

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 6, 2014
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Norris, Trustee Zacharzuk, Trustee Trapp was absent, Clerk Cole

RESOLUTION 6-2014

Mayor Blundell opened the discussion regarding the grant for groundwater for \$30,000.00 which we were awarded via the CFA(see below). This study will continue the work we started with the interim work by a Bard student. The Village will have to match \$7,500.00 in-kind services. Total grant is based upon \$37,500 but with the village using in-kind services of \$7,500. C.T. Male will be the engineer, per the submission, and they have drawn up a contract for \$30,000. Michelle Zagorski will keep a spreadsheet of employees' time invested in project for the in-kind aspect.

Clerk Cole read Resolution 6-2014 as follows: **RESOLUTION FOR GROUNDWATER ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT**

Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Grant Agreement, Issuing a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination and Authorizing the Commitment of Matching Funds for the Engineering Planning Grant (EPG)

WHEREAS, the Village of Red Hook submitted an application for a 2013 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Engineering Planning Grant through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application process on August 12, 2013, for the project entitled "Village of Red Hook Wastewater Engineering Study"; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2013 the Village of Red Hook was awarded a Round III Engineering Planning Grant in the amount of \$30,000 for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Planning Grant program requires the governing body of the municipality receiving the grant to authorize by resolution a designated representative to sign and execute the Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Planning Grant program also requires the governing body to authorize and appropriate a local match of at least 20% of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR §617.5 (Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations) under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision (c) of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Village of Red Hook is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the project and to fulfill the Village's obligations under the Engineering Planning Grant Agreement; and

RESOLVED that the Village of Red Hook authorizes and appropriates the minimum 20% local match, or \$7,500, of the total estimated project cost of \$37,500, as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the "Village of Red Hook Wastewater Engineering Study" project. Under the Engineering Planning Grant Program, this local match must be at least 20% of the total project cost. The maximum local share appropriated subject to any changes agreed to by the Mayor shall not exceed \$7,500 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$37,500. The Mayor may direct and accomplish this local match through the use of in-kind services without further approval from this Board; and

RESOLVED that the Village of Red Hook, based on a review by the Village Board of the list of Type II actions identified in 6 NYCRR Part 617, has determined this project to be a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c) subparagraph (18) which states that engineering studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action are Type II actions and are therefore not subject to review under 6 NYCRR Part 617.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve Resolution 6-2014. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik stated the maximum this grant will allow is \$30,000.00. Mayor Blundell will sign an agreement with C.T. Male tonight for the engineering firm on this project.

Mayor Blundell reminded the Board of a Public Hearing on March 10th at 6:45 PM for the 2% tax cap.

Also a reminder that plans/maps for the Carr/Rubin Subdivision on Maizeland Road is available for review. It has been considered to loop the water main around on Maizeland Road. A letter for lead agency for SEQRA was submitted to the Village on this subdivision for three (3) building lots and lot line alteration. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik offers his consent for approval. All were in favor. Mayor Blundell will sign the form for lead agency.

Mayor Blundell presented a letter from the County of Dutchess in regards to the new Public Water Supply operating permit and fee. The fee is \$120.00 which we never had to pay before. This permit and fee are due April 1, 2014. Mayor Blundell will review for more details.

BUDGET Discussion – Mayor Blundell opened budget discussion with County Executive Marc Molinaro's State of the County address which Mayor Blundell attended. County Executive Molinaro stated the County is in a fragile state – 70% mandates of budget and is pushing local governments to consolidate. A discussion was had by the Board in regards to consolidation and there is a unanimous agreement that the Village should remain separate from the Town. The Village offers many services the Town does not, and would still require staff to perform these services to Village residents.

Expense and Capital Ideas to be considered in budget design:

Mayor Blundell updated the Village Board regarding the purchase of the Village parking lot from Key Bank. Mayor Blundell is talking to Assemblymember Kevin Cahill and asking for a capital grant to help with this purchase.

Mayor Blundell began a discussion in regards to installing a traffic light at the intersection of Firehouse Lane and Amherst Road. This discussion was on the table several years ago(2002) Mark Day may have been the engineer on the project. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik asked if this project is high priority and Mayor Blundell responded with it is time sensitive.

Additional cost for the coming budget would be roof repair and both Highway,

Clerk, and Police Department requesting more staffing options

Police: has received a court grant for Tasers and officers must be trained. Police Department is also due for a new vehicle.

Much discussion on expenses and income to be continued next Thursday, March 13, 2014.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer