

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
January 4, 2010
7:30pm**

Present: Deputy Mayor Blundell, Trustee Kovalchik & Trustee Trapp
Absent: Mayor Cohen & Trustee Seymour

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

Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to accept the minutes from December 12th Village Board meeting and December 14th workshop. Trustee Trapp seconded this motion. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk/Treasurer Cole read the Treasurer's report as follows: General Fund \$30,065.77; Water \$9,672.47; T & A \$11,273.73; Resource Recovery \$3,507.03; Petty Cash \$64.38; Village Green \$ 4,164.64; Hardscrabble \$3,126.55. Bills to be paid: General \$76,664.30; Water \$7,507.93; T & A \$ 11,273.73; Resource Recovery \$3,542.32. Treasurer Cole provided a budget update. Zoning fees are down, Mortgage tax is down, and there is \$33,000.00 in uncollected Village taxes. To date the Village has paid \$65,000.00 to CT Male for the sewer study. We are still waiting to hear from DC Planning as to the status of the stimulus money awarded to the Village to pay for this study.

POLICE

Chief Truitt read the police report for the month of December 2009: 113 incidents, 6 arrests, 101 UTT'S. 10 speeding tickets have been issued during the hours of 4 am to 8 am on garbage pickup days. Dispatching with the NYS Police is going very well. Currently the department is down two part time police officers. Chief Truitt is recommending the board hire two detectives on an as needed basis. These detectives will be paid at the entry level of the part-time pay scale. Proposal is to select them from a retired pool and they will not require benefits and work only on call, on a case by case basis, as needed. Discussion indicated that we now need to keep a full timer on overtime or incur more uniform part-time hours for follow-up investigations. There may be a cost savings in overtime diminishment. Currently there have been several investigations that needed the experience of a detective. Secondly, the presence of Chief Truitt has recommending there be a piece of tempered glass installed in the police door on the 2nd floor. This way any person who is buzzed in can see who they are talking to. Chief will explore costs and provide the board with that info. These subjects will be discussed at the February meeting.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Deputy Mayor Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of December 2009: commingle 3.93 T @ \$183.04, cardboard/newspaper 7.67 T @ \$158.77, garbage 18.35 T @ \$1,576.36. The sale of garbage tags are dropping. January 11th will be the start of the new Monday garbage/recycling pickup. January 18th (Martin Luther King Day) the office will be closed, therefore pickup will be on Tuesday. The highway department will pickup Christmas trees until January 31st.

CELEBRATIONS

Heartsrabble Dance – February 27th at Copolla's – donations will be accepted and used for summer season street festivals and a portion given to the local food bank.

WATER

Deputy Mayor Blundell read the water report for the month of December 2009: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, 3 GWUDI samples were taken and sent to lab, tap was completed on Fisk Street; (GWUDI is an acronym for Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water. Since many of our wells are shallow we need to be sure they are not contaminated by surface water events.) Balacic -new shut off was installed at 28 Prince Street and water was turned off and back on as Requested. Average daily usage for month; 200,387. Water usage is down due to the repair of several major water leaks.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning report for the month of December: 2 building permits issued, 3 certificates of compliance, 4 municipal searches, 1 order to remedy. \$ 741.88 was collected in fees. Trustee Trapp met with Mr. Harkins to discuss some changes on the building application. Last month the shed law submitted and reviewed by Trustee Kovalchik. No discussion at this time, will be forwarded to the planning and zoning board members and to Dutchess County Department of Planning. After comments then forward to George Rodenhausen. Trustee Trapp made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Kovalchik announced the retirement of Roger Akeley from the Dutchess County Department of Planning effective January 15th.

HIGHWAY

Trustee Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. Village Highway Department personnel Dan Streib, Patrick Streib and Jake Smith attended the Safe Snow Plowing Procedures Program in Poughkeepsie, New York on December 17, 2009. The program, sponsored by the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR), taught plowing techniques and related safety procedures associated with municipal street/ road snow removal.
2. Repairs have been made to the following Highway Vehicles:
 - T-9 (1999 Ford F-450 Dump Truck) – a used transmission was installed.
 - 2007 Dodge Dump Truck – new tires were installed.
3. December 11, 2009 was the last day of brush pick-up. If weather permits, the remaining brush piles will be removed before the spring. The Village Landfill closed on December 12, 2009 for the season.

4. Residents are reminded that the Village picks up brush twice annually (spring & fall). Scheduled pick-up dates will be announced at Village Trustee meetings and in the Village newsletter. During times when the Village will not conduct brush pick-up, residents are encouraged to use the Village Landfill and not let brush accumulate on the streets. Permits are available at the Village Clerk's office for an annual fee of \$20.00.
5. Christmas tree pick-up will begin January 7, 2010 and continue through the end of January. Residents are encouraged to place trees adjacent to, but not on the streets, for pick-up.
6. Work continues to resolve parking concerns on Market Street (near Cherry Street). Solutions, including use of adjacent business parking areas/after hours parking are currently being discussed with adjacent business owners.

ITF

Trustee Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. Red Hook Sewer Project

- a. Final revisions to the Map, Plan and Report (MPR), a document necessary for the formation of the sewer project, are being completed. Revisions, including the installation of grinder pumps, project descriptions involving future hook-ups, funding sources and payment schedules for taxable-assessed district property owners have been made. An on-line version of the MPR will be available in January and posted on the DCW&WA website with links available from the Red Hook Town and Red Hook Village websites.
- b. The Red Hook Sewer Project will be placed on the DC Legislature's Agenda in January, 2010 for an approved resolution to open the public hearing in February, 2010. Legislator Ben Traudt will be one of the sponsors of this resolution.
- c. December 11, 2009, the Red Hook Sewer Committee met to discuss the status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DCW&WA and Red Hook Commons concerning the donation of a 10 acre site and existing sewage treatment plant to the Red Hook Sewer Project, review the Map, Plan and Report, how the district and/or sewage treatment plant can be expanded to include additional properties or developments in the future, and billing procedures for sewer district property owners will be administered by DCW&WA.
 - January 28, 2010 has been tentatively established as the date to hold a Public Informational Meeting for Sewer District Property owners and interested parties. Pending confirmation, a 7:00 pm meeting at the Red Hook Firehouse will be held. Notifications will be mailed by DCW&WA to all property owners within the proposed Sewer District.

Attending were Bridget Barclay (DCW&WA), Benjamin Traudt (DC Legislator-Elect), Robert Flores (C.T. Male), Fred Testa (NYSEFC), Sue Crane (RHT Supervisor), Harry Colgan (RHT Councilman), Bill O'Neil (ITF Chairman/RHT Councilman-Elect), David Cohen (RHV Mayor) and Brent Kovalchik (RHV Trustee).

- d. December 16, 2009, Bridget Barclay (DCW&WA) and Brent Kovalchik (RHV Trustee) presented an "up-date" overview of the Proposed Red Hook Sewer Project to the Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce Related projects (including RHV GBD zoning revisions, a Pattern Book of Architectural Guides, additional grant applications) resulting from and in anticipation of the installation of sewer system were presented. EDU-BU assessments, funding and district formation procedures were also discussed.
2. The ITF, meeting every consecutive Friday for the past 61 months is currently reviewing the DEIS along with suggested alternatives with their corresponding fiscal impact analysis in preparation for the FEIS. The DEIS is currently available for review on the Red Hook Town Website.

The ITF, working with the RHT Agriculture and Open Space Committee, is preparing a survey for local farmers requesting further input on the Agricultural Business District component of the Centers and Greenspaces Plan.

VILLAGE GREEN

Trustee Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. There was no Village Green Committee Meeting held during the month of December, 2009.
2. December 7, 2009 the Village Board of Trustees, by resolution, transferred funds from the General Fund Balance to the Shade Tree Contractual Expense Budget Line (#8560.4). The amount of \$2,336.32, received from the NYSDEC 2005 Urban and Community Forestry Grant reimbursement on November 25, 2009, will be used to fulfill financial obligations required by the 2007-2008 NYSDEC Urban and Community Forestry awarded to the Red Hook VCG.
3. The current balance in the Village Green Committees related budget accounts as of December 7, 2009 are as follows:
 - Community Beautification – Contractual Expenses (#8510.4)
Balance \$3,212.28
 - Shade Tree – Contractual Expenses (#8560.4)

Balance	\$2,721.00
Fund Transfer of 12-7-09	\$2,336.32
TOTAL	\$5,057.32
- Village Green Checking Account	
Balance	\$4,164.64

4. Evelyn Krueger, on behalf of the Red Hook Village Green Committee, has submitted applications and required documentation to the Arbor Day Foundation for 2009 Tree City USA Recertification.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2010

Be is resolved the Village Board agrees to move funds received from Hudson River Valley Greenway The amount of \$ 2,316.25 to the Engineer contractual A 1440.4. This will help defray the cost of grant writing for SRTS. Trustee Trapp made a motion to accept resolution # 1-2010. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

DM Blundell opened a discussion on street lighting/carbon footprint – street light is one of the Village’s largest expenses. The Village has 250 lights at a cost of \$ 48,000.00. Maybe the Village could use a lower wattage bulb. There is no way to turn the street light off on the pole. DM Bundell and Trustee Trapp will refer to the Village street light map to see if they can decrease light by at least 10 %. Steve Zarcheck asked the board if anyone ever looked into an alternate power company for lower rates. DM Blundell indicated that rates are always very close in cost point. Currently the Village purchases a small amount of electric by wind power.

Sidewalks that are not shoveled within 48 hours of a snow/ice storm will be subject to the Village Highway shoveling at a cost of \$ 2.00 a LF. If this bill is not paid the charges will be relieved on their Village Tax bill.

8:45 Deputy Mayor Blundell convenes into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

9:15 Village Board reconvenes from executive session.

DM Blundell made a motion to continue the appointment Jim Truitt as part-time police chief until the annual April reorganizational meeting when the mayor and board can complete the contract and the position can be further formalized. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

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

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

Submitted by,
Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer