VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2007

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept the minutes from July 2, Village Board meeting and July 7th Public Hearing on LOSAP.

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting up for public comment before all department reports:

Glenn Countryman of 4 Hewlett Rd. has been a town resident for 31 years. Mr. Countryman feels that the water rate increase is out of line and that it is unfair that the Town residents are charged double. Mayor Cohen explained that some wording in the news letter was a bit misleading and that the town rate has always been doubled. Mayor Cohen also explained that in order to receive grant money for water improvement the Village had to raise the rates. To keep quality water it cost money. Trustee Gilfeather stated that our current water system is very old.

Paul Golden of 8 Hewlett Rd. questioned the senior citizens discount. After a brief discussion Ms. Golden does not qualify for this discount and now understands this. Trustee Gilfeather also explained the need to check for leaks around the home.

Ingerbord Pederson of 8 Morry Road has a problem understanding her bill. She was advised to seek assistance at the Village Hall.

Trustee Blundell suggested that these changes be made clear in the next news letter. Trustee Trapp stated that the Village of Red Hook rates are still lower than most municipalities. Mayor Cohen stated that the rates should not increase again for some time to come.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Cohen read the Treasurer's report for the month of July

BALANCES – General fund - $ 596,857.20, Water Fund $ 73428.79, Trust and Agency $ 623.70, Resource Recovery $ 10,484.81, Petty Cash $ 50.00, Village Green $ 3,154.58. Bills to be paid – General $ 57,152.34, Water Fund $ 4,083.62, T & A $ 1,740.41, Resource Recovery $ 6,298.78. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.
Clerk Cole asked the board to be patient for reports from the new accounting program. Currently she is still working on two computers.

POLICE

Mayor Cohen read the police report for the month of July: 89 registered complaints, 131 uniform traffic tickets, 6 parking tickets, 14 accidents investigated, 11 arrests, 4158 miles were patrolled. Mayor Cohen noted that ticket numbers were up.

Jake Brake Law – Mayor Cohen stated that the state has authority on state roads and we must have a public hearing . Mayor Cohen will discuss with Marc Molinaro.

HIGHWAY

Mayor Cohen stated that he will look at the catch basin on Moul Dr. on Friday. The County needs to catch up on blacktop. For black top the Mayor would suggest bonding the money for repairs and using the CHIPS money for the next 4-5 years and pay down the loan with CHIPS funds. Water repairs must be dealt with first. Communication between departments is the key. The water fund must pay back for road repairs. Dutchess County Department of Planning would like to see Block Grant money go to infrastructure repairs (sidewalks, streets, water)
Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to purchase a tool box from Tractor Supply. Dan Streib will sell scrap metal to pay for the tool box. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Mark Day submitted estimates for curb-cuts for 3 mid-block crosswalks. $ 3135.00 ADA compliant, price includes survey. Trustee Trapp made a motion to approve curb cuts. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor. Mayor Cohen signed a contract.
A copy of July Highway report:

1. Request for approval from Trustees to implement the following road repairs/ improvements:

    - North/East corner of Fraleigh Street/Church Street intersection – blacktop swale
    - Benner Road (across from Catholic School – east side) – drywell and blacktop swale
    - Tower Street (both sides of street from hill to Market Street) – blacktop swale
    - Moul Drive – drywall *

    * indicates priority

2. Request for approval from Trustees to purchase the following item for 2007 Dodge Dump Truck:
    - 3ft. x 1.5ft. x 1.5ft. tool box
    - Tractor supply - $239.90 *
    - 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 cost

- Cost can be offset by using proceeds from selling scrap metal items, including old radiators and air conditioning unit from Village Building and old well pipes.

3. All crack sealing is complete on Village Streets.

4. Fraleigh Street repair to be complete when Town of Red Hook Highway Department (providing labor at no cost to Village) is ready to begin.

5. Prince Street Repaving is scheduled to be complete by the end of August. Time to be coordinated with new road work adjacent to Village Building.

6. A letter was sent to the New York State Department of Transportation requesting advice to install American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramp/curb cuts and "no-parking" signs on July 3, 2007 (signed by David Cohen, Brent Kovalchik and Jared Griffin).

   The mayor met with Bruce Stalter – DOT Permit Engineer, on July 18, 2007 to review proposal. Results of review are as follows:

   - Mark Day Engineers to provide drawings and specifications for ADA compliant ramps at the locations described on July 3, 2007 letter, plus an additional crosswalk and ramps in front of the Red Hook Public Library.

   - The Village of Red Hook is to approve a resolution to install "no-parking" sign to West Market Street at the locations described in July 3, 2007 letter.

7. Trustee Brent Kovalchik met with Red Hook Central School District Superintendant, Paul Finch, to discuss joint Village of Red Hook/ Red Hook Central School District Community project outlined in letter of June 20, 2007. Results of meeting are as follows:

   - The Village of Red Hook Highway Department will deliver four (4) cleaned and primed 55 gal. drums to each school during the week of August 27, 2007.

   - Paul Finch will coordinate with all of the schools principals and organize the project.

   - Project is to be completed in late September, early October 2007.

8. Request for consideration from Trustees to purchase a new lawnmower in 2008.

WATER

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of July: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, water tap was installed on Smith Street-Griffin, Average Daily usage for the month 284,323. Trustee Gilfeather would like to go on record by saying that he feels that Trustee Trapp, Blundell and Kovalchik are an asset to the Village Board. Laurie Munistari is questioning the status of Anderson commons. Trustee Trapp stated that Keith Lore presented the planning board with some design changes that they did not like. He will call Ms. Munistari with progress on this project.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of July 2007: commingle 5.27T - $ 136.69, cardboard 0, newspaper 6.08 T - $ 66.94, garbage 37.95 T - $ 3,238.60.
Trustee Blundell announced October 28th will be a Village Halloween Party there will be a costume parade which will end at the Fire House – Winterfest will be December 10th. Abrahams Park will have another great concert on August 13 which will be the string master. Trustee Blundell made a motion to request for approval for Police patrols and Highway assistance for Hardscrabble which is scheduled for September 15. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor. The police department may be in the new hall by Hardscrabble Day. Contractor will sweep sidewalks and street. There will be a trolley and the band South Side Johnny and the Asbury Jukes. There will be a parade at 4:00 which will be followed by Red Hook Central School Homecoming Football game. The web site will be updated with all schedules regarding Hardscrabble Day.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning board meeting for the month of July: 9 building permits issued, 4 municipal search, 1 order to remedy issued, 1 stop work order, 1 appearance ticket, 14 inspections. $ 905.25 was collected in fees. Trustee Trapp stated that he is attempting to be more proactive with the CEO/ZEO

Mayor Cohen stated that the final police contract was ready for approval. This will be discussed at the next board meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept a $ 723.38 copy repair for the Clerk's copier. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to have dog waste bags from Rhinebeck Animal Hospital – This would be free advertising for the Rhinebeck Animal Hospital. Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion if there is no cost to the Village. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Police Officer Atiba Celestine submitted a letter of resignation effective July 27th. Mr. Celestine will be attending the NYS Police Academy.

Trustee Blundell stated that he had noticed several piles of brush throughout the Village. He suggests a letter being drafted and sent to these residents. Also Trustee Kovalchik suggested a fee of $ 25.00 for special pick- up of brush.

Discussion of the pond behind the Red Hook Inn will be at the next board meeting. The Village does not own the pond.

Harold Fell complained of yard sale signs being posted on telephone poles. Mayor Cohen stated that he will put a notice in the next news letter.

Also Mr. Fell had a stage built for Abraham's Park. He is waiting for donations for this stage, which will be sent to the Village Hall.

The next Village Board meeting will be on September 17th.

Speed trailers are still waiting on the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department.

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

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

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole

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Clerk/Treasurer