

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
JULY 21, 2016
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Norris, Trustee Zacharzuk,
Assistant Clerk Drewes. Clerk/Treasurer Chiarella was absent.

Officer Sterritt introduced Nathan Webster to the Board, who was interviewed for a part-time position with the Red Hook Police Department. Mayor Blundell made a motion to hire Officer Webster. Trustee Norris seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Mayor Blundell shared the new MVP health insurance contract and certificate of resolution. Mayor Blundell introduced a motion to authorize the new contract. DM Kovalchik seconded, all were in favor.

The Board discussed a budget meeting with the Rob Frye and Rob Streib of the Red Hook Fire Department held Friday, July 15, attended by Mayor Blundell and Trustee Trapp. The RHFD is asking for \$10,000 from the Village for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, and an additional \$5,000 in June 2017. DM Kovalchik questioned whether the RHFD was pursuing grants. Trustee Trapp responded that their answer was inconclusive, and that the RHFD claimed the grants being pursued were for equipment costs. Trustee Trapp questioned why the RHFD claimed \$100,000 was needed for building maintenance. DM Kovalchik and Trustee Norris questioned the 2 to 1 Town/Village cost burden. Trustee Trapp stated that the formula for the cost calculation should be explained. Mayor Blundell declared that more discussion will be required.

Mayor Blundell addressed the issue of Hoffman Farms. The stated in ground value of the project is \$600,000 not including engineering costs. Water would be self-sufficient, so the Village would incur no water costs. A percentage of 1.525% was loosely agreed upon by J. Kirchoff, to further discuss and vote on in September.

Trustee Trapp left the meeting.

The municipal parking lot was briefly discussed, regarding vehicles left overnight for extended periods. DM Kovalchik mentioned the Village of Tivoli's use of permit parking. Mayor Blundell suggested an allowance of a maximum 48 hour parking. Further discussion will be held.

Mayor Blundell mentioned \$18 million in Federal funds available to municipalities, dedicated to pedestrian issues and suggested using some of the money for flashing crossing signs that were not possible with the 2016 Community Block Grant. Fund applications are due July 29 2016. DM Kovalchik suggested applying for possible funds.

Mayor Blundell stated that the Highway Department's backhoe is broken down, and that the Highway Dept. is pricing options. The Village will wait until the AUD has been completed and formulate a plan to use CHIPS with financing on a ten year plus plan. Trustee Kovalchik mentioned that Highway has been saving for a new truck, as the expense of renting one is \$650 per week.

Trustee Zacharzuk addressed a metal sign post sticking out of the sidewalk next to the Key Bank driveway as a tripping hazard. Mayor Blundell said the Highway Department would be notified to remove the post.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:47 p.m..
Trustee Zacharzuk seconded the motion.

Assistant Clerk Drewes left the meeting.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter back into regular session at 9:29 p.m.. DM Kovalchik seconded the motion.

DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Arie Drewes
Assistant Clerk