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Water Board Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2026

A regular Water Board meeting of the Town of Red Hook, NY was held on March 4th, 2026, at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room.

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

The meeting was opened by Hank Van Parys, Water Board Chairman at 7:05 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting of September 10, 2025, were approved. Water Board Member, Phil McDougal motioned to approve, and Water Board Member Larry Carr seconded to accept the motion.

Points Discussed:

1. ***Plans for the Storage Tank.*** *We are not happy with the size of Bard College contribution, i.e., \$200,000.00 vs \$400,000.00 requested*
 - ***We decided to proceed with RFP.*** *This will give us “real numbers” regarding the cost of the rehabilitation. We may consider our plans at that time.*
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2. ***Rehabilitation vs Replace:***
 - *Jerry Gilnak says that the Water and Wastewater Authority is thinking that “replace” may be a better option than to “Rehab and Repaint”.*
 - *Stan has had many years in the water business on Long Island. He is not in favor of glass lined tanks.*
3. ***Bard Draft agreement:*** *We need comments and thought on this. – See attachment*
4. ***Rates Considered:*** *Michael will get us national numbers. We will compare these In the newsletter to our customers with our rates. We will address in the newsletter the fact of the rate increase:*
 - *We need rates that address our ongoing infrastructure requirements, i.e., the tank, wells, watermains.*
 - *When we proceed with the storage tank upgrade, (probably this year), We will need a rate that satisfies our loan repayment requirements*

Points Discussed Continued:

5. **Lead Service Line Inventory Status:** Stan reports that in his system(s), on Long Island, in lieu of physical inspections, they are doing water tests. They provide sample bottles and instructions to customers. The customers take samples and return them to the municipal water office for testing. These tests will determine presence or absence of lead. He will also see Tighe and Bond reps at a Saratoga Meeting to discuss these procedures.
6. **Aspinwall Bridge:** Hank reported the status of the bridge replacement to be done this year:
 - We installed an insertion valve at the Bard Avenue, (north), side of the bridge
 - Our plan is to install a valve on the Manor Roadside of the Bridge on Thursday, March 5th – This happened.
 - Notification was on the Town Website. Michael was also going to notify his contacts.
7. **Communication System Status:** No News. Hank is following up with Smith Controls.
8. **Well Rehabilitation:** An RFP was distributed to the Water Board, and Stan's comments and answers were sent to Dan Vanlentine.
9. **190 Linden Avenue Dirty Water:** This problem and solution that have been languishing still exists. A "dead- end" watermain between Alder Street and Linden Avenue was initially installed to serve the model homes on Linden Avenue. It only serves a few homes on Linden Avenue. We need to install a flushing hydrant. We will press to get this done soon!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 by Hank Van Parys, Chairman and Greg Fildes, Water Board Member seconded the motion

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen Buono, Secretary

