

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2014**

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

POLICE CONTRACT - Mayor Blundell has met several times with the union negotiator and Sergeant Hildenbrand as the representative for the police union in new contract negotiations. At the last meeting the Board was given the final version of the contract for review - 12-8-14 version. Compensation is retro back to July 1, 2014. Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve the 2014 Union Police Contract. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Trustee Norris left the meeting at 7:05 PM.

JUSTICE COURT AUDIT- RESOLUTION 23-2014

Mayor Blundell stated the Board was given time to review the 2013 Justice Court Audit which was conducted by Lori Doty CPA, which concluded all money processing was done in a timely manner. The Village Board must review and approve the audit. Judge Griffiths' funds (bail money) in the amount of \$ 1,344.35 is still on the books. Judge Triebwasser is working with Albany on distribution of this bail money. There is a 7 year time frame before anything can be done with bail money. There is also \$ 205.00 in bail funds under Judge Coon. Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve the 2013 Court Audit. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik seconded this motion. All were in favor. A communication will go to the Justice Court on unclaimed bail funds for both Judge Coon and Judge Griffiths. All were in favor.

LOSAP Audit - Mayor Blundell asked Clerk Cole what the status of the LOSAP Audit was. Clerk Cole stated the audit is being done by Pattison Koskey and she will be meeting with an accountant tomorrow.

WATER - USDA requires us to create short time assets fund for \$ 25,000.00 - used in case of repairs to water equipment. We budgeted for this but the now push for a separate reserve fund for water should be cumulative. Municipal law allows certain type reserve funds with restrictions on use. Such as, reserve fund vote must pass by 2/3. Mayor Blundell wants to be able to use for emergencies which tend to be the case in water matters. We are talking with NYCOM and USDA on best format for this fund.

Red Hook Trails Funding - connect trails to Bard and Tivoli. The Town is looking for a planning grant. The projected cost is \$ 20,000.00, in-kind services of \$ 5,000.00, Town will pay \$ 5,000.00, Bard will pay \$ 1,000.00 and a grant to pay \$ 8,000.00. Both the Village of Tivoli and the Village of Red Hook are being asked to contribute \$ 500.00 each. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik stated he wants the Village of Red Hook to be involved in this process. Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve the Village to participate in

this planning study for trails to be a minority partner. Also, Mayor Blundell will request the Board is copied on all minutes of meetings to be kept in the loop of progress. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik seconded this motion. All were in favor.

HIGHWAY COMPACT TRACTOR – Deputy Mayor Kovalchik is requesting purchasing a new highway compact tractor, the current John Deere tractor is 7-8 years old. A price for a Kobota is \$ 28,984.00. The tractor could be paid for by the following: CHIPS balance of \$ 7,339.73, CHIPS extreme cold weather \$ 4,420.60, budget line maintenance 5110.2, \$ 8,000.00. Trade-in or sale of old tractor of \$ 12,500.00. Mayor Blundell stated such a needs to be bid or purchase off state contract. A vote will be taken after state contract bids are received.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss security system at 8:25 PM. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:55 PM. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik stated a hydrant replacement schedule was sent to the Board for review.

Also, what is the status of the backflow prevention policy? Mayor Blundell stated he has a draft version and it is moving forward. This will be discussed further with Robert Flores.

Mayor Blundell stated the traffic light has had some adjustment done by NYS DOT. The traffic light now has a Facebook page. These changes are in the timing allowed for a crossing and replacement of computer components. As noted in the DOT letter, there is a need for DOT to replace the loop in the Rt 9 northbound lane. DOT tells us that this requires funding and we are not the only ones with trouble. Blundell is in talks with Assemblyman Cahill to get DOT funded to address the loop repairs.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer