

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 13, 2014
7:00 PM**

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

Mayor Blundell opened the meeting with budget discussion. Key Bank will start charging a monthly bank fee of \$5000-7000 across all of our accounts. Clerk Cole met with M & T Bank, which will not charge any fees. Currently the Village is attempting to purchase the Village Parking Lot which is owned by Key Bank. The discussion to change banks will be discussed in more detail at a later date.

LOSAP points have been submitted for 21 members. Clerk Cole forwarded these numbers to Penflex for an approximate amount along with administration fees for the upcoming budget.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik suggested several sub-budget lines to the water and general budgets. These are consistent with efforts to take steps that allow monitoring of details. These will be inserted in the upcoming budget.

Clerk Cole suggested moving \$10,000 from highway personnel budget line to water personnel. This is due to the Highway Department doing more water repairs.

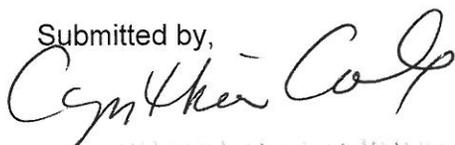
Deputy Mayor Kovalchik also asked if the Material Management Fund can hold its own. This is an annual question and the fund is separate from the general tax support since it is funded by users who pay for tags. The income has clearly been declining, but it still offsets one day of wages for the highway staff and some miscellaneous costs. If the service were to be dropped the residents would have to pay for a private hauler, about \$300 annually as compared to what they pay now. Most would likely see an increase in cost to get rid of their garbage which is an indirect burden to them. Also, then the one day of highway funding would be gone and the general fund would have to pick up the payment, meaning a tax increase. Mayor Blundell states he is still in favor of keeping Village garbage operation. We could consider raising the price of garbage tags, but that would likely be counter-productive.

A discussion was had in regards to the current status of highway shared services project.

Trustee Zacharzuk will research Village street lights bills.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. Trustee Norris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Submitted by,



Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer