

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
FEBRUARY 22, 2018**

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

Mayor Blundell stated Building Inspector Clark Kimble submitted his letter of resignation effective March 1, 2018. Clark will consider staying on as fire inspector. Mayor Blundell will contact civil service for a list of potential replacements.

Mayor Blundell stated there is an on line petition for Amherst St. and Rt. 9 to install a traffic light. This is a NYS highway. A decade ago the village was working with DOT on this idea and was told it would need to purchase land, incur engineering and road construction costs to realign Firehouse Lane so it immediately formed a straight line across Rt 9 to Amherst. NYSDOT would then have to do a study to see if a light was warranted. Recently we asked DCTC to help and we had meetings with DOT. One idea from the Village is that there must be more modern signals now that would not require the expense and road reconfiguration demanded earlier. DCTC agreed to do a village street traffic count. Fire house Lane has about 1700 cars per day use and Amherst has 700. Rt 9 has 10,000 per day.

Mayor Blundell met with Patrick Hildenbrand and Dan Budd of Taste Budd's. He sees persistent parking of more than two hours on W. Market. They all walked the site and PD will monitor. It was noted that although we have law on the books, we need a few more 2 hour parking signs so public is aware better. Highway Dept is marking and will install the signs off the curb area but in the right of way.

Mayor Blundell and the Board reviewed the water budget.  
Added an IT budget line for \$ 4000 in the General Fund  
The Water fund will add a budget line F9901.91 for a do to water \$ 20,000 for sewer.

Sewer Budget – CT Male submitted an operating budget. As soon as the Village takes ownership of the plant there will be operating costs of about \$31,000. Therefore a cash flow needs to be established. Board agreed to allow a due to/due from item with water for the first year and this coupled with known, current users will generate the revenue projected as needed to pay expenses. This alleviates user charges at onset when no connections exists.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to authorize Treasurer Chiarella to open a sewer checking account with funds from the water fund (\$ 5.00). DM Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,  
Cindi Chiarella  
Clerk/Treasurer