

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
JULY 18, 2013  
7:15 PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Norris and Clerk Cole.  
Absent: Trustee Trapp and Trustee Zacharzuk

Mayor Blundell opened the meeting with a water improvement update: Mayor Blundell and DM Kovalchik met with USDA – Phase I is at substantial completion – there may be more federal funding available to justify action to seek Phase II.

Phase II will include a new water tower, replacement of mains in the SW quadrant of the Village.

A public hearing is scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for the application of Phase II.

Resolution # 14-2013 – Mayor Blundell read a resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for Phase II of the Village water system improvements. Mayor Blundell made this in the form of a resolution.

**Resolution # 14-2013:**

Whereas, the Village of Red Hook intends to continue its water system improvements and can apply to USDA-RD for grant/loan money for the water improvement project, Phase 2, per Preliminary Engineering Report; and

Whereas, the Village of Red Hook seeks a preliminary funding determination from USDA-RD for Phase 2; and

Whereas, the process involves review and signature of documents to pursue the application for the preliminary funding determination; and

Whereas, by municipal law the Mayor has executive authority.

Be it resolved, that Mayor Ed Blundell is fully authorized to complete and sign requisite USDA-RD documents as necessary to complete the Phase 2 application paperwork.

Voted:

Aye Mayor Blundell

Aye DM Kovalchik

Aye Trustee Norris

Absent Trustees Zacharzuk and Trapp

DM Kovalchik stated that the SW quadrant of the Village is the densest. It is also cheaper to erect a new water tower than remove lead from old tower on Tower Street.

Mayor Blundell and DM Kovalchik met with RFP applicants for Water Operator – YAWS and VRI – to run village water. The operator must have a 2B certification and a D certificate, which is an issue with YAWS. They claim to have hired another person with the 2B. Mayor Blundell offered another option to have CT Male continue as Water Operator for an additional \$500.00 (\$1,800.00 a month \$21,600.00). CT Male has agreed to stay on as Water Operator, if we decide to do this. DM Kovalchik asked if there would be a legal conflict since CT Male did not submit an RFP. Mayor Blundell will discuss with the Village Attorney. Mayor Blundell recommends extending the contract month to month for now and thereafter a one year contract.

Mayor Blundell stated water bills will be mailed next week. Clerk Cole generated a high-low report which indicated some problems. Customers that had been estimated water bills are high. At no fault of the resident – (meter was broke or stuck) Village error. Clerk Cole will pull problematic bills from being mailed and look at on an individual basis.

Mayor Blundell scheduled a public hearing for August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 PM to convert water consumption being read from cubic feet to gallons and codify the matters related to other aspects of the conversion and upgrades.

Leak detection survey showed no leaks – what it did show was the Red Hook Fire Department using 50,000 gallons each Monday evening from a hydrant – currently there is no agreement for such usage. DM Kovalchik stated why should the fire company not pay and the Village bear the cost of the fire company using water – the Town should share some of this cost. Mayor Blundell will measure the consumption and discuss with Jim Mulvey.

Farmers' Market – Mayor Blundell stated the market is doing well. This Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> will be Kids' Day – chalk painting on sidewalks, balloons, face painting. Music has also been added to the market.

LOSAP – The Red Hook Fire Department submitted points on July 16<sup>th</sup> – Mayor Blundell and the Board reviewed the submitted list of points and approved. Clerk Cole forwarded them to Penflex on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Blundell scheduled a public hearing on August 5<sup>th</sup> for 15 minute parking on North Broadway (Nekos). Some discussion ensued, DM Kovalchik wants to be certain it is not for one business only – if you do it for one business then every business will want this rule, not fair. Trustee Norris had a similar concern. In workshop format, there was no vote on this since it goes to public hearing. Blundell indicated the goal is to open one spot at the corner of Rt 9 S(North Broadway) and Rt 199 West – (W. Market) not to

favor one business but to try a short term spot here. Mayor Blundell stated anyone can use the parking – not just customers of Nekos.

Mayor Blundell has another Merchants Group meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup> – this committee is doing well and moving forward with great ideas.

DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Seconded by Trustee Norris. All were in favor.

8:35 pm: Mayor Blundell re-opened the meeting for one more discussion:

Budget adjustment to last year's budget 2012-13, to increase the expense line A5110.46 by \$1,722.00 for FEMA's payment of culvert cleaning that was previously recorded in revenue. Adjustments as follow: Transfer \$19.79 from A5110.42 Street Maintenance and \$1,132.00 from A5110.43 Streets Misc. and \$89.00 from A5110.45 Streets Fuel totaling \$3,200.00 and into A5110.46 Culverts.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve the above adjustments to the 2012-13 budget. Motion was seconded by DM Kovalchik. All were in favor.

DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Norris. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole  
Clerk/Treasurer