

VILLAGE OF RED HOOK

WORKSHOP MEETING

APRIL 22, 2015

7:00PM

Present: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Norris, Trustee Zacharzuk. Trustee Trapp and Clerk Cole were absent. Notes were taken by Angela Jones and recorded.

Mayor Blundell opened the meeting by stating that there was to be a meeting at the Red Hook Town Hall next Wednesday, April 29th at 7:30pm to discuss the final details on the shared services study.

A discussion was started on the proposed switch to M & T Bank from Key Bank. Mayor Blundell said that due to the fact that Key Bank is going to increase fees the Village wants to switch to M & T Bank at the direction of Treasurer Cole. M & T Bank would charge no fees for the first 2 Fiscal years. The transition would take place over 90 days from June 2015 through September 2015. Mayor Blundell recommended leaving \$1500 in the Key Bank account to cover any transactions that may occur during the switch and Deputy Mayor Kovalchik suggested a new budget line for potential bank fees in year 3. This was agreed and a sub-budget line titled Clerk- Contractual expenses Bank Fees was inserted.

Mayor Blundell made a motion that the Village of Red Hook will modify its official depository from Key Bank to M and T Bank. The transition will occur, and be under the control of the Board of Trustees and Treasurer Cole and the schedule will be timed to match the Treasurer's

Cole's tax schedule and workload. Both banks will be official until September 2015. Deputy Mayor seconded the motion and all were in favor.

A discussion followed on adjusting the tentative budget at capital reserve lines; in particular the Fund Highway Vehicle Reserve and the Fund Police Vehicle Reserve. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik suggested renaming the Police Vehicle category to Vehicle and Equipment Reserve and to keep \$2000 in there and move \$1500 to the General Fund. Mayor Blundell made a motion to include the word Equipment in the title of the Police Vehicle Reserve Fund and to reduce the budget to \$2000 from \$3500 this Fiscal year. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Tax Cap was discussed and Mayor Blundell pointed out that the numbers indicated that the Village will not exceed the cap so there was not a need for a vote. Mayor Blundell will check the budget figures with Clerk Cole.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to close the public hearings. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik had received a request from Gladys Fell for a new picnic table for Abrahams Park. The budget for Abrahams Park is \$500 and only \$75 is left for this year. Mayor Blundell sent emails to Judge Triebwasser and Kim Gomez to ask if the Rotary Club or the Chamber of Commerce would like to purchase one for the Village.

Discussion then took place regarding a final decision on what to do with the sculpture displayed outside village hall. Mayor Blundell was in favor of purchasing it from the artist at a cost of \$500. Deputy Mayor

Kovalchik thought that it would cost \$5000 to purchase and a decision was made to organize a meeting with the artist to discuss cost.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik had a request from the Highway Department for a new compact tractor. The present one was purchased in 2008. There have been repair issues including parts that had to be special ordered putting the compactor out of commission for a week at a time. This had happened on a number of occasions. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik suggested that the Village sell the old equipment and buy a new compactor. An estimate for a Kaboda compactor is around \$30,000. The old one has a \$10,000 trade in value or if it was sold privately \$15,000. There is \$24,000 remaining in the budget for 2014-2015 so with re-sale there would be enough funds to purchase a new one. Mayor Blundell replied that the compact tractor had only been used for 496 hours as of September 2014, according to Keil Equipment, and he did not think that that warranted buying a new vehicle. Trustee Zacharzuk asked if the hours used (496 over 6 years) could be verified with Keil Equipment as it does not seem a lot over the time period. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik stated that there is a bid proposal drafted for a new compactor and various other pieces of equipment needed by the Highway Department. This could be sent out to test the response. The Village is not obligated to take any of the bids proposed. Trustee Zacharzuk asked when the truck would need to be replaced as it is now 20 years old and Mayor Blundell suggested that it was more important to replace the plow truck. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik replied that it was more important to replace the compact. The consensus of the Board was not to replace the compact at this time. Mayor Blundell and Deputy Mayor Kovalchik are to look at the hour meter this week and if necessary the bid proposals can then be sent out.

It was agreed that there would be a short meeting on Wednesday, April 29th at 7pm before the Town Hall Meeting.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik asked for the meeting to be re-opened to look at the water and garbage funds at 8:47PM. Further discussion followed to illustrate to the DM that tag sales and budgets are in line and the meeting was officially adjourned at 8:55pm.

Submitted by Angela Jones

Secretary