

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2016**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Norris, Trustee Zacharzuk, & Clerk Chiarella.

Resolution 3-2016 Hudson River Valley Greenway

Village of Red Hook Board of Trustees
Resolution Supporting a Grant Application to Hudson River Valley Greenway
Red Hook Community Preservation Project Plan Update

WHEREAS, the Town of Red Hook is applying to the Hudson River Greenway for a grant under the Greenway Communities Grant Program for a project entitled Red Hook Community Preservation Project Plan Update to be located in the Village of Tivoli, Village of Red Hook and Town of Red Hook.

WHEREAS, the grant application requires the applicant municipality to obtain the approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality or municipalities in which the project will be located;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the governing board of the Village of Red Hook hereby does endorse the Town of Red Hook's application for a grant in the amount \$ 10,000 under the Greenway Communities Grant Program, for a project known as Red Hook Community Preservation Project Plan Update and located within this community, with a total project cost estimated not to exceed \$ 20,000 and the required 50% match to be funded by in-kind contributions.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve resolution 3-2016. DM Kovalchik seconded this motion. All were in favor.

HOFFMAN FARMS PROJECT

Present: Richard Rang of Kirchoff, with Engineer Rodney Morrison and Bridget Barclay of DCWWA.

A discussion was had in regards to the water rate in which the Hoffman project will purchase water from the Village with one large meter. This project is in the town and a rate must be determined. Currently the Village charges Town customers 2 x's the Village rate. Mr. Rang stated at the current rate the yearly cost to their residents would be \$ 41,000. Hoffman presented the adverse option of taking that cost and reverse amortizing it to about \$660,000 that they could use to drill their own wells and run their own system, in which all billing and administration will be go through DCWWA. Trustee

Trapp and Trustee Zacharzuk both agree to meet in the middle with the rate schedule. Mayor Blundell is in favor of the project and is also protecting the Village water system and its investments. The developer needs to consider ROI (return on investment). Blundell reminded them that we own and operate a system with all the delivery and other infrastructure already in place. This is a system worth many millions of dollars and they are getting that benefit. Blundell has earlier presented the Board with an analysis to reflect all costs and attributes of selling water in bulk to this project. They need to address that in any pricing. Mr. Rang stated he top offer on the water rates would be 1.25 %. Bridget Barclay stated all cost incurred would be paid by Hoffman Farms. Trustee Zacharzuk questioned what the impact on the pipes in Red Hook Estates would be. Bridget also stated the county will bill the customers and the county does not want excessive water rates.

The Board will talk with our engineer on some technical questions and meet again to discuss at the said proposal.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Trustee Norris seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Chiarella
Clerk/Treasurer