

VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE WORKSHOP MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2011
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Present: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Norris
Trustee Seymour was absent.

- Mayor Blundell opened the meeting with a discussion on Seasonal Parking. Village Attorney Rich Olson filled out the SEQRA form. The Village has agreed to declare negative declaration and attach to the SEQRA form. Part I and II. Trustee Trapp made a motion to attach SEQRA to the Seasonal Parking local law file. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.
- Red Hook Fire Department easement for solar panels on Village property (by the well lots on Firehouse Lane: Reviewed was a map from Marie Welsh. Mayor Blundell met with the Red Hook Fire Department and Jim Napoli (DCBOH). Mr. Napoli likes this project will send a copy of map to the NYSDOT for approval. Pilings for this project will dig down 5-7 feet. The Fire Company must appear before the Town Planning for approval. Construction will begin on 12-12-2011. Trustee Trapp made a motion to approve the easement to allow the Red Hook Fire Department to install solar panels on Village property contingent on the NYS BOH approval and to move forward with the construction with the said panels. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.
- David Groth - Mayor Blundell has met with Mr. Groth who represents the Village in regard to antenna rental on our Water Street water tower. Mr. Groth is historically receives commission for lease and engineering work on our behalf with cell phone companies. None of the parties can locate prior contract and he cannot continue without a contract. Mayor Blundell reviewed several similar contracts from other municipalities to compare. Currently Mr. Groth receives 20 % of rentals that he Village receives from 3 cell phone carriers. Mayor Blundell would like to have the contract designed to reflect an aging of rate. He will meet again with Groth. Groth is currently working on a T Mobile contract and the board is asking for a change in the last paragraph dealing with tower replacement options. This will be discussed in further details at a later date after Groth is given further direction by the Mayor.
- Sidewalk repairs- Mayor Blundell stated that recently a Village resident fell in front of the Chinese Restaurant which resulted with some injury. The tree in front of this store front root system is heaving, which is causing the pavers to be raise up. These pavers were installed almost 30 years ago by the state. There is a possibility the root system could be shaved. Brenda Cagle will consult with Mayor Blundell and meet with a specialist to see if this tree in particular is a candidate for root shaving. Mayor Blundell will inquire if tree and sidewalk repairs are eligible to be paid through a member item grant.
- December 9th is winter fest and will begin in the Village Parking Lot with refreshments and crafts with a tree light to follow.
- The Village's Federal Grant for sidewalks (Safe Routes to School) is being upgraded by Dennis Lynch and will be ready in early spring.

- Mayor Blundell stated the Town of Red Hook decreased the Village Police budget from \$ 60,000.00 to \$ 50,000.00 and he will meet with the Supervisor to discuss further options.
- Trustee Norris is inquiring about the installation of a playground somewhere in the Village (Middle School, Knollwood Commons). This will be discussed at a later date in more detail.

Trustee Trapp will reach out to Mark Graminski in regards to the new Village Tax map for re-zoning.

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

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer