

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 31, 2016**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Zacharzuk, Trustee Norris was absent & Clerk/Treasurer Chiarella

- Annexation - Hoffman Farms - a brief discussion was had in regards to the Hoffman Farm - The Town of Red Hook is in favor of annexation. The Village would plow roads, remove brush and provide police protection. Currently the Village is offering 1.25 % for a water rate, currently Town water customers are charged double.
- March 15th there was a fire on Rt. 9 which destroyed a business park of 7 businesses. The EDC got involved to help these businesses find new locations. The Village water department provided water to extinguish this fire.
- Mayor Blundell provided the Board with a link for articles for review in regards to a formula business oversight. Currently Todd Baright owns the CVS which could be a potential location for a formula business.
- 2016-2017 Budget - A public hearing has been scheduled for April 11th at 7:00 PM. The Village will no longer be funding Panda. Mayor Blundell made a motion to draft a letter to Panda from the Village Board that to stay in compliance with the 1.2% tax cap the Village will use their own filming equipment to film board meetings and not to renew the contract. Trustee Trapp seconded this motion. All were in favor.
- Key Bank is charging high monthly fees. Up to \$3000 monthly. Currently the Village is looking to switch banking to M & T Bank.
- Salisbury Bank will pay for the new RAM truck on their line of credit. This is until CHIPS funds are available. Mayor Blundell made a motion to authorize changing 5110.1 highway personnel from \$ 96,500 to \$ 94,500 in the 2016-2017 budget. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded this motion. All were in favor.
- Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded this motion. All were in favor.
- Mayor Blundell made a motion to reconvene from executive session. DM Kovalchik seconded this motion. All were in favor.
- DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Trustee Trapp seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Chiarella
Clerk/Treasurer