

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 7, 2013
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Norris.
Absent: Clerk Cole, Trustee Trapp and Trustee Zacharzuk (snow storm)
Meeting was recorded and transcribed by Clerk Cole.

Mayor Blundell opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with budget discussion.
March 15 a tentative budget is due. Clerk Cole added actual health care increases into the budget. The board proceeded to discuss each line item in the budget, here are some highlights.

Legislative board – no change

Acting Justice Jeffrey Martin will receive a stipend of \$ 500.00

Clerk personnel services are down deputy clerk salary being taken from water budget.

Engineer fees of \$ 3,750.00 (total of \$ 7,500.00 split with the Town) for D A Wheeler for services rendered for a sidewalk grant.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik stated the garbage fund is maintaining a low balance. Clerk Cole changed the garbage personnel service line to 6 hours a day for garbage pickup. DM Kovalchik stated the garbage fund is not pulling its weight of personnel services and should be charging 4 hours a pickup. Mayor Blundell stated, if the general fund absorbs more garbage cost it will increase the tax rate.

The brush landfill will be intentionally closed to get ready for well upgrades, therefore there will be no permit money in the income line but no attendant costs.

Mayor Blundell stated the P&F retirement projection came in at \$ 84,000.00. He feels this is estimated to high since the police personnel wages are projected higher than actual by Comptroller, resulting in a budget figure of \$60,000.00.

Mayor Blundell is still in contact with the county of Dutchess and waiting a decision as to whether the Village can join in the county comp. This would be a savings to our current budget.

Deputy Mayor Kovalachik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor of this motion

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer