

VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD
05-02-2011
7:30 PM

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

Present: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Seymour, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Norris

- Red Hook Central School District: Superintendent Paul Finch and Business Manager Bruce Martin presented the Village Board with the new 2011 school budget proposals. Some facts are: Red Hook students score 71 % higher on SAT's, 249 AP exams, 246 IB exams, and top in science scores in the country, special classes in reading and math. Drama club introduced Grease, connected with Bard College in the language department. College and career fair. Currently the school is working with a reduced staff and will carry a fund balance. 35 % of the school budget is from state aid. May 17th there is a school budget vote with 2 board seats available, 2 buses and 2 vans up for vote. Property taxes in Red Hook are high; salaries are back to 2009 without a contract but is being proposed at a 3.5 % increase over 4 years. Employees contribute some to health insurance. Gross budget is 45.6 M with 2150 students. 3-4 % of the budget is transportation. Red Hook has a high safety rate and have the records to prove it. Average cost to educate a student a year is \$ 10,500.00. Mayor Blundell stated that people buy homes in Red Hook for the schools.

- Red Hook Bicentennial Celebration Committee-Loretta Campagna – Loretta stated over 200 years ago Red Hook split with the Town of Rhinebeck and is requesting that the year of 2012 be the official bicentennial for the Village of Red Hook and the Red Hook Bicentennial Celebration Committee. The celebrations will begin with Apple Blossom of 2012. Mayor Blundell would like to extend any help by the Village Board in any capacity. Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF RED HOOK THAT THE year 2012 be celebrated as the official 200th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Red Hook and; WHEREAS the Village Board has the authority and duty to honor the formal separation of the Town of Red Hook from the town of Rhinebeck in that far distant year of 1812; WHEREAS the Red Hook Bicentennial Celebration Committee is to create, organize and manage a series of community events, education and legacy projects to celebrate our beautiful Hudson River, our bountiful farms and businesses, and our creative industrious people, and WHEREAS the intent of the Bicentennial Celebration is to strengthen the bonds of community of place, time and commitment that characterize Red Hook as unique, and WHEREAS we commend and deeply appreciate the efforts of the many volunteer4rs who are giving of their time, commitment and passion to recognize the Bicentennial of Red Hook as a special, historic opportunity; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF RED HOOK THAT, we unanimously support the Red Hook Bicentennial Celebration Committee, its plans and goals, and do proclaim 2012 as the Official Bicentennial Year of the Town of Red Hook. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

DM Kovalchik made a motion to approve minutes from: April 11th, 14th, 21st & 29th. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Clerk Cole read the Treasurer’s report for the month of April: General \$21,215.62, Water \$29,039.46, T&A \$15,585.21, Resource Recovery \$1,198.12, Petty Cash \$71.02, Village Green \$2,736.82, Hardscrabble \$3,032.01, Health Ins. \$941.04, Monthly expenses General \$ 43,073.59, Water \$23,532.45, T&A \$15,585.21, and Resource Recovery \$1,085.31. Trustee Trapp made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor. Mayor Blundell stated that the Village budget increased 4.9%.

POLICE

Chief Truitt read the police report for the month of April: 112 incidents, 144 UTT’s, 8 arrests. Chief Truitt reported on the prior weekend drug drop-off which was County wide. One day drop-off collected 3 bins of prescription drugs throughout the County. The first Saturday of each month will be a drug drop-off.

WATER

Trustee Seymour read the water report: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, meter pit was repaired at 25 Glen Ridge Road, and average daily usage for month was 223,933. The water tower on Tower Street is need of being painted. Electric meter readings (drive by electronic) will be proposed in the near future. Central Hudson meter on the pumps has been incorrectly read for several years. There should have been a multiplier x 4. This error has created a future electric bill that will be \$ 35,000.00 a year, which is greater then budgeted. May 19th a public hearing is scheduled for 7:15 to discuss a monthly surcharge on water bills. NYSERDA may have a grant available for energy that will be explored. Tapping fees are currently at \$ 2000.00 and new customers should pay for the same side of the road \$ 2,500.00 and the opposite side increase to \$ 3,200.00. Mayor Blundell requested subaccounts and a cost analysis. Bucky feels the Village is not charging enough money. DM Kovalchik would like to put new water hook ups out to bid to see if the cost would come down. Trustee Seymour will submit a summary of cost.

VILLAGE GREEN

Deputy Mayor Brent Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. A Village Green Committee Meeting was held on April 14, 2011 at the RHV Building. Brenda Cagle, Sally Dwyer-McNulty and RHV Liaison/Trustee Brent Kovalchik attended. The following items were considered:

a. the current balances of the Village Green Committee related budget account as of April, 2011 are as follows:

- Community Beautification – Contractual Expenses (#8510.4)
Balance \$ 1,318.34

- Shade Tree – Contractual Expenses (#8560.4)
Balance \$ 2,291.54
 - Village Green Checking Account
Balance \$ 2,736.82
- b. Preparation for the final reimbursement submission to the 2007-2008 NYSDEC Urban and Community Grant are being concluded with submission anticipated to be in May, 2011.
 - c. Discussed expanding the Village Green Committee membership from three to five members. Village residents interested in volunteering can contact Brenda Cagle, Sally Dwyer-McNulty, Brent Kovalchik or the RHV Clerk.
 - d. Discussed utilizing the RHV Webmaster (Wambach Communications, Inc.) to update the VGC website.
 - e. Discussed schedule and organization of the RHV annual Spring Planting and Arbor Day Celebrations to be held on April 30, 2011.
2. The annual RHV Spring Planting and Arbor Day Celebration was held on Saturday, April 30, 2011.
 - a. Seventeen (17) trees were planted by the VGC and volunteers throughout the Village of Red Hook.
 - b. Winners of the Arbor Day Poetry Contest, organized by Sally Dwyer-McNulty, were announced. The winners included: William S. Wasik IV and Emily Marshall.
 - c. A memorial tree was dedicated to Robert and Barbara Beilenberg at the Elmendorph Inn.

The VGC extends its thanks to RHV Highway Superintendant, Dan Streib, and his staff for assisting the Committee's efforts by digging holes prior to new tree plantings. Also, the VGC extends its thanks to volunteers Jeanne Duntz, Evelyn Krueger and Sue McCann for preparing lunch for the tree planting volunteer crews at the Elmendorph Inn.

3. The Village Green Committee requests the Village Trustees consider appointing Jeffrey Urbin as a new member to the committee.

HIGHWAY

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. Village streets will be swept between May 2 through May 6, 2011. Residents are encouraged to rake gravel/sand into rows, not piles at curbside.
2. Scrap metal was sold on April 6, 2011, yielding revenue of \$780.00 and on April 12, 2011 yielding revenue of \$353.50. The current balance of the Scrap Metal Recycling Program account, including the current sale, is \$1,836.84. Since inception of this program in September, 2007, \$9,524.00 has been generated (approximately \$2300 per year). Proceeds from this account go toward purchasing tools/equipment for the RHV Highway Department, and are supplemental to the General Funds allocated to the Highway Department. Residents interested in donating scrap metal can contact Dan Streib at 845-758-8600.
3. Preliminary estimates have been received to provide for new street identification signs to be located at intersections of Village streets.
 - Glennco (signs only, does not include poles or brackets) \$4,388.00
 - Preliminary estimate for signs, poles, brackets, etc..... \$6,000.00 (+/-)
 - Final estimates forthcoming
 - Funds to provide for purchasing signs and attachments as mandated by the Federal Highway Administration are to be deducted from Maintenance of Streets – Contractual Expenses – Street Maintenance (#5110.42) and from the NYS Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS - #5110.3).
4. A meeting was held on April 21, 2011 to review the status of the Red Hook Village Sidewalk Project. The project will include ADA compliant mid-block crosswalks from Fraleigh Street to the RHV Library, Prince Street to Firehouse Plaza, raised curbing on the east side of South Broadway (in front of Firehouse Plaza) and a new sidewalk from Phillips Street to Benner Road on the south side at West Market Street. The Project (PIN 8760.64) cost of \$233,000 will be provided by funding under Title 23 U.S. Code (FHWA) that calls for the apportionment to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal Funds and 20% non-federal funds. The 20% local obligation will be provided by the NYSDOT. Dennis Lynch (M.A. Day Engineering), Ed Blundell (RHV Mayor) and Brent Kovalchik (RHV Trustee) attended.

Revised documents were submitted to the NYSDOT on April 27, 2011 by M.A. Day

Engineering. This submission included revisions as requested by NYSDOT on March 28, 2011.

5. A proposal to provide administrative and site inspections of the RHV Sidewalk Project was received by the Village on February 23, 2011 from M.A. Day Engineering, PC. The estimated cost to provide these services is \$6,850.00. These costs are not reimbursable by the FHWA/NYS DOT Grant. Funds to provide for engineering services are to be deducted by the RHV FY2011-2012 General Fund/Engineer -Contractual Expense Budget Line (#1440.4).

Approval to expand funds for engineering services by the RHV Board of Trustees is requested.

ITF

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. Red Hook Sewer Project

April 15, 2011. The Red Hook Sewer Project Committee met at the RHV Building to review outcome of April 8, 2011 Sewer Referendum. Items discussed included:

- Review of voter list; demographics of registered voters in the proposed district
- Status of property donation and funding from USDA-RD and NYSEFC
- Public and Political participation in an amended/revised project scope for future consideration
- Petitioning NYS for amendments to Article 5-A of the NYS County Law.
- Availability of funding to provide for revisions and application if a revised Sewer District were to be proposed.

Bridget Barclay (DCW&WA), Jonathan Churins (DCW&WA), Sue Crane (RHT Supervisor), Harry Colgan (RHT Councilman), Fred Testa (NYSEFC), David Cohen (citizen-at-large), Ed Blundell (RHV Mayor), and Brent Kovalchik (RHV Trustee) attended:

2. Red Hook Village Water Project

- Items to complete the funding request application were submitted the week of April 25-29, 2011 to the USDA-RD for consideration.

3. Red Hook Village Zoning Amendments and Pattern Book

- Correspondences between the Egbert Benson Historical Society, Architect Stehpen Tilly and Brent Kovalchik (RHV Trustee) continue in an effort to facilitate and complete the Pattern Book and Architectural Guides for Buildings in the GBD and TND.
 - Trustees Jay Trapp and Brent Kovalchik continue to work on draft proposals to amend current R10,000 GBD and TND regulations and supplemental conditions.
 - Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development has issued a revised RHV Infill Development plan that includes additional and inter-connecting parking locations. The Plan is an example of many possible schemes and will be used to further evaluate existing and potential areas of economic development within the RHV Business District.
4. The ITF met on April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 28, 2011 to review/revise the proposed zoning amendments of the RHT TND and Agricultural Business District.
- Stakeholders meetings between members of the RHT Board, DC Department of Planning and Development, property owners in the proposed Ag/Business District and TND have been ongoing during the month of April, 2011 to resolve and coordinate concerns raised at past RHT Public Hearings (re: Proposed Centers and Greenspaces Plan).
 - The RHT Board will hold a meeting on May 10, 2011 to review proposed amendments to the Centers and Greenspaces Plan and to establish a date for a public hearing to receive public comments on the amendments. Residents can receive additional information by contacting the Red Hook Town Clerk's Office.

CPF/ZRC/SHARED SERVICES/RED HOOK TOGETHER/EDC

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly reports as follows:

Community Preservation Fund (CPF) Advisory Board – Monthly Report April, 2011 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

There were no CPF Advisory Board Meetings held during the month of April, 2011.

The Proposed Community Preservation Plan (March 23, 2011 Draft) and the Proposed Community Preservation Plan; Appendix C; Parcel Selection Worksheets (March 23, 2011) are currently posted on the Red Hook Town and Red Hook Village websites for public review and comment.

Red Hook Town Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) – Monthly Report April, 2011 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Representative/Member

A meeting of the Zoning Review Committee was held on April 14, 2011 at the RH Town Building. Member Kovalchik was unable to attend due to RH Village Trustee FY2011-2012 Budget Public Hearing. Items discussed included:

- Windmill/Solar Panel bulk regulations
- Farm/Fence
- Demolition Permits

Red Hook Town Shared Service Committee – Monthly Report
April, 2011 – Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village representatives/Members

A meeting of the Shared Services Committee was held on April 21, 2011 at the Red Hook Town Building. Representatives from the RHT Board, RHT Highway Department, Red Hook Village Board of Trustees and RHT Engineers (Crawford and Associates, Engineering) attended.

Items discussed included:

- Review of the proposed RHT/RHV Highway Garage design -
Nine (9) bay garage to accommodate equipment/staff of the RHT and RHV Highway Departments
- Firewall separation requirements between service bays and administrative offices
- Roof slope preferences and associated cost variables

Red Hook Together – Monthly Report
April, 2011 – Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RHV Representatives/Members.

A meeting was held at the Bard College Campus Center on April 7, 2011. The following items were discussed:

- Community Gardens including RHT Community Garden (Route 9 South), Bard Campus Community Garden, Mill Road Elementary School Garden, and the RHV Community Garden.
- “Sister Cities Program” – update on the Red Hook/Palestinian Youth Program –
Status of meetings with local businesses, school and libraries and with the United Nations
Bard students are building a library in sister city Mas’ha Palestine.
- RHCS/D/Bard Collaborations
Affiliations with Red Hook Schools and Bard College for foreign language courses, performing arts programs, and host families programs.

- Chamber of Commerce
RH CANS – Can opener scheduled for April 29, 2011.
Polls are being considered to determine what businesses within the Villages would appeal to Bard students.

Red Hook Town Economic Development Committee (EDC)

Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik were invited to attend the April 28, 2011 meeting of the EDC. Items discussed included:

- RH Sewer Project status
- Collaborations with the Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce and Red Hook Community Arts Network to determine types and opportunities for new businesses to locate within the Village of Red Hook.

CELEBRATIONS

Trustee Norris reported: Red Hook School had a career day. Egg Scramble had approximately 50-60 kids attend (rainy day). Red Hook Can Opener (Chamber event) 200 attended. Town clean up day was successful. May 15th is ride your bike to work week. Memorial day parade will be May 29th.

Mayor Blundell announced the Community Garden didn't get enough persons interest in the Village.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Norris reported on Resource Recovery: commingle 3.03 T @ \$201.27, cardboard 5.47 T, garbage 14.0 T @ \$1,215.43. Trustee Norris is encouraging residents to compost and to not use private haulers, they make a lot of noise and are overweight on Village Streets.

PLANNING/ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning report for the month of April: 6 building permits, 2 certificates of compliance, 1 court appearance, 12 inspections. \$3,250.00 was collected in fees @ \$2,000.00 of which is for water hook-up. Chapter 95 is being sent to the Village Attorney for review. Trustee Trapp stated that he is looking for a planning board member. This position must take courses at the expense of the Village.

HIGHWAY

Red Hook Sidewalk Project - 80% Federal 20% DOT funded – (formally Safe Routes to School)

DM Kovalchik made a motion to approve engineering cost for the said project in the amount of

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\$6,850.00. The Village will have to borrow the total project cost of \$233,000.00 for short term. (RAN)
Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to appoint Jeff Urbin to the Village Green Committee. Trustee Trapp
seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Trapp stated that MA Day has an informational packet to submit to the Clerk for the DC
Community Block Grant.

Mayor Blundell submitted a claim to FEMA for \$8,700.00 for a snow/ice storm on December 26th and
27th.

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

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

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer