

**Village of Red Hook
Village Board Meeting
1-5-09**

Present: Deputy Mayor Gilfeather, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Kovalchik, Trustee Blundell
Absent: Mayor David Cohen

Trustee Gilfeather opened the meeting at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Blundell made a motion to accept the minutes from 12-08-08. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Clerk Cole stated Village elections will be on March 18th, 2009. Voting will be held at the Red Hook Fire House from 12:00 noon through 9:00 pm. There will be no registration day. Election inspectors are Ronald Rhynders and Roger McCauley.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather read the Treasurer's report for the month of December: Balances: General: \$236,536.27, Water: \$61,961.50, T&A: \$58,271.28, Resource Recovery: \$1,491.12, Petty Cash: \$50.00, Village Green: \$844.17. Bills to be paid: General \$ 88,113.48, Water \$ 9,852.88, T & A 3,322.41, Resource Recovery \$ 1,100.05. Trustee Trapp made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

POLICE

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather read the Police report: 52 registered complaints, 59 uniform traffic tickets, 25 parking tickets, 7 accidents investigated, 3 arrests made. Mileage not available.

HIGHWAY

Trustee Blundell questioned # 7 on the Highway report- will the Dormitory Funds be enough to cover for curb cuts. Trustee Kovalchik stated the Village must find funds elsewhere. Mark Day will make revisions at no charge to the Village.

Trustee Kovalchik read the monthly Highway report as follows:

1. A new radiator has been purchased for the leaf vacuum attachment of truck T-12 (2005 International Garbage Truck) at a cost of \$570.00. This replacement part will be funded from General Repairs EQ – Highway (budget line #5110.2).
2. Lumber has been purchased for the construction of shelves to store equipment attachments of the John Deere Compact Tractor (broom, snow blower, etc.) at a cost of approximately \$100.00. Funds will be from the Central Garage CE appropriation account (budget line item #1640.4).

3. Replacement of the Village's 2007 Dodge Dump Truck bed side panel and repair to a Town of Milan vehicle are being made due to an accident, involving both vehicles, during the night of the December 11, 2008 ice storm. Costs include \$1222.70 (new panel, not including 15 minutes installation/labor cost) for the Village vehicle and approximately \$2500.00 for the Milan vehicle. The Village's Vehicle Insurance Policy will cover the costs of these repairs.
4. The majority of the Village brush removal, resulting from the December 11, 2008 ice storm, has been completed. The remaining brush will be picked-up as soon as possible pending weather conditions and scheduling.
5. Village Highway Superintendent, Dan Streib, is preparing an estimate of cubic debris from public property and public right-of-ways; a list of damages to public infrastructure and costs associated with overtime for personnel responding to the December 11, 2008 ice storm. This is being prepared in response to a memo from Ken Davidson (Dutchess County Emergency Manager). The NYS Emergency Management Office (SEMO) is gathering this information to determine if the State is eligible for supplemental Federal assistance under the Stafford Act and in response to Governor Patterson's request for a Presidential Emergency Declaration for 16 counties earlier listed in his State Emergency Declaration.
6. A letter was received on December 10, 2008 from a homeowner on Moul Drive concerning water drainage issues in front of the house. Site review and remedies will be investigated in the Spring of 2009.
7. Trustee Kovalchik and NYSDOT Permit inspector Chuck Walter met on December 18, 2008 to review plans for mid-block cross walks and ADA-compliant curb cuts. Two locations were reviewed: South Broadway/Prince Street (between the Village Parking Lot and Firehouse Plaza) and North Broadway (between CVS/Scheer Cleaners and the Post Office). Village of Red Hook Engineer, Mark Day (M.A. Day Engineering, PC) will be revising existing Drawings of August 27, 2007 and preparing NYSDOT Form Perm 33 (8/01) for submission to the NYSDOT for a Highway Work Permit. Installation of the curb-cuts and crosswalks are anticipated to begin after April, 2009.
8. A check for \$26,137.00 (check #8682 of 12/17/08) was received from the NYS Thruway Authority CHIPS Capital Program on December 18, 2008. This money will be allocated to the CHIPS allocation account (budget line #5110.3) to reimburse expenses submitted to the NYSDOT on November 1, 2008.
9. Snow was removed from the sidewalks of the General Business District on December 23, 2008. The cost for this service will be approximately \$6000-\$8000. Funds will be deducted from the Snow Removal CE appropriation account (budget line #5142.4).

10. The current balance of the Scrap Metal Recycling Fund remains at \$1,319.32.

Trustee Kovalchik read the ITF monthly report as follows:

1. Barbara Maultsby (U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development – 11/28/08); Elizabeth Doyle (Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development – 12/4/08); and Rob Brooks (NYS Office of Community Renewal – 12/18/08); have been contacted regarding the Town and Village of Red Hook’s qualification and enrollment deadlines for both the entitlement (County administered and non-entitlement (state administered) Community Development Block Grant Programs. These funding programs are being explored to cover capital and hook-up costs associated with the proposed Intermunicipal Central Sewer Project.
2. The Office of U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer (12/8/08) and the Office of US Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand (12/15/08) have been contacted regarding the 2009-2010 Appropriations Grant Program for assistance with capital costs associated with the proposed Intermunicipal Central Sewer District.
3. A meeting was held on December 19, 2008 to discuss the proposed Intermunicipal Central Sewer Project. Funding options, ownership options (DCW&WWA owned, operated, maintained vs. Town/Village owned – DCW&WWA operated, maintained). Phase II of the Facility Plan – Basis of Design Report (prepared by C.T. Male and submitted to the NYSEFC, NYSDEC and USDA-RD for review), and time-lines for possible U.S. Economic Stimulus Package Funding were reviewed and discussed. Estimates for the preparation of the Map, Plan and Report, SEQRA, NEDA, along with ownership scenario review by USDA-RD are forthcoming in early January, 2009.

Fred Testa (NYSEFC), Bridget Barclay (DCW&WWA), Tom Mansfield (Dutchess County Legislator), Harry Colgan (Red Hook Town Councilman), Bill O’Neil (ITF Chairman), Brent Kovalchik (Red Hook Village Trustee) and Benedict McCaffree (Regional Rep. for Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand) were in attendance.

4. The ITF will be presenting their final zoning and land-use recommendations to the Red Hook Town Board on January 13, 2009.

The recommendations include:

- Agricultural Business District and Map
- Traditional Neighborhood District – Zoning and Sketch Design Maps
- Incentive Zoning

- Conservation Subdivision Regulations and Diagrams

SEQRA and public comment will follow the Town Board's review and comments.

Trustee Kovalchik read the Village Green Monthly Report as follows:

1. There was no committee meeting during the month of December, 2008.
2. Members of the committee are investigating grant opportunities provided by the Home Depot Foundation. Further information will be provided as opportunities are explored.
3. Trustco Bank, located on Route 9 and Morgans Way (Red Hook Commons) will be donating \$10.00 to the Red Hook Village Green Committee for every new account opened from December 19, 2008 to February 7, 2009. Donations will be deposited in the Village Checking Account (T231.2 – Key Bank – Village Green Custodial Account). Thanks to Shannon Lynch (Trustco Bank Corp. of New York) and Evelyn Krueger (Village Green Committee) for arranging and implementing this program (refer to Village Green memo of 12-15-08).

WATER

Deputy-Mayor Gilfeather read the water report for the month of December: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, nitrate/nitrate sample was taken and sent to lab, water repair was made on Benner Road, monitored tower levels during power outages, met with Dutchess County Health Department Representatives for Annual Inspection, average daily usage for December 272,452.

CELEBRATION

Trustee Blundell stated that the Spring Egg roll is in progress.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of December 08: commingle 3.29T @ \$86.10, cardboard with newspaper 5.93T @ \$ 61.82, garbage 21.62T @ \$ 1870.73. Trustee Blundell stated that all trash will continue to be brought to Kingston.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning report for the month of December: 6 building permits, 3 certificates of occupancy, 8 inspections. \$ 3866.00 was collected in fees. A total of \$24,460.31 was collected in fees for 2008. Dutchess County Federation award nominations are being accepted. The new Village Hall won last year. Trustee Trapp submitted a zoning regulation for sheds - 16 items requesting the board review and discuss in February. Also, to be discussed in February will be the changes in the zoning map. Sam Harkins needs credits to keep his certification. Syracuse is offering a course which would allow for 24 credits. The cost of this trip would be \$ 726.00 plus food and mileage. Trustee Blundell suggested that the board inquire about hiring a back up for Sam. Steve Cole was deputy at one time.

David Seymour will give Jay Trapp a map of the street lights.

ATV ordinance: Trustee Trapp asked Deputy-Mayor Gilfeather where is the legal description of this ordinance? Deputy-Mayor Gilfeather stated that Village Attorney Kelly Flood Myers – there will be an addendum.

Generator Bids have been submitted again. Board will review and confirm with Clerk Cole.

Deputy-Mayor Gilfeather scheduled a budget workshop on January 24th at 9:00 am.

8:00 pm Deputy-Mayor Gilfeather adjourns into executive session.

8:15 pm convenes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Z : Generator bid was opened from Phoenix for \$78,000.00 - was it rejected – were the bids changed – revisions have been submitted. Trustee Gilfeather will get back with Steve after speaking to Mayor Cohen. Also, there is a strong taste of chlorine I the water. Trustee Gilfeather will discuss with Arvine Coon and get back to Steve.

Harold Fell requested that the Village hold executive sessions until after the public comment session is over. The board will take this into consideration.

Mr. Fell also inquired about the agreement to the stage. Trustee Blundell wrote up an agreement and will submit for approval with the Village Attorney.

Mr. Fell complained of a tree branch on Old Post Road in from of Mr. Major's house. The highway department will look at the tree. Also, Trustee Gilfeather will see that Central Hudson is called tomorrow.

George Beekman complained that the garbage cans in the village are over flowing.

Trustee Blundell stated that the Senior Citizens would like park benches throughout the Village. The Rotary may donate a bench. Trustee Kovalchik stated that there is a need for more trash containers throughout the Village.

Harold Fell asked if the Village highway department could wing back the snow on the sidewalk on Park Avenue. Trustee Blundell stated that they must first check with the Village Attorney.

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

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

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer