

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2012**

Present: Mayor Blundell, Trustee Kovalchik, Trustee Norris, Trustee Seymour (VIA phone), Trustee Trapp was absent.

1. Delinquent water customers: Mayor Blundell opened the discussion stating Village water customers who have not paid their water bills should have their balances relieved to their tax bill. Clerk Cole submitted the minutes from the 12-5-05 meeting when a motion was passed to have delinquent water bills relieved onto tax bills. Mayor Blundell wants this motion to be made into a local law and put into the Village's code book. Mayor Blundell will discuss with Rich Olson and will be discussed in greater detail at a later date.
2. Water: Trustee Seymour stated that the water department has many broken water meters that should be repaired. Some are buried under snow and well pits. A list has been compiled and sent to Bucky Coon to replace before a heavy snow storm comes. Trustee Kovalchik questioned if the customer paid for these repairs. Trustee Seymour stated that it is the Village's responsibility for these repairs at this time. It is the Village's intent to replace all Village water meters with a water improvement grant. Trustee Seymour will contact Doris and have her send a list to Bucky Coon for water meter repairs.
3. CPF: Memorandum of Understanding - The Town of Red Hook passed CPF any home over medium price pays 2 % tax towards the purchase of development rights. The Town has agreed to purchase development rights of three properties on West Kerley Corners Road. Trustee Kovalchik read into record a paragraph from the CPF agreement (page 2.4). In addition, for clarity and to make property rankings easier, the CPF Advisory Board created separate ranking sheets for the Town and each of the two villages in the Town. The Town properties ranked the agricultural, open space and water resource qualities higher than other categories important to preserving the character of the community. In as much as village properties, by their nature and intent, are non-agricultural, using this same ranking process would automatically rank all village properties below those of most Town properties for access to the CPF resources. But preserving the Villages is important to preserving the community as a whole. Therefore, the CPF Advisory Board recommends that the Town and the Villages enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding to assure that highly ranked parcels in the Villages are eligible for a minimum ten percent (10%) of the CPF each for a total of twenty percent (20%) annually dedicated to use in the Villages. Strategies for when and how to allocate this portion of the Fund to the Villages should include the power of each municipality to veto allocation of its funds to a project not directly benefitting the Village. It should also include a mechanism for the Villages to relinquish the use of the 20 percent annual allocation, to be used elsewhere in the Town or for all of the 20 percent allocation to be used in one of the two Villages, if suitable projects are not available for funding in any given year. Each party to the Agreement/Memorandum should be designated an active participant in the decision-making process.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Town of Red Hook explaining the above (page 2.4 of the CPF agreement), Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

4. BID – Business Improvement District – Mayor Blundell stated that snow removal is costly and questioned the board if they want to continue removing snow from the business district.
5. Trustee Trapp had worked on a snow removal district and a map was also included in this district. Currently the map contains more than the business district. Key Bank is not going to sell the parking lot immediately. Anyone within 200' of the parking lot qualifies to use the parking lot as their parking spaces that is required during the planning process. Currently if residents do not clean sidewalks the Village will remove the snow and ice and bill the resident per linear foot. Currently the Board is not ready to vote on this district. Another option is to contract snow removal out.
6. Town Highway Garage – Trustee Kovalchik stated that the new highway garage is mostly winterized and should be completed by July, 2012. The Village has two bays in the new garage and there will be some arrangements that will be made with the Town (no garbage truck, no tools, etc.).

Trustee Kovalchik stated that the Town Climate Action Plan has changed their name to Energy Action Plan.

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

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer