

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17, 2016  
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Norris, Trustee Zacharzuk, Assistant Clerk Drewes. Absent: Trustee Trapp, Clerk/Treasurer Chiarella.

Mayor Blundell explained that it would be possible to offset capital costs of the municipal sewer project by applying for funding through the Dutchess County Partnership for Manageable Growth Program (PMGP). This program also helps protect agricultural lands.

**Resolution 29 - 2016**

Mayor Ed Blundell made a MOTION, seconded by Trustee Kovalchik.

**Whereas** the Village of Red Hook is continuing its efforts to search for funding resources for the municipal sewer project (also referred to as the "Downtown Development and Jobs Project") within the business district of the Village, and it intends to apply for any and all appropriate sources, including federal, state, and local financing programs, and including the Partnership for Manageable Growth Program (PMGP) through Dutchess County; and

**Whereas** the funding process involves review and signature of documents to submit the PMGP Application before December 5, 2016; and

**Whereas** if the Village is awarded PMGP funding, it will work with all appropriate County agencies to accept the PMGP funding and design, construct, and implement the Downtown Development and Jobs Project in accordance with the approved Preliminary Engineering Report and applicable PMGP policies and guidelines; and

**Whereas** by general municipal law the Mayor has executive authority; and therefore

**Be it resolved** that Mayor Ed Blundell is fully authorized to complete and sign requisite grant application documents to submit the PMGP Application and any related funding paperwork.

Voted:

Mayor Ed Blundell:   AYE    
DM Kovalchik:   AYE    
Trustee Norris:   AYE    
Trustee Trapp:  ABSENT   
Trustee Zacharzuk:   AYE

Red Hook Fire Department: Mayor Blundell stated that no additional information has been provided by the fire company since their previous workshop. He has contacted the town, and will discuss a shared cost percentage review with Supervisor McKeon. Trustee Zacharzuk suggested forming a committee between the Town and Village to negotiate RHFD contracts. Mayor Blundell stated he feels there should be one contract, shared with the Town, and that a taskforce could be established to help evaluate call data and negotiations. But, we need to deal with the current contract and consider a task force in future years. Further discussions to come.

Parking Lot Usage: Mayor Blundell described past and present uses for the municipal parking lot, now owned by the Village of Red Hook. Mayor Blundell noted that the Chamber of Commerce shares a space where the information booth sits, and that a menorah was erected next to it by a local temple last week for upcoming Hanukkah celebrations without permission. After discussion, the board agreed that any specific religious decorations should not be displayed on government property due to the constitutional separation of church and state. The board has agreed to contact the temple to suggest moving it to Memorial Park where other holiday lights exist or privately owned locations for their display.

Police: The Red Hook Police Department is in need of a new vehicle after blowing a piston on the Dodge Charger. Mayor Blundell is interested in pursuing a leasing option for a new fully outfitted vehicle on a rotating schedule of 3 (or 4) years as opposed to a purchasing a new one as a more cost efficient option. Sergeant Hildenbrand is acquiring estimates. More discussion will be held when more information about leasing becomes available.

At 7:56 p.m., Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into executive session regarding staffing. DM Kovalchik seconded the motion. At this time, Assistant Clerk Drewes left the meeting.

At 8:32 p.m. Mayor Blundell made a motion to exit executive session for discussion about employment of particular persons(s). Trustee Zacharzuk seconded the motion.

At the return to regular session, board concurred and authorized that part-time employee Arie Drewes will be moved to fill a full-time exempt position – Secretary to Planning/Zoning - but continue her regular duties, plus train to back up Lara Hart in that department. This will cross-train and help overall operations. She is set to specialize in software reviews and modern business money connection options with our Muncicity program and modules it contains.

At 8:40 p.m., DM Kovalchik made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Norris seconded the motion.

Submitted by,

Arie Drewes  
Assistant Clerk