

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4, 2008**

Present: Mayor Cohen, Trustee Gilfeather, Trustee Blundell, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Kovalchik.

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept the minutes from January 7<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing and Village Board with corrections requested by Trustee Blundell: CELEBRATIONS – Motion was to approve the process to seek a grant and all were in favor. Jenn Norris will assist in the filing of this grant. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

**POLICE**

No report was available

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mayor Cohen read the Treasurer's report for the month of January: Balances are as follows: General \$52,829.01, Water \$150,547.74, T & A \$6,625.96, Resource Recovery \$ 6,742.56, Petty Cash \$46.20 Village Green \$2,168.58. Bills to be paid: General \$91,506.00, Water \$7,741.11, T & A \$942.58, Resource Recovery \$ 3,469.35. Trustee Trapp made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

**VILLAGE GREEN**

**MONTHLY REPORT  
January, 2008**

1. There were no committee meetings for the month of January.
2. Tree removal is scheduled for the month of February, 2008 at the following locations:
  - Lutheran Church – 2 trees on South Broadway
  - Town Hall – 3 pine trees on south side of Town Hall
  - Merritt Bookstore – 1 tree on East Market Street

**INTERMUNICIPAL TASK FORCE**

**January, 2008**

1. A meeting was held on January 25, 2008, to discuss alternate solutions for the proposed central sewer and waste water treatment system. Ed Clerico, of Alliance Environmental, as the invited speaker. The ITF, Town of Red Hook Conservation Advisory Committee,

representatives from the Rural Water Association, Environmental Facilities Corporation, Dutchess County Water and Waste Water Authority, Dutchess County Planning and Development, Red Hook Village, Red Hook Town and Dutchess County elected officials attended and commented on various waste water treatment options.

2. Grant applications to provide funding for the Red Hook Village Central Sewer System component are being prepared. These include:
  - Pre-Development Planning Grant – United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development
  - Appropriations Request Form for Fiscal Year 2008 – Kirsten Gillibrand, United States House of Representatives
  - Capital Projects Funding Grant – Stephen Saland, New York State Senator
3. Implementation and planning strategies for the central sewer/waste water treatment facilities and Center and Greenspaces Plan continue to be developed with assistance from C.T. Male Associates, P.C., and Dutchess County Planning and Development.
4. Reviewing the Agricultural Business District and Affordable/Workforce Housing continues with the Red Hook Town Board.

## **HIGHWAY**

Copies of estimates for a new tractor are attached to report. Trustee Blundell questioned # 1 & 3 in regards to shared services with Tivoli. Mayor Cohen stated that he has had several meeting with Town Supervisor Crane in regards to the new town garage – discussed was 6.5 acres of Village property behind the well lots which may be considered a site for the new garage. The current salt shed has diseased wood which is causing the salt to turn to powder. Mayor Cohen will discuss with the Town Supervisor in more detail.

Trustee Trapp would like to know a cost estimate on how much a new part-time or full-time highway employee will cost. Trustee Trapp would also like to know how much money Senator Saland's office will contribute towards the new tractor? Trustee Kovalchik stated that the grant could be as much as \$30,000.00.

### **Highway January Report was read as follows:**

1. Estimates have been received for a replacement compact tractor. The estimates are as follows:

- Kubota with 60" bucket and 51" front snowblower ..... \$29,075.00
- Case with loader bucket and front mount snowblower ..... \$25,057.00
- Ford New Holland with 54" bucket and snowblower ..... \$25,961.00
- John Deere with 53" bucket and 47" snowblower ..... \$22,091.00

A member item funding grant has been requested from Senator Stephen Saland. The request was submitted on January 7, 2008, to assist in funding this replacement vehicle.

2. Estimates are currently being received to install ADA compliant curb cut at mid-block locations. Estimates forthcoming.
3. Request from Highway Superintendent, Dan Streib, to hire a full time; or seasonal part-time (16-week) employee. An alternate would be to hire a full-time employee at a cost shared by Red Hook and the Village of Tivoli.
4. The following tools have been purchased from revenue received from the scrap metal recycling program:
  - punch and chisel set ..... \$ 29.99
  - screw driver set ..... \$ 13.24
  - 24 volt impact gun ..... \$ 108.11
  - ½" drive air compact gun ..... \$ 195.93
  - one year extended warranty ..... \$ 19.99

**TOTAL ..... \$ 367.26**

The current balance of the scrap metal recycling fund is \$685.51. All new tools have been included in the revised Highway Equipment, Tool and Sign Inventory.

**WATER**

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of January: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, water was turned back on at 30 Cambridge Drive as requested (house was purchased), water line location was marked at 29 Cherry Street as requested, check on a low water pressure complaint at 3 Morry Road, plugged in line filter in house. Also, Water Utility Control Home Land Security will now include water facilities to secure.

## RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of January: commingle 7.48 T @ \$ 197.76, newspaper 8.06 T @ \$ 86.57, garbage 34.19 T @ \$ 3000.93. Trustee Blundell is encouraging residents to recycle plastics # 1, 2, 4, & 7 to help decrease the tonnage of garbage.

## CELEBRATIONS

Trustee Blundell made a motion to request \$ 300.00 from the celebration line item in the budget to sponsor a spring egg roll. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor. Hardscrabble is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Blundell submitted a draft resolution to protect the HCA during the forming of Hardscrabble day 2008. Mayor Cohen suggested that the Village Attorney review this resolution and vote on it at the next Village Board meeting.

## PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning report for the month of January: 2 certificates of compliance, 2 municipal search, 3 orders to remedy, 10 inspections. \$ 400.00 was collected in fees.

Trustee Trapp reviewed on:

1. Hugs From Home – pack and go – a box is available at the Village Hall
2. Dutchess County Planning Federation sponsored 2 planning/zoning classes. One addressed various land use issues and one addressed minutes and another spoke on issues of recording decisions. The Village of Red Hook was well represented with 8 members.
3. Within the recently adopted zoning fee revisions, the sign application fee will require some clarification. The question is whether the building permit cost is included in the scheduled fee. Sam Harkins and I spoke and feel that it should be included (upon approval of the Planning Board) and at which point Sam can issue the building permit.
4. Refer to the 11 x 7 attachment for Zoning District discussion
5. Dan Wheeler was seriously injured recently in a car accident. Dan has not appointed a co-chairman and in his absence we should have someone in that position. Mayor Cohen requested for Dan to choose a replacement as co-chair.
6. As a result of Dan's injuries, Trustee, Jay Trapp's short term schedule may be subject to sudden changes.
7. Brent Kovalchik and Jay Trapp have been evaluating the draft Subdivision Regulations for the Village. The proposed regulations are about 75 % complete, as far as our review. Revise work is concerned. We have also additional code language to review for the Village, but we are giving priority to this project due to the moratorium on acceptance of new roads.
8. The proposed map revisions for Village Zoning District boundaries are under review and pending. Any additional changes will be re-presented in the near future

Clerk Cole will remind Trustee Trapp when moratorium is due for renewal.

**RESOLUTION# 2-2008**

Title 19 Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code –

The Village of Red Hook must enact on Local Law Number 1 – 2006 to supplement and replace this law which was enacted by the Village to address the issues contained in the new Law.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to approve resolution 2-2008. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

**RESOLUTION # 3-2008**

Water Department – The Village of Red Hook shall lease to the Water Department office space located with the Village of Red Hook municipal building, in addition will lease to the Water Department the use of office staff, equipment and other Village resources. For fiscal year 2008 and more particularly between November 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 the Village shall charge the Village of Red Hook Water Department the sum of \$ 100,000.00 for the use of office space, office staff, equipment and other Village resources. Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion to accept resolution # 3-2008. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen informed the Village Board that a tentative budget from each department head is due to the Clerk's office by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Cohen stated that Police Vehicle DC-114 (Ford Crown Vic. 2000) is 9 years old and has a bad engine. Clerk Cole is to inform Marshall & Sterling to drop the insurance and remove this vehicle from the road.

**KEY BANK PARKING LOT**

Mayor Cohen has been in discussion with Ken Kearney (developer of Red Hook Senior Housing) in regards to the Village Parking Lot. Mr. Kearney is willing to purchase this lot and use the front for his own use. Mr. Kearney will also pay for the SEQRA review. The Key Bank lot next to the Extra-Mart is also for sale. Mayor Cohen has been in contact with Dutchess County Department of Planning and the county will pay 50 % of this lot. Bard College and Greenway are also considering interest in this lot. If and when the Extra-Mart is sold the Village would purchase back easement rights to make sure future projects on the said corner be more conforming to the character of the Village

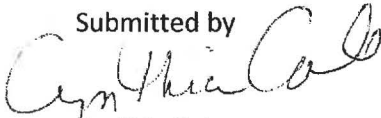
George Beekman advised the Board that Dutchess County Action no longer works out of their East Market location. This location is being used for rentals. Clerk Cole will contact the town assessor to inform, since they are tax exempt.

Harold Fell will submit a budget for Abrahams's Park concerts.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to pay bills after audit. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by



Cynthia Cole  
Clerk/Treasurer