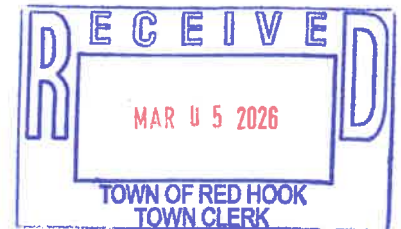




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WATER BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

A regular Water Board meeting of the Town of Red Hook, NY was held on September 10, 2025, at 7:03 PM at the Town Hall Conference Room.

Present: Hank Van Parys, Chairman, Doreen Buono, Secretary,
Water Board Members: Larry Carr, Phil McDougal, Greg Fildes
Town Board Liaison, Bill Hamel
Town Supervisor, Robert McKeon

The meeting was opened by Hank Van Parys, Water Board Chairman at 7:03 PM. Minutes of the previous meeting of June 4, 2025, were approved. Water Board Member, Larry Carr motioned to approve and Water Board Chairman, Hank Van Parys, seconded to accept the motion.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

1. **Communication RFP** - We provided the name of a potential vendor to Dan Valentine. Have not heard since, so Hank will follow up.
2. **Tank Painting RFP** – Hank participated in a conference call with Dan Valentine and Makaela McNutt, of Tighe and Bonds, on 8/21/2025 to discuss the RFP.
 - We plan to add a hydrant near the storage tank.
 - The Red Hook Fire Department and Bard College will be notified regarding the minimal water storage during the repainting
 - Bard College usage:
Normal day = about 130k gallons
Peak day = about 200k gallons
3. **Tank Rehab Loan – how to repay?** After considerable discussion we agreed to recommend that repayment be by a combination of a rate increase and an ad valorem tax.
Considerations:
 - A rate increase tends to be “forever”
 - An ad valorem tax is ended with the loan repayment

TOPICS DISCUSSED CONTINUED:

4. **Saw Kill Bridge Valve Installation** – The attempt to install a valve failed because the water could not be completely shut off. We will need to install an “insertion” valve. We have a proposal that it needs changes.
5. **Wells and Pumps** – We have a proposal from Claverack Wells and Pumps. The initial proposal is for rehabilitation of Well #1 for \$28000.00. But we agreed that we should do both wells because Well #2 output is too low. This added another \$28,000.00. This combination exceeds the purchasing policy for multiple proposals. This is to be resolved.
6. **Water Rates** – Hank reviewed a comparison of our rates vs. those of other locations. We are still the lowest by far. He also reviewed his thoughts regarding his discussion of rates at the September 24th Town Board Public Hearing regarding a water rate increase. Members are invited to attend.
7. **Upcoming Expenses for 2025** - We have enough in our budget and cash reserve to cover these expenses:
 - Communication RFP - We expect this to be less than \$30,000.00
 - Well Rehabilitation – Claverack Well and Pump proposed a total of \$56,000.00

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Hank Van Parys, Water Board Chairman, motioned to adjourn the meeting and Water Board Member, Larry Carr, seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doreen Buono, Secretary

WATER BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, September 10th @ 7:00 PM

1. Communication RFP
2. Tank Painting RFP – how to re pay?
3. Sawkill Bridge
4. Wells & Pumps
5. Water Rates