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Water Board Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2026

A Special Water Board meeting of the Town of Red Hook, NY was held on March 26th, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room to discuss Water Rates and 2026 Expenses.

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

The meeting was opened by Hank Van Parys, Water Board Chairman at 7:00 PM. Minutes of the previous meeting of March 4th were approved. Water Board Member, Greg Fildes, motioned to approve, and Water Board Member Larry Carr seconded to accept the motion.

Points Discussed:

1. Rate Increases, discussed at length for:

- *Loan Repayment*
- *More Sustainable water system. We generally agreed to present the rate increase in “dollar terms” rather than in percentage.*
- *For Example: We will announce that beginning in the third quarter of 2026*
 - a. *From \$57.33 to \$70.00 increase in in the minimum charge. (about 23%) applicable to all users.*
 - b. *Another increase in 2027- again for third quarter to \$80.00.*
- *When we announce these increases, we will give another example, e.g., for a \$80.00 water bill.*
- *We did not discuss in detail thoughts regarding follow-on increases. We might/should compare the increases with Tivoli @ a \$1300.00 yearly assessment.*

2. Anticipated expenses for 2026 and our available cash:

Expenses expected in 2026 :

- **Communication System**
 - a. Smith Control = \$20K
 - b. Tighe & Bond = ?\$5K
 - ? \$25K Total?

- **Well Rehab=** ?\$30K
 - a. Pump & Motor= ?\$20K
 - b. Tighe & Bond= ?\$10K
 - ?\$60K Total?

- **Tank Rehab** \$?
 - a. Pneumatic tank \$?
 - b. Hydrant connection \$?
 - c. Tank Inspections \$?

- **Right of Way Clearing** = ?\$10K

Total Anticipated Expenses= \$100k + ?

3. **Available Cash** = \$224K

- This will be increased during 2026.
- We will decide whether we can add to our reserves

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 by Hank Van Parys, Chairman and Greg Fildes, Water Board Member seconded the motion

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen Buono, Secretary

