

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
02-02-09**

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Cohen read the Treasurer's report for the month of January: Balances: General \$110,706.85, Water \$82,653.23, T&A \$7,131.51, Resource Recovery \$1,491.12, Petty Cash \$50.00, Village Green \$844.17 – Bills to be paid: General \$138,245.61, Water \$38,443.50, T&A \$856.40, Resource Recovery \$3,824.90. Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Trustee Kovalchik seconded with the correct balance in the Village Green being \$4216.00 (received a check for \$ 2500.00 from Trustco Bank). All were in favor.

POLICE

Mayor Cohen read the police report for the month of January 2009: 82 registered complaints, 119 uniform traffic tickets, 27 parking tickets, 12 accidents investigated, and 5 arrests. Mayor Cohen made reference to a letter which was received from Captain Paul Piastro of the DC Sheriff's Department commending the Red Hook Police Department with their assistance in regards to the recent bomb threats in the Red Hook Schools.

VILLAGE GREEN

Trustee Kovalchik advised that Trustco Bank donated \$ 2,500.00 to the Village Green.

Trustee Kovalchik read the Village Green monthly report as follows:

1. A meeting was held on February 21, 2008 (see attached minutes).

Items discussed included:

- mapping one quadrant of the Village. Mapping of existing tree location are to update and correspond to the inventory as provided in the Village Forestry Management Plan
 - spring planting – various new tree locations discussed
 - budget
2. A meeting was held on February 28, 2008 with Tom Brodhead and Alison Roddy of the NYSDOT to review the NYSDOT Annual Landscape Development Contract. Locations in the Village and Town, as well as tree species were discussed. The NYSDOT will be staking locations as soon as winter weather breaks. (March – April, 2008). Approval by property owners have been received. Over 50 trees will be planted and one year of tree maintenance will be provided by the NYSDOT.

3. The following trees have been scheduled to be removed. Removal time is variable with weather conditions and equipment availability.

These trees are in the following locations:

- Lutheran Church – 2 trees on South Broadway
- Town Hall – 3 pine trees on the south side of Town Hall
- Merritt Bookstore – 1 tree on East Market Street
- 57 Fraleigh Street – 1 tree
- Memorial Park – 1 tree

4. A letter was received on February 6, 2008 from United States Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton applauding the Village of Red Hook on receiving the Tree City USA recognition from the National Arbor Day Foundation (see attached).

HIGHWAY

Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to purchase 6 new OSHA regulated vests. Trustee Trapp seconded. Trustee Kovalchik also approached the board to purchase 2 new doors (OSHA regulated), 1. Metal door with wood jam, 2. Metal door with metal jam. Mayor Cohen put all hold on the purchase of these doors. Mayor Cohen will hold off on chipping of brush until next year – due to the high cost of snow removal.

Trustee Kovalchik read the highway monthly report as follows:

1. Estimates have been received from VanKleeks Tire of Hudson, New York to fill the backhoe tires. The estimates include:

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| - Front tires | 249 lbs. of foam @ \$1.50/lb | \$ 747.00 (for each tire) |
| - Rear tires | 75 gallons of liquid calcium @\$1.50/gal. | \$ 225.00 (for each tire) |
| - Labor and travel | | \$ 240.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$1,212.00 |

****Trustees to approve expenditure***

2. The following tools have been purchased with revenue from the scarp metal recycling program:

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| Porter Cable Sawsall | \$ 149.99 |
| Two-ton long reach floor jack | donated |
| TOTAL | \$ 149.99 |

The current balance of the scrap metal recycling fund is \$535.52. All new tools have been included in the revised Highway Equipment Tool Inventory.

- Estimates have been received for a diesel powered Toro ZTR mower from Conway's Lawn and Power Equipment, Inc.

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| Estimate Price | \$17,256.00 |
| Less Special Discount | - 4,832.00 |
| Less Trade-In of existing mower | - 4,212.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 8,212.00 |

In accordance with the Village of Red Hook Highway Department Transportation Equipment Life and Usable Vehicle Life Replacement Plan of May, 2007, the mower was scheduled to be replaced in 2007. This is based on NYSDOT Office Fleet Administration and Support Data. Cost and time of replacement to be considered for the 2008 budget.

- Additional sand for snow removal needs to be purchased. Cost per delivery is \$550.00.

**Trustees to approve expenditure.*

- Landfill brush lot needs to be chipped and ground. Approximate cost is \$10,000.00. Cost to be included in the 2008 budget.

- Request from Highway Superintendent, Dan Streib, to hire a full-time or seasonal part-time employee. An alternate would be to hire a full-time employee at a cost shared by the Village of Red Hook and Tivoli. Comparative costs are as follows:

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| Part time (without benefits) \$12.50 x 20 hours = | \$ 250.00/week |
| \$12.50 x 1040 hours = | \$13,000.00/year |
| Full time (with single health insurance, retirement & comp. insurance) | \$34,000.00 |

Full time (with family health insurance, retirement
& comp. insurance) \$43,000.00

7. Estimates have been received to install ADA compliant curb cuts. The estimates are as follows: (see attached)

- Sun-Up Enterprises, Inc. \$43,000.00
- AW Coon and Sons, Inc., Contracting \$36,430.00

These are being included in a NYSDOT "Safe Routes to School" grant application currently being prepared by Trustee Jay Trapp.

8. A letter of February 19, 2008, was received from a resident at 20 Maizeland Road, for the Village Trustees to address road drainage from coming onto her property. A spring to summer schedule is to be considered (see attachment).
9. A letter was received from New York Assemblyman, Marcus J. Molinaro, on February 20, 2008 in response to Village letter of February 4, 2008 requesting the State to increase our Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) allocations. The Proposed 2008-2009 allocation of \$24,520 represented a 4.06% (\$1039.00) reduction from the 2007-2008 amount.
10. It is requested that the Village Board consider creating new, or expanding existing, reserve accounts for highway, resource recovery, snow removal vehicles and snow removal.

ITF

Trustee Kovalchik read the ITF monthly report as follows:

1. Mayor David Cohen and Trustee Brent Kovalchik met with Roger Akeley, Commissioner of Planning, and Beth Doyle, from Dutchess County Planning and Development on February 8, 2008. Strategies involving implementation, location and phasing of the proposed Intermunicipal Central Sewer and Waste Water Treatment System were discussed.
2. Mayor David Cohen and Trustee Brent Kovalchik met on February 14 2008, with Paul Gunther, President of the Institute for Classical Architecture and Classical America (ICA & CA), and Kathryn Slocum, Development Consultant, to discuss preparation of a Pattern Book of Red Hook Village Homes and Commercial Buildings. These will be

based on existing Village precedents and incorporated as architectural standards for the north Traditional Neighbor District and General Business District Infill Development Plan. Funding opportunities are currently being sought through the New York State Council of the Arts with the assistance of the ICA & CA and the Urban Design Associates.

3. Mayor David Cohen and Trustee Brent Kovalchik met with Thomas LeGrand, President of the Dutchess County Water and Waste Water Authority, on February 15, 2008. Benefit Assessment Districts involving operating and maintenance costs to users and future users were discussed. Follow-up telephone conversations with Bridget Barclay, Dutchess County Water and Waste Water Authority, and Gary Male, Managing Engineer, of C.T. Male Associates, were conducted for further review and strategy recommendations.
4. Grant applications to provide funding for the Intermunicipal Sewer and Waste Water Treatment System, Facility Plan continues to be developed. These include:
 - Pre-Development Planning Grant (\$7500.00) – United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development
 - Emergency and Imminent Community Water Assistance Grant (\$150.00) – United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

As of February 22, 2008, the Federal Government has removed funding for this program.

5. Michael Cohen, New York State Commissioner on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness contacted Trustee Brent Kovalchik to learn more about the Intermunicipal Task Forces initiative and planning efforts currently underway to provide public sewers and address land-use/growth strategies. A letter is being drafted to respond to his requests for information.
6. The Town Board of Red Hook have successfully reviewed the Affordable/Workforce Housing Standards. These will continue to be reviewed by the Red Hook Town Attorney and Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development for future implementation.
7. The ITF is currently revising and presenting, to the Red Hook Town Board, its recommendations for an Agricultural Business District.

WATER

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for January 2009: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, annual nitrate-nitrite sample results received (attached), and annual health department inspection report received and attached, replaced meters at 2 Benner Road & Tormey-Willow Park. Average daily usage for the month 282,452. Mayor Cohen stated that the inside of the water tower will soon need to be painted.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of January 2009: commingle 1.75 T @ \$81.12, cardboard 3.75 T @ \$135.19, garbage 14.92 T @ \$1,275.51. Recycling costs have increased. Mayor Cohen would like to get estimates from private haulers for the next budget year.

CELEBRATIONS

February 8, 2009 a benefit for the Red Hook Library will hold Trivia Night at Tin Pan Alley. All are welcome to come.

PLANNING & ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning report for the month of January 2009: 4 building permits, 2 certificates of occupancy, 3 certificates of compliance, 3 municipal searches, 4 fire inspections, and 11 inspections. \$800.00 was collected in fees. Mayor Cohen would like to charge more for inspections. Most municipalities charge by the store front. Trustee Trapp will start drafting language for new charges.

Hugs from home had a large shipment for December.

Shed Ordinance: Board will submit changes in language and resubmit revisions to discuss in March.

Sam Harkins must attend a code class at a cost of \$700.00-\$750.00 for certification. Trustee Trapp made a motion to approve this class. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Trapp submitted the required boundary and annex certification.

Zoning Map Revision

Public Hearing is still open. As per Trustee Trapp the zoning lines were cleaned up. SEQRA must be circulated - 30 days to respond. Maps are in the Village Hall for review. Trustee Trapp will submit SEQRA for submission and apply for lead agency. Trustee Blundell would like to have affected land owners notified of change. Trustee Trapp made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

GENERATOR

Mayor Cohen is rejecting all accepted bids for a generator. A new bid will be published and opened on March 2, 2009. Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 1-2009

ATV Law

Mayor Cohen read resolution # 1-2009 – A copy is on file – Trustee Blundell would like the police department to give warnings. The fine schedule is as follows: 1st offense \$ 50.00; 2nd offense \$ 100.00; 3rd offense \$ 250.00; 4th offense \$ 500.00. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept this local law contingent of the Village Attorney's review. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen scheduled a public hearing for February 12th @ 6:30pm to discuss an ATV local law. At 6:45pm a Special Village Board meeting is scheduled.

RESOLUTION 2-2009

Hudson Valley Greenway

Mayor Cohen read resolution # 3-2009 consenting to the provisions of sewer service by the Dutchess County Water and Waste Water Authority to individual consumers within a specified area of the Town. A copy of this resolution is on file. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept resolution 3-2009. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen is requesting to enter into an agreement with George Rodenhausen for legal fees of \$175.00 for attorney's fees and \$95.00 for a paralegal. Trustee Blundell made a motion to accept this agreement. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen added Deputy Mayor Gilfeather to the list of names as an officer for an agreement with RBC Wealth (LOSAP). Trustee Trapp made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Public Comment

George Beekman informed the board that there was a stop sign down at the intersection of Fisk Street & Elizabeth Street.

Mr. Beekman asked when absentee ballots are available? Clerk Cole stated when the candidates hand in petitions.

Steve Zarchek inquired the board's opinion on the vote for a new Boces facility. There would be one voting place located in Poughkeepsie. Mayor Cohen will draft a letter in protest against this vote. It should be held along with local school votes.

David Seymour asked Trustee Trapp if all landowners will be notified of the zoning map changes. Trustee Trapp responded saying that he would draft a notice and send to all involved.

8:40pm Executive Session

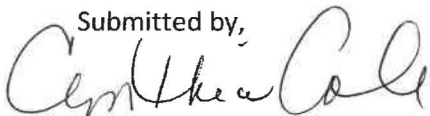
8:50pm Convened from Executive Session

Mayor Cohen stated that the board is requesting that all Village employees hold salaries until the next fiscal year.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to pay bills after audit. Trustee Trapp 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