

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP
MARCH 15, 2018**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Norris, Trustee Trapp, Clerk Chiarella, Trustee Laing was absent.

Mayor Blundell opened the workshop meeting for regular business and 2018-2019 budget discussion.

Mayor Blundell received a letter from Rebuild Together of Dutchess County requesting a letter of support for home repairs for low income. Mayor Blundell will draft a letter of support.

Mayor Blundell stated, in light of the recent school shooting in Florida, he felt we need to take a position on assault weapons availability and convey it to our Congressman. NYS Safe Act could be a model for federal debate. With board consensus, he will draft a letter to local Congressman Faso to do more to protect children from AR-15s and other assault weapons..

The Red Hook Fire Department has submitted the most recent audit. They have a cash balance of \$ 503,000 and \$ 73,000 in short term assets.

The Board started discussions on the General Fund budget - currently there is a 2 % tax cap. The Village assessment is 199,523,333. Each income and expense line item was discussed.

DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9 PM. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Chiarella