

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP/BUDGET
4-21-2011**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Norris

Mayor Blundell opened the meeting at 7:30.

1. **PANDA** - Mayor Blundell stated that the renewal inter-municipal agreement includes the same 5 municipalities as the current one. As found last year, dropping out will force the other 4 munis to re-calculate their share and village residents would see some increase since Town would likely pay the new higher amount. Mayor Blundell attended a meeting at PANDA to review the agreement. All other municipalities are in favor of Panda and agree to the renewal. It is a four year agreement and is supplemented by two year budget proposals from PANDA. At the meeting, Blundell asked for viewership and web hits but there is no view count available. Mayor Blundell stated that PANDA has placed our meetings on the web but the last Village Board meeting was not aired for the first half hour due to some technicalities and sometimes the audio is still not adequate. DM Kovalchik is in favor of Panda and stated that it provides access to Village meetings for the public and puts what the Village Board says on record. Mayor Blundell stated that they move into internet access for our board meeting and is in favor of renewing. Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into an agreement for an effective term of four years, budget to be negotiated every two years. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

2. **APPLE BLOSSOM DAY** – A letter was submitted from Julia Liu (Church Street Nursery School) requesting for Church Street to be blocked off for Apple Blossom Day May 9th. Mayor Blundell made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

3. **BALL – BASKETBALL HOOP** – Shawn Ball of 13 Tower Street has submitted a claim to the Village Board requesting payment of \$ 200.00 for his basketball hoop that was hit and destroyed by a Village snow plow over the winter. New this basketball hoop would cost \$ 400.00. DM Kovalchik stated that the hoop was in the Village’s right of way and a notation was put into the January newsletter asking residents to remove any or all obstacles from this right of way. Mayor Blundell stated that when he met the resident on site and interview staff, the facts are not 100% clear. Village roads are not for playing basketball and the Village should make it a local law for it to be illegal for the placement of any obstruction in the right of way of Village streets. DM Kovalchik would prefer to put in a claim to our insurance company rather than pay out of pocket and he understands that we had a very harsh winter. DM Kovalchik scheduled a public hearing for May 19th at 7:00 to discuss a local law for the removal of all sports and non permanent obstructions in the Village right of way, and is not in favor of paying Mr. Ball for damages. Mayor Blundell will discuss with Village counsel in regards to the distance from the edge of the road. Mayor Blundell made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

4. **VILLAGE/TOWN POLICE CONTRACT** – A police contract has been in force but not signed for last years or so. Now, some revisions have been made. The Town of Red Hook has budgeted \$ 60,000.00 which is down from \$ 75,000.00 for Red Hook Police services but does also include provisions for court officer fees. Another change made was 90 to 30 days to terminate the contract. Page 2 F authorizing elected officials would have final say in all contract matters. Mayor Blundell has discussed this contact will Village council Rich Olson. Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve this contract. DM Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.
5. **PLANNING/ZONING**- Mayor Blundell stated that several planning/zoning meetings have had to be cancelled due to lack of a quorum. This is not acceptable. Alternate members should be sought out for both boards so meetings wouldn't have to be cancelled. A notice will be put in the next newsletter recruiting new members.
6. **BUDGET** – Mayor Blundell stated that there was a budget meeting with no attendance from the public. The Village was awarded a grant for \$ 233,000.00 from Safe Routes to School. The Village must bond the money and there will be a quick turnaround for reimbursement of these funds. The Village will have to pay the interest s (\$1,000). Mayor Blundell will call Key Bank for Revenue Anticipated Note. DM Kovalchik stated that he is concerned with budget line A1640.4 Central Garage due to the high cost of fuel. Over all the budget process has gone well and all departments are working under close financial scrutiny.
7. **CODE PUBLISHER** – Mayor Blundell stated that it is long overdue for our code book to be updated. He checked with the company General Code Publishers and was provided with administrative records showing the need info from us. The last code book update was 1997 and the effort to get it to 2007 was started about a year and a half ago and was stopped for some changes in the Chapter 95. Local laws must be properly filed and we should get it to 2010 now, as well as get it on web based viewing format and reduce our printed book order. We need to see what has been submitted since 2007 on high priority. Mayor Blundell asked Clerk Cole to check with all parties, all records of local laws and report back to him.

DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn at 8:45. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by

Cynthia Cole

Clerk/Treasurer

