10-2016

WHEREAS, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that towns and village justices annually provide their court records to their respective town and village auditing boards, and that such records be examined and audited; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cold Spring Auditing Committee conducted an audit of the court records for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the results of this audit were submitted to the Village Board of Trustees at a public meeting held on March 8, 2016;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees accepts the report of the audit of Justice Court records and instructs the clerk to forward the findings to the NYS Office of Court Administration as required.

Trustee Michael Bowman moved the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Trustee Cathryn Fadde.

On roll call vote:

- Frances Murphy, Trustee voting YES
- Marie Early, Trustee voting YES
- Michael Bowman, Trustee voting YES
- Cathryn Fadde, Trustee voting YES
- Dave Merandy, Mayor voting YES

Resolution officially adopted at a public meeting held on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 5-0.

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees on March 8, 2016.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mayor Merandy met with David Chiusano, of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to discuss the lack of progress at the remediation site on New Street. The DEC is currently negotiating with the contractor as the quantity of stone encountered exceeded expectations. It is anticipated that there will be a delay in the date of completion but the project will not extend into the summer.

Trustee Murphy is exploring options for employee benefits.
Trustee Early is currently working on aligning the Nelsonville fire protection contract with Town agreement.

Bids were received for the Main Street project and are currently being reviewed by CHA. It is expected that the low bid for the Main Street & Furnace Street improvements will be accepted. The bid alternate for work on Fishkill Avenue exceeded the budget and will not be awarded.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Tea Shop & Film Company requested permission to film within the village utilizing a camera on a tripod and a drone. The board approved of this application pending payment of \$500 and providing a FAA approved license.

Peggy Schatzle copied Mayor Merandy on correspondence submitted to Diana Bowers, Haldane Superintendent expressing concern about parking and traffic congestion in the residential area near the school. Mayor Merandy will follow up with OIC Kane and the Parking Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Bowman moved to appoint Joseph Curto and Katie Hendrix to the Recreation Commission and seconded by Trustee Fadde and unanimously carried.

The board agreed to table approval of lawn care quotes, pending additional information.

Trustee Fadde moved to approve payment of the audited bills, Batch # 3477 in the amount of \$22,605.61. Motion seconded by Trustee Early and unanimously carried.

FOIL APPEAL

Trustee Fadde moved to release information requested in a recent FOIL demand that was denied by the Cold Spring Police as an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Motion seconded by Trustee Bowman and unanimously carried.

Trustee Bowman moved that Justice Costello is acting as counsel in an Article 78 proceeding for himself and Cathy Costello and that letters agreeing to this have been received from both parties; motion seconded by Mayor Merandy and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Zwarich asked what the board intends to do with the Fishkill Avenue drainage since this project is not being funded with the Main Street project. She stated that drainage is at an unacceptable level and damaging properties.

With no further business before the board, Mayor Merandy moved to adjourn and seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk