

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
MAY 18, 2017
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Jay Trapp, Charles Laing, Jen Norris, Assistant Clerk Arie Drewes.
Absent: Clerk/Treasurer Chiarella

Mayor Blundell made a motion to open the meeting at 7:03 p.m.. DM Kovalchik seconded the motion.

PANDA TV

Mayor Blundell stated that Spectrum took over Time Warner Cable and the five munis that are members of PANDA are looking at the cable franchise agreement. Indications are that Spectrum will continue paying RH the maximum franchise fee of 5% on cable customers. RH has earlier done an audit and the rate seems correct and is only on base cable charges., Blundell was at a meeting with the 5 muni's and they all indicated that they plan to renew a contract with PANDA. McKeon circulated PANDA's budget info that was printed as of 9/30/2016. At this group meeting, with other contracted municipalities, all were in favor of keeping contract and not fronting any money for RH. Mayor Blundell expressed he was never asking anyone else to absorb our costs and that the village was not in favor of increasing the Village's budget for PANDA.

In workshop format various options were considered; ranging from staying in PANDA to having Michael Yonchenko who is working with RHHS students come in and help film board meetings. Trustee Laing asked how the PANDA rates are determined. Mayor Blundell explained the breakdown based on population of cable customers. Trustee Norris commented that if PANDA filmed school board meetings and more events the Village might be more willing to contribute more. She also questioned whether or not the Village could film its own meetings/events. Trustee Trapp stated that he thinks the investment in our own equipment would have an immediate return. Mayor Blundell said Mr. Yonchenko would use his own equipment and train the students for \$500.00/mo.. Videos could later be posted via YouTube. Mayor Blundell suggested setting up a public discussion for the June board meeting and having Mr. Yonchenko and PANDA come film.

COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTED GENERATION

Mayor Blundell reviewed the application for the DC Innovation Grant to reduce power used by municipal buildings. He stated that this would enable pre-construction steps for a solar farm at the Village well fields, putting the space to good use benefitting our residents. Trustee Laing asked whether or not the Town would have to change zoning laws. Mayor Blundell explained that they would have to look at that but Town is on board. . The Village would have to cooperate and apply with the Town of Red Hook.

Mayor Blundell introduced Resolution # 15. DM Kovalchik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 15
DATED: May 18, 2017

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR A
MUNICIPAL INNOVATION GRANT REGARDING STUDY OF COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTED GENERATION**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Village of Red Hook ("Village") to submit an application for a Municipal Innovation Grant to finance a study of the feasibility of constructing a 1.7MW photo-voltaic system on Village owned land within the Village to provide for community distributed power generation ("Grant Application"); and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the Grant Application to be applied for is \$45,000, with the Town of Red Hook and the Village of Red Hook as co-applicants;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook, as follows:

1. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor or, in his absence, the Deputy Mayor, to execute and submit the Grant Application as project co-applicant with the Town of Red Hook, in a maximum estimated project cost of \$45,000 for the community distributed power generation feasibility study.
2. The officers, employees and agents of the Village are hereby authorized and directed for an in the name and on behalf of the Village to do all acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened in public session at the Village Hall, 7467 South Broadway, Red Hook on May 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ed Blundell, and, upon roll being called, the following members were:

PRESENT:

Mayor Ed Blundell

Deputy Mayor Brent Kovalchik
Trustee Charles Laing
Trustee Jennifer Norris
Trustee Jay Trapp

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Clerk Arie Drewes

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Ed Blundell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Brent Kovalchik, to wit;

RESOLUTION DATED MAY 18, 2017

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR A
MUNICIPAL INNOVATION GRANT REGARDING STUDY OF COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTED GENERATION**

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Mayor Ed Blundell	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Deputy Mayor Brent Kovalchik	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Trustee Charles Laing	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Trustee Jennifer Norris	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Trustee Jay Trapp	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

JUSTICE COURT CONSOLIDATION

Mayor Blundell introduced an application for a municipal innovation grant regarding a study of judicial court services shared between the Town and Village of Red Hook. He explained that the Village would pro-rate the bond payment as a rate to charge the town rent and it could be worth looking into as a way to generate revenue. It would also create the possibility for a FT court clerk position. Trustee Laing inquired how the estimated project cost was reached, and Mayor Blundell stated that consultants interviewed Judge Triebwasser.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to adopt Resolution #16. DM Kovalchik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16
DATED: May 18, 2017**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR A
MUNICIPAL INNOVATION GRANT REGARDING STUDY OF JUDICIAL COURT SHARED SERVICES**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Village of Red Hook ("Village") to submit an application for a Municipal Innovation Grant to finance a study of judicial operations to ascertain the feasibility of sharing operations/locations to create a shared judicial court ("Grant Application"); and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the Grant Application to be applied for is \$30,000, with the Town of Red Hook and the Village of Red Hook as co-applicants;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook, as follows:

1. The Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor or, in his absence, the Deputy Mayor, to execute and submit the Grant Application as project co-applicant with the Town of Red Hook, in a maximum estimated project cost of \$30,000, for the Judicial Court Shared Services Feasibility Study project.
2. The officers, employees and agents of the Village are hereby authorized and directed for an in the name and on behalf of the Village to do all acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution.
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Trustee Charles Laing	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Trustee Jennifer Norris	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Trustee Jay Trapp	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

NEW YORK STATE DEC EVC

Mayor Blundell stated that the Village was awarded a \$16,000.00 DEC Grant to construct an EV charging station in the municipal parking lot. DM Brent Kovalchik inquired whether or not the parking lot would also be improved. He suggested a parallel grant to help cover lot repairs – sagging and foundation problems. Trustee Norris asked where the stations would be located, and if they'd be near the Chamber kiosk. Mayor Blundell said the location would be discussed.

Mayor Blundell mentioned a Dutchess County shared services meeting he attended where he suggested that perhaps municipalities could share building inspectors with set office hours in different locations. DM Kovalchik commented that he wants to avoid complications with the uneven time commitments. Communities would need to ensure fairness and jurisdiction in contracts. Trustee Trapp suggested sharing the police department, as they are the biggest burden on the budget and could be shared with the Town. Mayor Blundell said he would share these ideas with the town.

RED HOOK FIRE COMPANY

Mayor Blundell reviewed the meeting appearance by the RHFDD at the April board meeting. He spoke to counsel who corresponded with the RHFDD's new attorney specializing in fire districts. Mayor Blundell also re-interviewed with a NYCOM attorney and reconfirmed that the fire company is a subsidiary entity under a village department. A meeting is still needed to finalize budget talks and organizational talks but the FD is not responding with a date. . Mayor Blundell is working on new numbers analysis, and EMS statistics from a County study. These showed the RHFDD's inability to respond 59% of the time with the ambulance. He restated how he would like to improve the relationship with the FC, more than contract talks once every two years.
More talks to come.

DM Kovalchik asked about the status of the existing shared services grant with the Town – Mayor Blundell said he met with the Benjamin Group, and things are moving forward.

At 8:58 p.m. Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into executive session for personnel. DM Kovalchik seconded this motion.

At 9:12 p.m., Mayor Blundell motioned to exit executive session back into the regular meeting. Trustee Norris seconded this motion.

At 9:12 p.m., DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Blundell seconded this motion.

Submitted by,

Arie Drewes
Assistant Clerk