VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JULY 2, 2007

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Cohen, Trustee Gilfeather, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Kovalchik

Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to accept the minutes from June 4th Village Board meeting, June 21 public hearing, June 21st Special Board meeting. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General $402,393.25; Water fund $142.56; T & A $623.70; Resource Recovery $7715.60; Petty Cash $40.00; Village Green $3887.24. Bills to be paid: General $188,931.25, Water $7262.64, T & A $1740.41, Resource Recovery $6262.66.

1. RED HOOK PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTATION

   Barry Ramage presented the Village Board with a presentation of New York State Law Chapter 414. Which allows a separate line item on each tax to be singled out specifically for a library tax? Burt Fraleigh from the Library Board and Mary Ann Eagan the Library Librarian were also present. For a household assessed at the Red Hook average of $ 300,000, the tax increase would be $ 69.00 per year. Based on a tax increase of $ 01/$1,000 assessed value for every $ 10,000 increase in the Village Town budget. This will be a special vote where the tax payers will decide how much to tax for library services. The Library building is over 100 years old and has recently undergone some repairs along with exterior painting and an expansion of the parking lot in the rear of the library. Extra funds would allow the library to purchase new computers and create a computer area and expand the children area. Trustee Kovalchik questioned if the building should be compliant. Mr. Ramage stated that the library had an evaluation done and as long as there is no major construction done they are grandfathered in. Trustee Trapp asked how much this would impact the Village appropriation and Mayor Cohen stated that the library assessment would have a negative impact on the Village budget of approximately $ 4,500.00.

POLICE

Officer Jared Griffin read the police report for the month of June 2007: 76 registered complaints, 104 uniform traffic tickets, 9 parking tickets, 15 accidents investigated, 5 arrests, miles patrolled date not available. Officer Griffin stated that the police department is in need of a new radar unit. The Village Police Department currently has three units. A new unit would cost anywhere from $1,200-1,300. Mayor Cohen would like to talk to the Village of Tivoli in hopes for some money to fund a new unit. Mayor Cohen mad a motion to appoint two part time police officers: 1st Danielle Gray – seconded by Trustee Trapp, 2nd John Palmucci – seconded by Trustee Kovalchik. All were in favor. Both new hires were recommended by the police department hiring committee. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion for Officer Griffin and Officer Cole to enroll as members with the Dutchess County Associations of Chiefs of Police at a cost of $ 200.00. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

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HIGHWAY

Trustee Kovalchik read the highway report for the month of June:

1. Submitted correspondence of June 20, 2007 were sent to Red Hook Central School officials outlining the Joint Village/School District Community Project of painting/customizing trash receptacles for community events, signed by David Cohen, Brent Kovalchik, and Dan Streib. Letters were sent to: Paul Finch (Superintendent's Office); Marc Phelan (Director of Facilities); Board of Education; Roy Paisley (Principal, Red Hook High School); Steve Chaiken (Principal, Linden Avenue Middle School) and Brian Boyd (Principal, Mill Road Elementary School).

2. Infrastructure Capitalization Improvement Plan progress report: All Village streets have been measured and lists of street improvements completed and future improvements to be considered have begun.

3. Parts for the snow plow, including push arm, floats and new shoes, have been ordered. Delivery is expected the week of July 1, 2007. Costs have been previously approved.

4. Truck T-9 (1999 Ford F-450 Dump Truck) repairs have been completed at a cost of $3,435.48. These repairs included: oil leak repair; ball joints; torque converter, tire rotation and CAC pipe replacement.

5. Request for approval from Trustees to implement the following road repairs:

    a. **Fraleigh Street** – repair a 120ft. x 21ft. section between Church Street and Phillips Street. Estimated cost is $2,000.00 for approximately 40 tons of material. All labor costs, including excavating, grading and paving will be completed by the Town of Red Hook Department of Public Works at no cost to the Village. Work is to be completed in the month of July, 2007.
    b. **Prince Street** - repave an additional section from South Broadway to mid block east of Church Street near Village Building. Micro-sealing to be complete by the last week of August, 2007. Cost of repair, including labor, will be $3,284.40 (refer to item #8 on Gormon Brothers, Inc., estimate of May 10, 2007). To offset impact on Village budget, the repaving of the intersection at Fraleigh Street and Ludlow could be postponed to 2008. (adjusted additional cost would be $1,888.85 – refer to item #6 on Gormon Brothers estimate of May 10, 2007).

c. Additional repairs (refer to Gormon Brothers Inc., estimate of May 10, 2007 and CHIPS Reimbursement Form of May 11, 2007) – will be complete in September, 2007 by the Town of Red Hook Department of Public Works. Costs provided include labor.

6. Market Street and Broadway will be swept, in preparation for the Fire Department Block Party, on July 5, 2007.

7. Request for approval from Trustees to purchase a Bench Grinder. The estimates are as follows:

   a. Home Depot
      - Milwaukee - $169.00
      - Makita - $149.00

   b. Lowes *
      - Hitachi - $129.00

   *** reflects best quality and best price.**

8. Request for approval from Trustees to purchase items for the recently purchased 2007 Dodge Dump Truck. The items include:

   a. spare tire and rim - $395.00
   b. 3ft x 1.5ft x 1.5 ft. tool box
      - Tractor Supply - $239.98 *
      - Northern Tool - $219.99 (plus shipping)
      - A.L.I. Direct - $219.99 (plus shipping)

   *** reflects best price – the item can be picked-up directly without shipping costs**

   c. Side Steps (refer to attachment)

      - Car Quest - $195.00 (installation to be completed by Village Highway Department)

   d. Amber Warning Strobes (refer to attachments, prices include: two rear strobes, two front strobes, one roof strobe and installation)
      * - Moore Electronics - $1097.00 (installation complete)
      - A.L.I. Direct - $ 750.00 (lights only, does not include wires, switches, toggles and labor to install.

      - **reflects best value**

9. Request for approval from Trustees to purchase a two-way radio for each of the following Village vehicles:

   a. T-14 (2007 Dodge Dump Truck)
      - NYCOMCO - $629.26 (installed)
      - River Valley - $599.00 (installed)
   b. T-12 (2005 International Garbage Truck)
      - NYCOMCO - $629.26 (installed)
      - River Valley - $599.00 (installed)
   c. Backhoe
      - existing radio to be installed with new antenna - $165.00

   Total cost for two-way radios and installation –
   NYCOMCO (plus item 6) - $1,423.52
   River Valley (plus item 6) - $1,363.00

10. Forthcoming estimates due for dry wells and blacktop swales at the following locations:
    - North/East corner of Fraleigh/Church Street intersection – blacktop swale
    - Benner Road (across from Catholic School) – drywall and blacktop swale
    - Tower Street – blacktop swale
    - Moul Drive – dry well

11. Request for drywell installation on Church Street extension. A homeowner has offered to equally share the cost with the Village.

12. Request for "no parking" signed to be located on the North side of West Market Street in the vicinity of the brick wall.

NOTES: items 5, 8, 9 & 10 (if estimates have been received) require approval by Village Trustees.

Item # 5 – Mayor Cohen would like for Trustee Kovalchik to check with Clerk Cole if the funds are available. Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion. All were in favor.

Item # 7 – Bench Grinder – Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to purchase grinder from Lowes. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Item # 8 – Tool box – Mayor Cohen suggested highway purchases be put in order of necessity-tire, lights, tool box, steps – Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to approve theses purchases from low bidder contingent of the funds availability.

Item # 9 – 2 way radios – River Valley low bid – Mayor Cohen will discuss this purchase at the next meeting.

Estimates for drywells – Moul Drive $ 8500.00 – Fraleigh and Church St - $ 250.00 Benner Road $ 8,500.00, Park and Church St. - $ 4,100.00 – This will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

VILLAGE GREEN

Trustee Kovalchik read the Village Green report of which a copy is on file – Currently there are nine trees dead and will be replaced at no charge.

Trustee Kovalchik reported from the Intermunicipal Task Force – submitted a schedule of meeting for the month of July

WATER

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of June: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab – water was turned off and back on as requested by customer (Gardner Exhaust) – located water line on Smith Street for new customer (Griffin) – average daily usage was 288,533

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning report for the month of June: 11 building permits issued, 4 certificates of compliance, 1 municipal search, 3 orders to remedy, 1 stop work order, 8 inspections. $ 1095.00 was collected in fees for this month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Hogan of the Red Hook Inn: 1. complained of a truck with loud music that drives back and forth and she is asking for the police department to watch out for them. 2. Ms. Hogan has also inquired into whether or not large trucks can find an alternate route other than Rt 9. The truck traffic has increasingly become noisy and feels they are dangerous. Mayor Cohen stated that Rt. 9 is a federal road and there are no restrictions against any truck traveling along this Route. A Jake brake law should help. 3. The pond behind the Red Hook Inn is attracting bugs and rats. This is a privately owned pond but the Village is willing to help to rectify this problem. Mayor Cohen feels that the drains have collapsed over the years therefore there is no movement of the water which makes for stagnant water. Trustee Gilfeather suggested that the Board of Health be notified of the problems with the pond. Clerk Cole stated that the Board of Health has been notified in the past and they stated that they felt that the pond was not a hazard.

Mayor Cohen announced a public hearing on July 17th, 2007 at the Red Hook Fire House to discuss LOSAP – this meeting will be at 7:00 pm. Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion – Trustee Kovalchik seconded All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to appoint Mark Duran to the Panda Board – Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor. Mayor Cohen stated that the Panda Board is looking for a larger space in Red Hook.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to approve the approval of a consulting company to inquire with TCI for a franchise agreement between the Village of Red Hook and Village of Tivoli, and the Town of Red Hook – our cost is $1,079.00. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Trapp made a motion to approve a transportation sewer agreement for Knollwood Commons. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to approve Village tax credits in the amount of $2,475.65. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Trapp made a motion to pay bills after audit. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were infavor.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer