

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2016
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Ed Blundell, DM Brent Kovalchik, Trustee Norris, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Zacharzuk, Assistant Clerk Drewes.

Red Hook Fire Company – Rob Frye, Rob Streib, and Dan Turgeon from the RHFD Board of Directors attended the meeting to discuss the contract. Dan Turgeon stated that there had been no increase in the previous contract, and the firehouse requires updating along with new equipment and gear. DM Kovalchik asked for further clarification on their capital budget plan, and was told that information could be provided at a later date. Trustee Trapp inquired about how Town vs. Village costs are determined, and was the percentage based on median income, number of calls, population, etc.. Rob Streib responded that in the past, cost burden was never based on a formula and increases were separately given. The Village Board discussed other funding options and questioned why grants had not been pursued. Mayor Blundell repeated a position he had put forth at prior contract meeting; namely that we are in the course of 4 years of coming off old village deficits and tax caps that restrict us. And there should be a move toward one contract with the Town and then an agreement between the village and town on sharing the costs. Right now the approach of two contracts makes us adversarial since the FD is looking for inconsistent increases between the two municipalities. The village has a \$200 million tax base and the town has a \$1.2billion tax base so town increases are spread across more financial base. Right now the village pays \$105,000 annually for fire protection and the town pays \$262,000. He would prefer similar percentage increases at town and village levels and is in contact with the town since they are also in the midst of contract talks to push this concept. Plus, we still are in the confines of NYS tax cap pressures and the obligation to maintain services in other areas including fire protection. Further discussion will be held at a future date upon receiving more information from the fire department. Blundell suggested that whatever rate of increase the town approves, the village should try to follow suit on the rate.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Mayor Blundell mentioned that PAVE NY helped make more funds available through and that the AUD completion shows us the most accurate analysis of what is carried over. The Village's confirmed budget available in CHIPS has increased to \$52800.00 to \$57224.47.

The funds available need to be identified so we can review how to fund the back hoe purchase.

DM Kovalchik made a motion for a budget adjustment to set \$57224.17 in A3501 and 5110.3. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Backhoe – DM Kovalchik opened discussion on the Village's need for a new backhoe. He stated that the current Terex cannot be repaired on a part-by-part basis, as its components are no longer available. Dan Streib, Highway Superintendent, acquired 3 estimates for different

models, solicited bids, and chose a model that has parts available locally – a JCB 3CX14MFC - \$76,691.99 along with two necessary accessories: a loader-hydraulic coupler for \$2850.00 and a 94” grapple bucket for \$6756.00. The current backhoe is listed in the Fall Dutchess County auction ending November 3rd and may be auctioned for as high as \$20,000.00. We have taken this step to get the benefit of the Fall auction but have a minimal price of \$16,000 since we have a quote for a trade at that figure. Funding options were discussed, including mixing the fund balance and different budget lines, along with potentially borrowing funds from Salisbury Bank at 1.5% interest.

DM Kovalchik made a motion to purchase the JCB Backhoe Model #3CX14MFC, plus accessories at the quoted price of \$86,297.99. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to declare the existing front loaders bolt on hydraulic, snow pusher, and mesh tarp with brackets surplus. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Blundell made a motion as an addendum to the Village Board’s Monday motion for a 1.88% interest rate with Salisbury Bank on the line of credit. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded. All were in favor.

Three families on Prince Street have complained about the Bard bus on village streets, creating noise late at night and running over new curbs. Trustee Kovalchik suggested an alternative route between the hours of 10 pm – 2 am. Mayor Blundell offered that the bus could circulate through the Village but would have to turn on private property. Another idea is making Prince Street two-way so the bus could turn out that way. Blundell feels that the most logical student pick p/drop off is the village lot. It is safest for all. The bus trips are about once an hour, brings about 200 students back and forth to our businesses and their homes. On top of that it reduces car traffic. Trustee Trapp questioned whether the Bard shuttle was an essential service, and why curfews for a shuttle as an overweight vehicle do not apply. Further discussion will be had internally and with Bard.

At 9:30 p.m., Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into executive session regarding personnel. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion. At this time Assistant Clerk Drewes exited the meeting.

At 9:57 p.m., DM Kovalchik made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Norris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Arie Drewes
Assistant Clerk