

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD
OCTOBER 6, 2008**

Present: Mayor Cohen, Trustee Gilfeather, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Kovalchik, Trustee Blundell & Village Attorney Kelly Flood-Myers

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

Trustee Trapp made a motion to accept the minutes from September 8, 2008. Trustee Blundell made a correction in regards to Trustee Trapp and Kovalchik starting as Trustee's with the Village in 2007- not 1997. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

7:30pm Mayor Cohen, Village Board, Village Attorney, & Village Clerk convened into executive session.

7:50pm Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to enter into regular session. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

State Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro submitted to the Mayor and Village Board a proclamation honoring the Village of Red Hook in celebration of the completed renovation and expansion of the Village Hall.

NORTHERN DUTCHESS ALLIANCE

Maryann Johnson from the Northern Dutchess Alliance presented the Board with a Blueprint for Economic Development. This blueprint includes transportation, buying local produce, and to promote community economic development. Ms. Johnson has presented this strategy to several other municipalities. At this time the Culinary is now involved with the NDA.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Cohen read the Treasurer's Report for the month of September: Balances: General \$ 419,880.65, Water \$ 6,658.94, T & A \$ 9,048.28, Resource Recovery \$ 4,673.91, Petty Cash \$ 46.20 Village Green \$ 2,168.58. Paid Bills General \$ 130,905.95, Water \$ 47,679.19, T & A \$ 1,632.31, Resource Recovery \$ 14,620.69. Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to approve Henry Webster's Office to assist Treasurer at the end of each month. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor. Mayor Cohen signed a proposal for service.

POLICE

Mayor Cohen read the Police Report for the month of September: 63 registered complaints, 59 uniform traffic tickets, 4 parking tickets, 3 accidents investigated, and 8 arrests made.

INTERMUNICIPAL TASK FORCE (ITF)

Trustee Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. A meeting was held on September 12, 2008 to discuss our standing on the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Annual Intended Use Plan, funding options available from the NYS EFC, and next steps to further the process of implementing the Proposed Intermunicipal Central Sewer and Waste Water System. Fred Testa (NYSEFC), Bridget Barclay (DCW&WWA), Tom Mansfield (Dutchess County Legislator), Harry Colgan (Red Hook Town Councilman), Bill O'Neil (ITF Chairman), David Cohen (Red Hook Village Mayor), Brent Kovalchik (Red Hook Village Trustee) and Robert Flores (C.T. Male Associates) attended.
2. A meeting was held on September 18, 2008 to discuss the status of our 2008 U.S House of Representatives appropriations request. The request did clear the Agriculture Committee and attached to a House Bill, however, the Bill did not receive approval from the House. 2009 appropriations requests from our Congress person and Senator Charles Schumer were discussed. Benedict McCaffree (Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand's representative), Harry Colgan (Red Hook Town Councilman), David Cohen (Red Hook Village Mayor) and Brent Kovalchik (Red Hook Village Trustee) attended.
3. A meeting was held on September 26, 2008 to discuss funding options available through USDA development. Low interest loans for both capital costs and low interest loans for individual residential hook-up costs were also discussed. George Popp (USDA – RD), Fred Testa (NYSEFC), Bridget Barclay (DCW&WWA), Harry Colgan (Red Hook Town Councilman), Bill O'Neil (ITF Chairman), David Cohen (Red Hook Village Mayor), Brent Kovalchik (Red Hook Village Trustee) and Robert Flores (C.T. Male Associates) attended.
4. A meeting was held on September 26, 2008 to discuss funding options through the Community Development Block Grant Program administered by both Dutchess County and NYS Department of Community Renewal. Grant opportunities for capital costs and qualified low-income residential hook-up, and possible funding from the Dutchess County Open Space and Farmland Protection Matching Grant Program were also discussed. Roger Akeley (Commissioner-Duchess County Department of Planning and Development), Elizabeth Doyle (Community Development Administrator–Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development), Tom Mansfield (Dutchess County Legislator), Fred Testa (NYSEFC), Harry Colgan (Red Hook Town Councilman), Bill O'Neil (ITF Chairman), Brent Kovalchik (Red Hook Village Trustee) and Robert Flores (C.T. Male Associates) attended.

5. A tentative date, in early November, 2008, has been established to present the preliminary/proposed Intermunicipal Central Sewer and Waste Water Treatment System to the public and businesses/residents of the proposed district.

6. Final language of the Centers and Greenspaces proposed zoning language is nearing completion. Currently, coordination and final zoning language are being prepared by Greenplan, Inc., and Town Attorney, Christine Chale, and is expected to be presented to the Red Hook Town in October, 2008.

VILLAGE GREEN

Trustee Kovalchik reading the monthly report as follows:

- 1. There were no committee meetings for the month of September.
- 2. Thanks to the members of the Village Green Committee for beautifying the Village Parking Lot for Hardscrabble Day. Mums in barrels were placed in the planting strips. Donations were received throughout the day to off-set this cost.
- 3. Items of October's agenda include:
 - * annual tree planting (tentatively set for November, 2008)
 - * tree pruning and inventory revision/mapping

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Winter salt is being stored at the Town garage. Trustee Kovalchik will meet with Mark Day to look at Church Street (Keeler) drainage.

Trustee Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

- 1. Letters were sent to the Red Hook Rotary Club and the Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce, on September 11, 2008, requesting assistance in purchasing trash receptacles for the Village General Business District.
The Red Hook Rotary Club responded on September 15, 2008.
The Board of Directors are reviewing our request and remain optimistic that they will be able to provide some assistance.
- 2. New equipment has been purchased by the Highway Department including:

Chainsaw	\$ 915.00
Tools	\$ 54.02

Tools	\$	90.69
32" Chainsaw Bar	\$	75.00
TOTAL	\$	1,074.71

New purchases have been added to the Highway Equipment, Tool & Sign Inventory (revised 09/18/08).

Funding was acquired from the Scrap Metal Recycling Fund.

3. The current balance of the Scrap Metal Recycling Fund is \$2,214.82. Since inception of this program in September 2007, \$5,278.50 has been generated. Proceeds from this program go toward purchasing tools for the Village Highway Department.

4. Thanks to the "Pigs-R-Us" 4H Club for weeding the planting areas of the Village Parking Lot in preparation for Hardscrabble Day. This was the third year that the club volunteered to maintain the lot.

5. Repair work to Village drywells/swales have been completed including:

- * Park Avenue/Church Street Extension – drywell
- * Church Street/West Market Street – drywell
- * Elizabeth Street/East Market Street – drywell
- * Smith Street – swales/drainage curb/basin repair

Drainage on Maizeland Drive is being investigated and will be repaired before winter.

A 90'x11' section of Fisk Street will be blacktopped. Material cost will be \$620.00. Installation will be provided by the Town of Red Hook Highway Department. Some blacktop repair will be done, at the same time, on Old Post Road and St. John's Street.

Funds for repairs will come from the 2008-2009 CHIPS allocation (budget line #5110.3).

6. The Village well fields will be brush-hogged at a cost of \$400.00 (funds for work will come from the Water Department Budget).

7. Material for snow removal will be ordered including:

* 200 tons of sand @ \$12.00/ton	\$
* 33 tons of salt @\$67.66/ton	\$
TOTAL	\$

(funds for snow removal will come from Snow Removal CE budget line #5142.4)

8. All Village street signs have been straightened. Damaged or faded signs have been replaced.
9. A hydraulic pump has been ordered, at a cost of \$503.29 (including shipping), for the Ford one-ton pick-up.
10. An initial brush pick-up is being scheduled one week before the first leaf pick-up (mid-to-late October). Another will follow after leaves have been picked-up.

WATER

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of September: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, lead and copper samples were taken and sent to lab, THM & HAA samples result received and forwarded to DCHD, met with customer for new tap on Firehouse Lane, met with rep from St. Paul's Church on water issues, changed meter at 46 Fraleigh St., average daily usage for the month 267,967. Trustee Blundell questioned Trustee Gilfeather on the water at the Father Carol Little League field - who owns this property? Also, Mr. Lewis has a drainage problem - the Village Highway Department has been working on solving.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of September: commingle 6.7 T \$ 181.75, cardboard 11.99 T \$ 133.91, garbage 31.95 T \$ 2877.25. Mayor Cohen opened the discussion for a new tarp for the dump truck for garbage pickup. Mayor Cohen also stated that he feels that the highway department should take more care in tarping down the loads. They have been pulled over several times for cardboard and newspaper blowing out of the truck. Dan Streib found a tarp for \$500.00 but cannot get the vender to return phone calls. A new tarp would cost \$1,232.00 delivered. Mayor Cohen would like more pricing estimates for this tarp. Trustee Blundell stated that he would like to revisit the joint agreement with the Village of Tivoli for garbage removal. Currently there is no grant money available.

CELEBRATIONS

Hardscrabble Day was a great success. Trustee Blundell thanked the Village Board for their support.

Red Hook Halloween celebration will be on Saturday October 25th from 1-5 pm. Trustee Blundell made a motion to close Prince Street to Church Street during the Halloween celebration. Trustee Thapp seconded. All were in favor. The Red Hook Police Department will be assisting during this celebration. Trustee Blundell also is requesting \$500.00 from the celebration to pay for Halloween expenses. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

The Library fundraiser will be on October 19th at Cappuccino's.

December 6th is Winterfest - Mayor Cohen will have an electrician look at the wires for the lighting of the tree.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the Planning and Zoning report for the month of September: 9 building permits, 3 certificates of occupancy, 3 certificates of compliance, 4 municipal searches, 13 inspections, and 1 fire inspection. \$ 1,298.50 was collected in fees. Trustee Trapp submitted a letter to Sam Harkins in regards to building department procedure. This may also change some language in the law.

HUGS FROM HOME: shipped 450 lbs. The next shipment will be on October 15th.

Both the Village and Town submitted a joint application to the Dutchess County Community Block Grant for sidewalks from Park Avenue to the Rec. Park with curbing. This application must be submitted by October 3rd. Mayor Cohen stated that all legal questions must be in writing and addressed to the Village Attorney.

Mayor Cohen asked the board to review information on the Buske Group – this will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to have a Halloween curfew at 9:00 pm. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Gilfeather will seek bids in regards to regenerating the current wells and bids on a new generator for the water department. These bids will be solicited and submitted and discussed at the next board meeting.

Mayor Cohen scheduled a Public Hearing to discuss raising the tapping fee for new water hook-up on November 3, 2008 at 7:15 pm.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to approve the seeking and hiring of a new full time police officer. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Officer Griffin submitted to the board a proposal for the Village to purchase new police uniforms. This would cost the Village a total of \$ 2848.00. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion for the police department to change and purchase new police uniforms. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to approve this purchase. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

David Growth suggested the Village have a load study done in regards to the purchase of a generator. The generator should be diesel. David Groth will discuss with Trustee Gilfeather.

Verizon Wireless – David Groth stated that the current contract with Verizon should be completed within 1-2 months. There is currently resistance with the scamtics of the water tower never being done.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to appoint Kevin Bryant as alternate Village Attorney. Mr. Bryant will start with the Anderson Commons project and all fees will be paid for by the applicant. Mr. Bryant came highly recommended and has municipal law experience. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Trapp is concerned on the cost of street lights. Trustee Trapp would like to cut back and have at least half of the street lights turned off to save money. The Village must cut back on all utilities. The Village is \$3-5,000.00 down on sales tax.

Trustee Blundell announced that the State will mill down the illegal crosswalks in the Village. They are not handicap accessible. Maybe if there is any Dutchess County Community Block Grant money left, It can be used to correct the crosswalks. Two years ago David Groth was hit by a car in front of the Post Office.

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

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer