

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
JULY 20, 2017
7 PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Laing, Trustee Norris, Trustee Trapp,
Assistant Clerk Drewes.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to open the meeting at 7:00 pm.

LED LIGHTING

Mayor Blundell stated that he is still interested in upgrading the remainder of street lights to LEDs. This was discussed briefly at the main meeting and he wanted to examine the spreadsheet further in workshop. He projected a spreadsheet showing LED lighting statistics that showed potential expenses versus the cost current Central Hudson bills, and explained that most of the expense would be in the rental fees. Other projected costs involve annual energy costs, maintenance fees, an installation fee, etc. After the first year, a savings around \$43,600.00 would appear without increasing the energy budget. This could be used to offset up front purchase costs as was described at the July board meeting. Mayor Blundell would also like to cooperate on this project with the Town of Red Hook and Village of Tivoli. DM Kovalchik asked if installing our own fixtures would have to be done at prevailing wage. Mayor Blundell stated it would. Trustee Laing inquired as to whether the Town had been contacted for input. Mayor Blundell said yes, and that conference with the town's lighting district would continue. Mayor Blundell made a motion to declare interest as a board in order to pursue conversion to LED lights, where the mayor is authorized to investigate grant options and further energy data. DM Kovalchik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

HIGHWAY TRUCK

Mayor Blundell referenced a consultation with Highway Dept. foreman Dan Streib. The plow-truck, which has frame deterioration, needs to be replaced. DM Kovalchik explained that the frame rails are separating and that the truck is used for heavy snowfalls with the wing plow. Foreman Streib brought in a sales rep on an impromptu visit as he was also visiting the Town of Red Hook. Streib and the salesperson projected a cost of \$170,000 for what the Village needs. Trustee Trapp asked if a large truck is necessary, or if it would be a possibility to substitute a smaller vehicle? Mayor Blundell responded that the highway foreman says no, but that he has reached out to Theresa Burke for input but has yet to have a full meeting. Trustee Laing inquired as to whether or not this may be a shared services opportunity. DM Kovalchik responded that shared services for plowing were attempted previously and were not possible. Mayor Blundell pointed out how long (6-7 months) it would take to have the truck assembled and delivered, and stated he believes it will be necessary to have the old truck functional through this winter. He then projected figures from Salisbury Bank as a finance model on the prices given.. Yearly costs will be around \$16,000.00 at 2% interest with 20% down. DM Kovalchik pointed out that pre-payments can be made with no penalty. Mayor Blundell stated that FEMA/water department funds could help with financing. We anticipate getting some FEMA money from Storm Stella costs and the truck will do some water related tasks. Trustee Trapp asked whether Foreman Streib had the confidence that the truck would make it through the winter. Mayor Blundell stated he did, and DM Kovalchik added that repairs would be necessary but the highway department can complete them. He also questioned the necessity of another truck when it has limited use – primarily in the winter. He

would like to know what it will be used for at other times in the year. Mayor Blundell said he does not feel the pricing unreasonable, but doesn't see how anything can be arranged before winter and so the Highway Dept. must take actions to repair and secure the truck for this upcoming winter. Consultations with Foreman Streib and the comptroller will continue regarding funding possibilities.

RED HOOK COMMONS

A letter drafted by Mayor Blundell to Morris Associates was shown to the board members regarding Lot 12 or the Smith Street Lot which confirmed that the Village of Red Hook will provide water to the new subdivision. Trustee Trapp asked if Ken Kearney will want this new subdivision connected to the sewer project also. DM Kovalchik stated that is not possible, because the sewer plans are locked according to grant funding. Mayor Blundell made a motion to send the letter as drafted. DM Kovalchik seconded the motion. All were in favor. This letter will be mailed July 21, 2017.

IT PROTECTION

Mayor Blundell reviewed the malware/virus scare experienced early in the month. He stated that the incident was isolated and contained. After a consultation with Rick Heinlein, it was suggested that the Village purchase a monthly security program for additional protections and he shared the quote with the board. Trustee Trapp agreed and said the Village cannot afford to lose any data. Mayor Blundell made a motion to move ahead at the direction of the IT consultant to purchase recommended cyber-security product. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ROUTE 9/AMHERST INTERSECTION

Mayor Blundell introduced discussion about the intersection of Amherst Rd & Route 9. This is a NYS highway meeting a village set of streets that are not at full 90 degree intersection. Mayor Blundell explained that years ago the state indicated the village would need to buy land at Firehouse Lane (from a building owner) engineer and reconfigure that street to become a full four-corner square intersection. This would be a very high combined cost. The village tried to buy the land but impasse developed. Mayor Blundell now wonders just why the intersection requires squaring up since more modern sensors and traffic lights have been developed. He noted that the state wanted an even 4-way stop in order to place a traffic light, which would require an engineering study and a land purchase. Trustee Norris asked if there was potential to shut down two way traffic to one-way at the entrance via Amherst and re-route traffic to Old Farm Road. The board did not think that was feasible with current uses there. Trustee Kovalchik asked whether the Hoffman Farms project would create an entryway. Mayor Blundell stated he did think of that but the project shows no plans for a new traffic light down at its Town side of Old Farm Road. Mayor Blundell said he would take steps to reinvigorate some new options and see if DOT has new input.

At 8:30 pm Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into executive session regarding personnel/collective bargaining. DM Kovalchik seconded the motion. Assistant Clerk Drewes left the meeting at this time.

At 9:02 pm Mayor Blundell made a motion to leave executive session. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion.

At 9:02 pm DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Norris seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Arie Drewes
Assistant Clerk