

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017
7 PM**

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

Absent: Clerk/Treasurer Chiarella.

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

Mayor Blundell addressed Jonathan Becker and the Bard College Civics class in public attendance and the members of the Village Board were introduced. At Mayor Blundell's request, a moment of silence was observed by all in attendance in remembrance of the September 11th attacks.

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RED HOOK FIRE COMPANY

Rob Frey of the Red Hook Fire Company attended and reviewed the fire service contract with Mayor Blundell. Mr. Frey mentioned a change in paragraph six regarding the missing total for retroactive pay outside the 2017-2019 project. DM Kovalchik asked about an addendum regarding highway shared services to the contract for plowing and grass mowing. Mayor Blundell stated that it would be attached to this one document, but that Rob Frey would like to review the contract before it is signed. DM Kovalchik questioned when the next contract negotiations would occur. Mayor Blundell did not have an exact date but we want to align with Town negotiations in the future. Our next contract will not need negotiation until end of FY 2019. The Village is working together with RHFC to establish a fire council. The new contract will include a 2% rate increase.

Mayor Blundell introduced a motion to attach an addendum to the Fire Contract crafted by Village counsel to include highway shared services such as plowing and mowing. Trustee Trapp made the motion. DM Kovalchik seconded. Mayor Blundell introduced a motion to authorize the mayor to execute documents related to the fire contract with the terms included but with the addenda. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Rob Frey delivered the fire report, and stated that the RHFC responded to 67 calls in August. He also stated that the RHFC will be working on a food truck community night for Thursday, October 19th with live music and various mobile food vendors. Mayor Blundell stated he received a phone call from Britney Novak in response to RHFC alcohol permit questions. He asked if the RHFC needed permission to serve alcohol from the Village as the landlord and Rob Frey said they did. Fire Company will keep Village apprised on event details.

SEWER USE LAW HEARING

Mayor Blundell stated that drafts of the sewer law have been reviewed by the board and C.T. Male. DM Kovalchik asked about liability insurance, referred to in Article II, pg. 49. He stated Article V should be reviewed by an insurance professional. Mayor Blundell shared that he thought the wording of the law was standard. DM Kovalchik would be satisfied with a disclaimer or an asterisk. Mayor Blundell said he believed it was being reviewed and is looking into how to keep the law current. He will review further with engineers and RHV counsel. Trustee Laing mentioned that he did not see mentions of easements for sewer mains and lines. DM Kovalchik said there are mentions. Mayor Blundell will move forward and will make a note to review and scan the law for more specific information.

HARDSCRABBLE DAY

Mayor Blundell showed this year's event poster and explained the event. The board authorized the temporary closing of Prince St., along with specific parking changes along the parade route. Mayor Blundell then made a motion to move \$2000.00 from Celebrations to the Hardscrabble bank account. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion. All were in favor.

HIGHWAY TRUCK

Mayor Blundell reviewed that in other meetings it was decided that a new truck would be purchased. Finance models are all comparable, around \$185 thousand dollars. Highway Foreman Dan Streib was recently concerned about the wing plow configuration and was told the truck quoted cannot be modified, and that the truck's plow specifics do not meet the requirements originally expressed. He is not as keen on a new truck and would like to refurbish the old truck while continuing the search for a vehicle that can be customized. Mayor Blundell said he would not make a motion to bond until a truck is

decided upon. Trustee Trapp asked if a wing plow is something we really require, and if it will be worth the delay in a purchase. DM Kovalchik would like to meet with Foreman Streib. Mayor Blundell said he will consult with Streib on a pros/cons list for putting off a purchase.

LED STREETLIGHTS

Mayor Blundell stated that the Village has slowly been converting street lights to LED, but Central Hudson still owns the cobra head and arm for the fixture. A new program is allowing for the purchase of them, saving money. He will attend the Mid-Hudson Light Consortium on September 18th. Assistant Clerk Drewes confirmed that a streetlight inventory spreadsheet will be completed by the 13th at noon for the mayor to bring with him to the meeting to be reviewed.

SIDEWALK EXTENSION TO THE VILLAGE

Mayor Blundell discussed the Town's sidewalk improvements, and has discovered that it is a possibility to have them extended to cover a section of the Village public walk, about 140 feet, in front of Rhinebeck Bank, for a good price since the contractor is on site. Price is \$10,400. DM Kovalchik had been on-site and explained that it will not be done as a mono-pour, but uneven sidewalks are a problem here as is non-compliance with ADA. Trustee Trapp stated that if a mono-pour was done it would be far more expensive, since Blundell had asked him to examine the price. Mayor Blundell has reached out to Chuck Walter (DOT) & C.T. Male since the DOT has been very willing to deal with this while the contractor is on site. He was informed that the Village can file a PERM-33 later and move the crew to begin the work. Blundell stated money can be from CHIPS to cover the expense; along with some from highway maintenance. DM Kovalchik suggested using the line of credit until the funds could be reimbursed by CHIPS.

Mayor Blundell said the DOT right of way is involved and the Village will be repairing the existing sidewalks, not redesigning them, except for the ADA compliance. The Board then reviewed SEQRA. Trustee Trapp stated that a Type II SEQRA would be required. This would not require an EAF, Neg-Dec or Pos-Dec. The Village would have to formally state that it considered the impact of the project, and that this meets all the criteria for a Type II action.

Mayor Blundell then introduced a resolution to determine funding for sidewalk improvements.

RESOLUTION # 23 - 2017

Whereas, the Village Board has the opportunity to repair public sidewalks on Rt. 9 East side for \$10,400, and a contractor, working for the Town of Red Hook (BTM) is available to do the required work before they leave Red Hook on or about 9-15-17;

Whereas, the Village Board has reviewed SEQRA Law NYC-RR 617.5c(2) and it has been determined that these sidewalk repairs are designated a Type II action and no EAF is required;

Therefore be it resolved that the Village of Red Hook will work with its engineers and the DOT to get the work done immediately and utilize the Salisbury Bank credit line as initial funding; and then 5110.42 – Maintenance of Streets (\$2,000.00) of the total cost (\$10,400.00) and the remainder of the balance (\$8,400) will be taken from CHIPS 5110.3.

Motion made by: Mayor Blundell
Seconded by: Trustee Trapp

Mayor Blundell – Aye
DM Kovalchik – Aye
Trustee Laing – Aye
Trustee Norris – Aye
Trustee Trapp – Aye

Mayor Blundell introduced a motion to authorize the mayor to execute documents related to the sidewalk extension. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion. All were in favor.

At 8:58 p.m., Mayor Blundell motioned to enter into executive session for collective bargaining/personnel. DM Kovalchik seconded the motion. Assistant Clerk Drewes left the meeting at this time.

At 9:32 p.m., Mayor Blundell motioned to enter back into regular session. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion.

At 9:32 p.m., DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Norris seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Arie Drewes
Assistant Clerk