

**Village Board Meeting
Public Hearing
2015 Dutchess County Department of Planning Block Grant
October 6, 2014
7:00PM**

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

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik opened the Public Hearing.

As directed by the Mayor, Trustee Trapp and DM Kovalchik worked together on the block grant application, in this case due to median income increases we concentrated on ADA related matters. The application has been titled A. D. A. Pedestrian Connection Completion. The application addresses work at areas where we have gaps in sidewalks that negatively affect users, especially persons with a disability. Maximum grant funds for the Village of Red Hook is \$ 100,000, which includes engineering and administration cost. This amount is lower than previous years due to the latest census bringing the Village's household medium income up, which reduces our eligibility for grants. Trustee Trapp stated the Village works hard to create a walkable community and sidewalks are key. Sidewalks work along Firehouse Lane and Colburn's Laundromat (Route 9) are being requested to get us compliant. Right now there is a blank area at Colburn/Rt 9 that ends use or forces pedestrians onto Rt 9. This breaks safe links to the VRH center and town. The firehouse serves as a voting center, community room and disaster refuge center but has a gap in handicapped access so another goal is providing handicapped access to RH Firehouse Lane. The project application must be submitted by October 17th. The total cost for the Village's submission/application is \$ 99,572.50.

Public Comment - David Pearson suggested getting crosswalks in the northern part of the Village particularly the post office and the site for the new CVS. Mayor responded that we have met DOT on that matter and there are some issues with curb cuts and ability to comply with ADA that make it a problem. DM Kovalchik concurred. We would also like to insert road-based crosswalk warnings at Red Hook Commons (Sr. Housing) and the Library. Mayor Blundell indicated those

areas now comply with DOT and have DOT signage on shoulders but drivers still seem to ignore walkers. This grant cycle does not have funding for all this.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer