

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
BUDGET WORKSHOP
APRIL 25TH 7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Norris, Trustee Seymour was absent.

Mayor Blundell opened the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also asking to enter into executive session to discuss budget police negotiations and the police budget. A motion was made by Trustee Kovalchik and seconded by Trustee Trapp. All were in favor.

7:20 a motion was made from Trustee Trapp and seconded by Trustee Kovalchik to re-convene from executive session. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION # 4-2012

Clerk Cole read Resolution # 4-2012

WHEREAS, the Village of Red Hook is undertaking its budget process for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2012 and ending May 31, 2013 that may require a real propriety tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c, and

WHEREAS, this resolution is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Village Board of Trustees to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a resolution approve by vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Board, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2012 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Dated: Red Hook, New York
April 25, 2012

MOVED: Trustee Norris
SECOND: Trustee Trapp
Mayor Blundell voting _yey
Trustee Kovalchik voting yey
Trustee Trapp voting _yey
Trustee Seymour voting absent
Trustee Norris voting _yey

Mayor Blundell stated that pension costs are exempt from the 2 % cap.

Mayor Blundell and Deputy Mayor Kovalchik met with the PD last evening to come to a budget agreement. The police union has their last offer on the table. Mayor Blundell listed some budget items that were changed since the public hearing: Income A2110 \$ 17,500 to \$ 21,500; A2590 \$ 1,000 to \$

1,500; A2610a \$ 110,000 to \$ 120,000; A4389 \$4,000 to \$ 6,000. Expenses: A1210.4 \$ 1,500 to \$ 1,000; A3120.11 \$ 221,500 to \$ 250,000; A 85601.4 \$ 5,000 to \$ 19,100.

A motion was made by Trustee Trapp to approve the budget with a 7.21 % tax increase, seconded by Trustee Kovalchik and all were in favor.

Water Budget – Mayor Blundell presented the water budget in the amount of \$ 338,400.

A motion was made by Mayor Blundell to accept the water budget, seconded by Trustee Trapp. All were in favor.

Garbage Budget – Mayor Blundell presented a garbage budget of \$ 55,000.00 which is down from low tag sales from \$ 65,000.00. Both water and garbage budgets should have a positive impact on the general budget. A motion was made by Mayor Blundell to approve the garbage budget and seconded by Trustee Trapp. All were in favor.

Public Comment

George Beekman questioned the service charge on the water budget. Mayor Blundell responded with that was the additional electric charges that were incorrectly billed.

Steve Zacharzuk asked the Board if they were ever instructed on how to better serve the community with less and what safeguards are in place that this does not happen again next year. Mayor Blundell responded with repurposing the Police Department and having more budget lines it can be watched more closely.

David Fell – as far as the police shared services, the Town threw the Village under the bus due to the fact that they backed out of their commitment to the Village halfway through our budget. Mr. Fell also feels that we do not charge enough per hour for an officer. The Village buys the cars and maintains them. Also the Fire Department shortfall is it in the new budget. Mayor Blundell reassured that it was.

Mike Brown commended the Board for their efforts.

Deputy Mayor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer