

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2016
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Zacharzuk,
Trustee Norris & Assistant Clerk Arie Drewes.

Absent: Clerk/Treasurer Chiarella

1. Phase II Job Start Status – Mayor Blundell stated that Jersen Construction has begun making preliminary saw cuts. Actual start date is March 1, 2016. DM Kovalchik added that supplies will be stored at St. Christopher's School and Church, and that pipes will only be delivered as needed. The remainder of supplies will be brought to the Highway Garage. Mayor Blundell contested such use around residences. There will be further discussion on supply delivery locations.
2. Phase II Impact -- Mayor Blundell noted that a public info film/informational FAQ is being created to post on the website. The video is being shot next week, and should be finished by the end of the month. Information will be released to residents soon regarding a definitive work schedule and traffic laws for residents only.
3. Hoffman Farms & Options – Mayor Blundell stated that he generated correspondence with Mr. Rang. Hoffman Farms' projected offer to the Village was \$44,000.00 per year, based on a projected average consumption of 150 gal. per day, per customer. Trustee Trapp noted that offer is below what we want. DM Kovalchik responded that that number would not be realized until full build out. Mayor Blundell stated he viewed the aquifer as Village property, not for profit. If private entity drills or taps – how does that affect residents?
4. Mayor Blundell stated that the Village is off New York State's fiscal stress list for FY 2015. The 0.12% tax cap was mentioned, and the Mayor's fund balance chart was projected that illustrates our hard work to correct old financial issues.
5. Budget 2016/2017 – Department heads submitted preliminary requests for the 2016/2017 budget to Mayor Blundell. Requests from the Clerk's office, Highway Department, Police Department, and Justice Court were read aloud to the board. Mayor Blundell discussed the .12% tax cap, equal to \$1400.00, stating that previously the budget has stayed within the cap.

6. Red Hook Fire Company – Mayor Blundell stated his personal desire to have an independent tax line for the fire department. This would enable them to generate revenue directly from the tax payers with their own budget/tax line instead of going through village and town funding in our budgets. The FD provides a serious and necessary service that cannot be more important but we are subject to tax caps that restrict what we can offer. He has suggested this to FD board members but gets resistance.

7. Budget Mods 2015/2016 – Mayor Blundell made a motion to transfer \$10,000.00 from Water Fund Balance to water insurance line 1910.4, and then to General Fund 1910.4 in order to bring the water balance for unallocated insurance to \$21,000.00 and get it to the General Fund. Last year we knew the insurance costs but apparently had a math error in apportionment from water. Trustee Trapp seconded, all were in favor.

8. Executive Session – Personnel – At 8:27 Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into executive session. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded this motion. All were in favor.

9. At 8:43 p.m., Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter back into regular session. DM Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

10. At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Blundell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Arie Drewes
Assistant Clerk