

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
March 18, 2010**

Present: Mayor Cohen, Trustee Blundell, Trustee Kovalchik, Trustee Seymour

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting at 7:15

- **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

- Mayor Cohen stated that the Village assessment is down \$ 669,000. Workman's Compensation is up – Trustee Blundell will call the compensation board. The next contract between the Village of Red Hook and Town of Red Hook will have to be reworded to reflect a billing based on percentage and not a dollar amount. Currently the Village is paying half of the compensation and we should only be paying 21 %.

- A letter was submitted from the NYS division of Criminal Justice Services requesting the return of expenditures in the amount of \$ 5000.00 for computers in the Police Department. This was due to not following procurement procedure and not getting 3 bids. This letter must be responded with 30 days. Until resolved all claims to NYS are being put on hold.

- Police- Several complaints have been reported about the RH Police Department and over spending. Also the Town of Red Hook is considering pulling all shifts with the RHPD. Chief Truitt stated that he is always available for anyone's questions.

- Trustee Kovalchik's budget requests are as follows: 1440.0 Grant writer - \$ 2,500.00, 1640.4 Central Garage \$ 9,450.00, 5110.1 Highway Personnel \$ 75,000.00, 5110.3 CHIPS \$ 31,027.00, 5110.2 Cap. Outlay \$ 8,000.00, 5110.4 \$ 95,000.00, 5142.1 \$ 8,000.00, 5142.4 \$ 18,000.00, 8110.4 \$ 2,500.00. Trustee Kovalchik is asking for 5110.4 to be broken down into sub-accounts. Also, submitted was a request to open a separate checking account for scrap metal.

- AW Coon submitted an estimate for accepting the Village's brush and branches from April – November for \$ 9,500.00. At this time it is more cost effective to have the Village chip the brush.
- NYS Retirement and workman's compensation has increased substantially. The Village will save considerably on Medical Insurance. All employees on the MVP will meet with George Salem from Marshall and Sterling to discuss some changes. On the income side there will be no more mortgage tax, zoning fees are down due to no building, court fees are up.
- Mayor Cohen scheduled another workshop meeting for March 25th at 7:15.

Resolution 4-2010- Authorization to apply for funds from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development –Predevelopment planning Grant for the Village Municipal Drinking Water Project In the amount of \$ 13,905.00. Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to submit a letter if committal with the application. If the Village does not receive the money we can draw the application. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to hire John Cservak for the landfill attendant from April through October. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

- Frank D. Vosburgh of Deer Ridge Landscaping Co. submitted a proposal to pick up sticks and branches, clean out mulch beds and install new mulch provided by the Village of Red Hook as a donation in exchange for putting up 2 Deer Ridge Landscape signs. Also a proposal from Northern Dutchess Landscape & Property Maintenance was submitted much of the same at no cost of materials or labor to the Village. Trustee Seymour made a motion to accept the proposal from Northern Dutchess Landscape. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.
- Memorial Park monument accident – Mayor Cohen will have Village Attorney draft a letter to the town resident that hit the NYC monument – to this date there has been no response to Village letters.
- Mayor Cohen authorized the old Caprice police car to be sold for scrap metal.
- Mayor Cohen read the appointment list, made some changes and will be re-submitted at the April 5th meeting.
- Mayor Cohen asked the Village Clerk to advertise for a part – time Treasurer. Sue Nandor's position in the zoning office will be terminated – Lara Hart will move as the planning and zoning secretary – sharing her time with the police department.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk