

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
MAY 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Laing, Trustee Norris,  
Trustee Trapp, Assistant Clerk Drewes

Mayor Blundell opened the meeting at 7 p.m..

**POLICE INTERVIEW:** Sergeant Hildenbrand introduced Daniel Rifenburgh to the board as a candidate for a part time officer. Sgt. Hildenbrand explained that since one officer has left and another is looking to leave, he needs more P/T help to round out scheduling. Our internal vetting/review process is complete and management recommends the hiring. The board asked questions regarding his experience and relevant certifications. DM Kovalchik stated that it is important he be a public face to the Village and a good liaison between the government and residents. Sgt. Hildenbrand stated that he felt he had every confidence in Dan's abilities. The sergeant and Mr. Rifenburgh left while the board discussed his interview.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to hire Dan Rifenburgh in accord with the police contract, effective May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. DM Kovalchik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**ZRC Review Recommendations:** Mayor Blundell and DM Kovalchik discussed recommendations submitted by the ZRC for amending zoning regulations as required in the current moratorium. The board reviewed the comments, and the ZRC's new responses to those comments. DM Kovalchik reviewed comments 2 & 5. Trustee Trapp commented that he did not want to see gas pumps in front rear of service stations. He also suggested shortening the length of the change of use wording/dormancy wording from one year to six months. Mayor Blundell stated he would refer to counsel to see which holds up to a legal test. Trustee Trapp expanded on the Change of Non-Conforming Use (200-44) and Maintenance of Non-Conforming Structures (200-45). Trustee Laing stated that he was concerned with the wording of "inherent nuisance" in the definition, and suggested a change to "inherent non-conformity." All were in agreement. DM Kovalchik wants to discuss comments 2 & 3 with counsel, as it is pertinent to the four corners intersection.

**Water Sales:** Mayor Blundell informed the board that he conducted another meeting with Todd Baright, Bob Ross and Attorney Olson. He explained that the water sales rate will be 1.525% over the standard Village rate. If their developments and property use more than allotted in the water sales agreement, the rate will be upped to 2 x the Village rate for the overage. Mayor Blundell stated Todd Baright was not keen on the item listed in the agreement where the Village maintains control to turn the water supply off. Mayor Blundell said the only

condition that would be likely would be in an emergency and that would be shared by all users. He reminded the Board that we will acquire easements for maintenance rights and own the mains once they are built at the developer's costs.

**Bard Bus:** Mayor Blundell followed up on resident complaints regarding the Bard shuttle from the Village Board meeting. Residents are complaining of the bus weight, noise, and routing down Prince Street onto Church. He is working with the Town to possibly re-route the bus through the newly re-configured Town Hall parking lot. This would allow a turn-around which is the underlying issue here. Trustee Trapp confirmed resident complaints, saying that he has seen the bus not stop at the sign and that the Village should consider pursuing traffic violations. He asked why the bus could not potentially let students off and on at the same stop on Rt. 9. Trustee Laing questioned why the bus can't use Rt. 9 and Rt. 199 after daytime hours, to minimize disturbance of residents. Trustee Trapp stated he felt it should be the responsibility of Bard to discover solutions, and that the Village's role should be one of enforcement around what the shuttle cannot do. DM Kovalchik asked if the resident complaint regarding bus tonnage is valid. Trustee Norris stated she felt Bard should utilize one of their smaller, shuttle sized buses. Mayor Blundell stated that the weight limits listed in Village code have an exception for "local deliveries". We allow school bus passage and large trucks delivering fuel, packages, etc under that exception. A lot of the Bard riders are village residents, not visitors, others come to shop and support our merchants. DM Kovalchik stated he has never heard resident complaints about the students, only the bus itself, and that complaints were not frequent when the shuttle was a smaller size. Mayor Blundell would like the Town to cooperate and set up a meeting with Bard's DOT where he will suggest using a smaller bus, or including mass transit.

At 8:39, Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into executive session regarding personnel and collective bargaining. DM Kovalchik seconded the motion.

At this time, Assistant Clerk Drewes left the meeting.

At 8:52, Mayor Blundell motioned to enter back into the regular meeting. Trustee Norris seconded the motion.

At 8:52, DM Kovalchik motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Arie Drewes  
Assistant Clerk