

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2006**

Present: Mayor Cohen, Trustee Seymour, Trustee Gilfeather, Trustee Blundell, Trustee Thayer; absent.

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Blundell made a motion to approve the minutes from November 6, 2006 and November 15th – Bond expansion board meeting. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen read the Treasurer's report: General fund, \$ 68,476.76, Water \$ 16,239.59, T & A \$ 623.70, Resource Recovery \$ 5676.52, Petty Cash \$ 50.00, Village Green \$ 3887.24 – bills to be paid: General \$ 173,615.37, Water \$ 5294.47, T & A \$ 1419.97, Resource Recovery \$ 4761.04. Trustee Blundell made a motion to accept this report. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Red Hook Central School represented by: New Supervisor Paul Finch, Bruce Martin and Marc Phelan were present to discuss new roofs on all three schools. Photos were submitted that showed serious damage to the roofs. The roofs are currently 30 years old and have been repaired several times due to serious leaks. At this point the roofs do not meet energy codes and have asbestos. The cost of this project is 14.95 million dollars, which after state aid this will cost tax payers \$.08 per thousand. A home that is assessed for \$ 300,000.00 will have a tax increase of \$ 24.00 per year. This is a three year project. Mayor Cohen is in favor of this project as long as there is a project manager. Mr. Finch assured the board that there will be a project manager.

POLICE

Mayor Cohen read the police report for the month of November:

80 Registered complaints, 104 uniform traffic tickets, 35 parking tickets, 13 accidents investigated, 7 arrests, 1727 miles patrolled.

HIGHWAY

No report available other than leaf pick up is complete for the season.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Seymour read the planning and zoning report for the month of November:

2 building permits issued 4 certificates of occupancy, 2 municipal searches, 1 order to remedy, 10 inspections. \$ 1029.99 was collected in fees for this month.

VILLAGE GREEN

Village Green met to discuss spring plantings. No other report available.

WATER

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of November: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, met with representatives of Red Hook Commons, Senior Housing Project to review water tap, month usage was 255, 467. Arvine Coon met with Ken Kearney of Red Hook Commons to discuss a water easement to loop water into Rt. 9 water. There will be a water rate increase discussion at the January meeting.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of November: commingle 5.6 T @ \$ 114.25, no cardboard, newspaper 10.55 T @ \$ 108.32, garbage 26.09 T @ \$ 2144.60. Trustee Blundell is looking for garbage manpower.

Trustee Seymour thanks Trustee Blundell on the successful Winterfest – over 1000 people attended the festivities.

RESOLUTION-CENTRAL HUDSON LIGHTING-MORGAN'S WAY/LAURA LANE

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion adding Morgan's Way and Laura Lane to the Village Central Hudson lighting which the Village is responsible for paying. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

VILLAGE HALL RENOVATIONS

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to approve the following low bids for the Village Hall renovations: General contractor- Ferrari and Sons, Inc., HVAC- CB Strain, Plumbing-Nor'easter Heating and Cooling, Electrical-All Bright Electric, ACM Abatement-Edgeco Environmental. At a total cost of \$ 2,031,781.00. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

A letter was submitted from the Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce with some concerns: shrub grooming, signage, parking 2-3 hour parking and a bench. Mayor Cohen would like to table this discussion until the spring.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to approve a new and revised Procurement policy. Submitted was an abstract of the Village of Red Hook's bidding and quoting procedure, Village of Red Hook Policy for procurement not subject to bidding requirements as per General Municipal Law 103- effective January 2, 1992, and Village of Red Hook purchase order procedure. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor. These new procedure will be implemented in January.

Trustee Seymour stated that fire safety and property maintenance inspections must be completed and on a regular schedule. This will be contingent with approval from the Village Attorney.

Trustee Blundell inquired on availability of crosswalk. Mayor Cohen stated that they will be repainted in the spring by the state.

Officer Rex Maine was present and advised the board to dismiss rumors that Mr. Maine is still living in Red Hook.

A request from Janet Mill (school crossing guard) was submitted requesting more money for a hat and coat – the village board denied this request due to the fact that there has already been a \$ 200.00 uniform check issued for this year.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to pay bills after audit. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Seymour made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer