

**THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2017
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Norris, Trustee Zacharzuk, Clerk/Treasurer Chiarella.

Mayor Blundell stated the tax cap for the 2017-2018 budget is 1.15 % which is an allowable \$13,000 increase to the budget spending.

The Red Hook VFW has made a preliminary request for the installation of a monument in Memorial Park for post Veterans that served after Vietnam. They are not in a rush and are looking to see if we are interested. Preliminary design is a standing kiosk/sign board like one in Milan. We will take a look at Milan and give input. This will be discussed further at another meeting.

Red Hook Fire Company - Mayor Blundell and Trustee Trapp met with several fire board members in regards to the contract. Mayor Blundell reviewed the 2016 run sheets. Fire Department wants a 4.75% increase as compared to the offer we gave of 2 % the first year and 2 % the second year. The Village currently pays \$ 105,000 yearly. The Village Board wants the contract to be on the same calendar schedule as the Town.

After a detailed review by the Village Board, Mayor Blundell was authorized to offer made the Red Hook Fire Company a 4 % increase for a 18 month contract; plus we would provide consultation to them on steps to have them create an independent fire district. Trustee Trapp seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:00 for personnel. DM Kovalchik seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to reconvene from executive session at 8:15. Trustee Trapp seconded this motion.

8:15 Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into executive session for personnel. Trustee Norris seconded this motion. All were in favor.

8:40 Mayor Blundell made a motion to reconvene from executive session. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Highway Department Staffing - Mayor Blundell made a motion to authorize the hiring of Chris Coon as full time as highway laborer effective 1-30-17. This position will have

health insurance, dental and eye care for the single plan only. A memorandum of agreement has been drawn up. DM Kovalchik seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Sewer – updates – Since we have the 12/29/16 Letter of Conditions from USDA-RD we are now firming up price/costs so we can move ahead with Phase 1 of our sewer project for the village. The offer is \$3.7 million in low interest loan (38 years at 1.875%) and a \$1.2 million grant. Right now we will serve 125 properties with 292 benefit users, (based on 150 gallons of water a day) at a yearly cost of \$780.00 per benefit user. We are looking at NYS EFC for short term money. Plus, we are still in the running for some NYS grants and a County grant.

We still have many steps to get through and must have sewer regulations incorporated into our current codes; work on acquiring the existing treatment plant at Red Hook Commons; have the engineers complete the Map and Plan Report.

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

Submitted by

Cynthia Chiarella
Clerk/Treasurer