

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 21ST, 2008**

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

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting at 4:00 pm. Trustee Blundell questioned a local utility use tax. Mayor Cohen is willing to entertain this subject and must be researched. Mayor Cohen also would entertain a snow removal surge charge. The problem with this is, when you do for one you must do for all.

Trustee Blundell is fearful there isn't enough money to cover the contractual in the garbage budget.

Mayor Cohen will look into shared services with the police department and the Town of Red Hook.

PANDA – According to the Panda contract Panda must be notified by October 1st of the previous year of the governing board does not meet the financial request of Panda. Trustee Blundell made a motion to return the \$ 2,400.00 to Panda that was submitted for restitution in the court case with Panda. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen stated that the Police Department is the biggest expenditure.

Trustee Trapp feels that the street lighting line is very high. Trustee Trapp and Blundell feel we do not need street lights between intersections. This will be discussed with Central Hudson. Lights in the parks are on timers.

Landfill permits have been increased to \$ 20.00.

Harold Fell is requesting \$1,400.00 for concerts in Abrahams Park. Trustee Trapp will discuss with Marcus Molinaro for concerts in the park.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to approve the 2008-2009 budget with a tax rate \$ 4.40 per thousand.

General \$ 1,549,455

Water \$ 285,525

Garbage \$ 75,000

Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by

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