

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Norris, Trustee Trapp, Clerk Chiarella, Trustee Laing was absent.

Mayor Blundell opened the workshop meeting for regular business and 2018-2019 budget discussion.

Mayor Blundell received a letter from Rebuild Together of Dutchess County requesting a letter of support for home repairs for low income. Mayor Blundell will draft a letter of support.

Mayor Blundell stated in light of the recent school shooting in Florida, he feels the Village should write to Congressman Faso to urge more federal action to prevent these incidents and in particular the use of assault weapons. Motion was made to authorize the Mayor to send a letter on behalf of Red Hook urging local Congressman Faso to do more to protect residents from the threat of AR-15 and similar assault rifles.

The Red Hook Fire Department has submitted the most recent audit. They have a cash balance of \$ 503,000 and \$ 73,000 in short term assets.

The Board started discussions on the General Fund budget - currently there is a 2 % tax cap. The Village assessment is 199,523,333. Each income and expense line item was discussed.

DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9 PM. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Chiarella