

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
BUDGET MEETING
MARCH 21, 2019
7:00 PM**

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

Mayor Blundell opened the meeting at 7 PM.

- A Budget Public Hearing will be April 8th at 7:00 pm
- Mayor Blundell made a motion to declare various highway parts surplus and to be sold at auction. DM Kovalchik seconded this motion. All were in favor.
- Village will send a letter of support to Riverkeeper (CWA) to clean up the Hudson River.

Budget discussion:

- Garbage fund will roll into the General Fund for \$ 45,000
- There is \$ 18,650 to be used as a prior carry over in the General Fund
- AIM – will be put into the budget – NYS Assembly has bill on the table to keep sending to Municipalities.
- Add \$ 5000 to health insurance for Police Officer's partner.
- Fire Department – contract will increase 2 % and will create a reserve for \$ 2500 for emergency uses.
- Mayor Blundell made a motion to open new money market accounts to replace M & T's CD's for Highway, Police, Water and Fire Department. This is for more flexibility and a better interest rate.
- Water budget is \$ 523,000
- This will be the last budget meeting
- Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:46 to discuss personnel. DM Kovalchik seconded this motion. All were in favor.
Clerk/Treasurer Chiarella left ES at 8:00
- Mayor Blundell made a motion to reconvene from executive session at 8:20. DM Kovalchik seconded that motion. All were in favor.

DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by

Cynthia Chiarella
Clerk/Treasurer