

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
03-02-09**

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

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

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather made a motion to accept the minutes from 2-2-09 & 2-12-09 with the following corrections on 2-2-09: Per Trustee Blundell –page 7 – Hudson Valley Greenway resolution # 3-2009- this is a draft version – the Village does not support funding cuts to Greenway - this discussion will be tabled until the April meeting. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather read the treasurer’s report: Balances: General \$ 82,348.20, Water \$71,454.33, T & A \$7,670.99, Resource Recovery \$4,243.42. Petty Cash \$19.47, Village Green \$4,210.17. Bills to be paid: General \$90,937.76, Water \$38,126.94, T & A \$856.40, Resource Recovery \$ 4,135.97. A budget workshop was scheduled for March 12, 2009 at 6:30pm. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept the report. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

**POLICE**

Trustee Gilfeather read the police report: 64 registered complaints, 153 uniform traffic tickets, 35 parking tickets, 12 accidents investigated, and 13 arrests made. OIC Pat Hildenbrand stated that the police department has been very busy. Complaints have doubled.

**VILLAGE GREEN**

Brent Kovalchik read the Village Green monthly report as follows:

1. A Village Green Committee was held on February 26, 2009.

**Items discussed included:**

- Red Hook High School Chapter of Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD) have requested the VGC to assist them in the planting of two trees in the Memorial Garden at Red Hook High School. The VGC agreed to provide two trees and assist members of SADD in planting during the Spring Planting.
- Village parking lot plantings were discussed. VGC has been in contact with Key Bank to provide information concerning the northern boundary location. Trees and/or shrubs may be planted in this location depending on available space.

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- Spring planting will take place on Arbor Day Weekend, Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Tree planting and Arbor Day Activities are being coordinated with Rhinebeck and Hyde Park, who will be planting on the same day.
- Budget for 2009-2010 was discussed. Scheduling of tree assessment studies, tree inventory updates and tree pruning are being investigated to coordinate funds needed to satisfy the Village's financial obligation for the 2007-2008 Urban and Community Forestry Grant of \$13,610.00.
- The Village Highway Department has prepared a list of trees scheduled for removal in 2009 (refer to Village Green Committee Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2009 for trees and locations.)

**ITF**

Trustee Kovalchik read the ITF monthly report as follows:

1. The Town of Red Hook has scheduled a public Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) scoping session to solicit comments regarding the Centers and Greenspaces Plan. The scoping session will be held at 7:45pm, at the Red Hook Town Hall, on March 10, 2009. Copies of the Draft Scoping Document are available for public review at the Red Hook Town Hall, Red Hook and Tivoli libraries and on-line at [www.redhook.org](http://www.redhook.org). Comments submitted in writing must be received by the Town Clerk by March 16, 2009.
2. The 2010 Non-Defense Appropriations Form was sent to U.S. Senator Charles Schumer on February 3, 2009. The Village of Red Hook is requesting \$4.8 million to provide for construction and capital costs of a Waste Water Treatment Plant for the proposed Central Sewer District. Funding was also requested for engineering, legal and administrative costs.
3. A meeting was held on February 6, 2009 to discuss land acquisition agreements, environmental and other regulatory agencies' requirements, district formation protocol, revisions to the Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) count, and community outreach initiatives for the proposed Intermunicipal Central Sewer and Waste Water Treatment System. **Attending were:** Fred Testa (NYS EFC), Robert Flores (C.T. Male), Bridget Barclay (DCW&WWA), Robert McKeon (RHT Councilman), Harry Colgan (RHT Councilman), Christine Chale (RHT Attorney), Bill O'Neil (ITF Chairman), David Cohen (RHV Mayor) and Brent Kovalchik (RHV Trustee).
4. The Pre-Eligibility Determination Package was sent to USDA-Rural Development on February 9, 2009. This package is being reviewed by USDA-RD to determine what types of grant and loans the proposed sewer district may qualify for.
5. The Red Hook Town Board passed a resolution on February 10, 2009, and the Red Hook Village Board passed a resolution on February 12, 2009, supporting Dutchess County Water and

Waste Water Authority's (DCW&WWA) efforts to begin work on establishing a Part-County Intermunicipal Central Sewer District.

6. The 2010 Non-Defense Appropriations Request Form was sent to U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand on February 16, 2009. The Village of Red Hook is requesting \$2.1 million to provide for the installation of a Low-Pressure Sewer System (LPSS-pipes) within the proposed Central Sewer District.

7. DCW&WWA Board of Directors passed a resolution on February 18, 2009, to enter into contracts with C.T. Male Associates for the preparation of SEQR Documents and the Map, Plan and Report for the establishment of a Part-County Sewer District. DCW&WWA is also preparing the NYS EFC/CWSRF Hardship Application for the April 1, 2009 submission. The Hardship Application will be reviewed, by the EFC to determine if the proposed Sewer District will qualify for grants/subsidized loans from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

8. A meeting and conference call was held on February 20, 2009 to review essential CWSRF application components, financing options and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding qualifications. **Attending in Red Hook were:** Fred Testa (NYS EFC), Robert Flores (C.T. Male), Bridget Barclay (DCW&WWA), Tom Mansfield (DC Legislator), Robert McKeon (RHT Councilman), Harry Colgan (RHT Councilman), Bill O'Neil (ITF Chairman), Christine Chale (RHT Attorney), David Cohen (RHV Mayor and Brent Kovalchik (RHV Trustee). **Attending from EFC Albany Office (via telephone) were:** Chris Rienzo (EFC Finance), Ron Magee (EFC Engineer), Judy Avent (EFC Legal) and Elaine Martin (MWBE – Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise).

9. A meeting was held on February 27, 2009 to plan a future Public Informational Meeting to discuss, with the Public, the proposals being prepared for an Intermunicipal Central Sewer and Waste Water Treatment

System and a Part-County Sewer District. **Attending were:** Fred Testa (NYS EFC), Robert Flores (C.T. Male), Bridget Barclay (DCW&WWA), Robert McKeon (RHT Councilman), Harry Colgan (RHT Councilman), Tom Mansfield (DC Legislator) and Brent Kovalchik (RHV Trustee).

10. The Village of Red Hook has registered with the New York Council on the Arts for submission of a grant application to provide funding for a Pattern Book of residential housing types and infill commercial buildings to supplement the proposed Village Traditional Neighborhood District and General Business Infill Development Districts. Grants from the National Endowment for the Arts are also being researched for this project.

11. The ITF is currently researching and developing proposals for Greenbelt/Gateway Districts around the Villages of Red Hook and Tivoli.

#### **HIGHWAY**

Brent Kovalchik read the Highway monthly report as follows:

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Trustee Kovalchik will contact the Village Attorney on approval for Doug Traudt, who has volunteered his services to clean up Memorial Park of the recent ice storm.

1. The Village responded to a request, from the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council (PDCTC), for projects that may be eligible for funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. A list of projects was submitted to the PDCTC on February 13, 2009 for review and qualifications determinations.
  - Projects listed on the Village List of February 13, 2009, have been included on the "Round-1-List". Round-1 projects must have all reviews, permits and contracts fully executed within a 90-day period from the date of the enactment of the Economic Stimulus Package (signed into law on 2-17-09 – projects need to be "shovel ready" by mid-April, 2009).
  - Approved projects will be reimbursed 100% for construction and construction inspection costs only.
  - A grant funding program is being investigated that will provide up to 80% of engineering, legal and administrative costs (Marchiselli Program).

Estimates to prepare documentation, environmental reviews and NYSDOT filing fees are forthcoming from Village Engineer Mark Day.

2. FEMA has granted an expanded Emergency Declaration for New York State to assist in funding expenses resulting from the December 11, 2008 ice storm. An expanded declaration allows federal reimbursement, for qualified expenses, up to 75% of the total cost. In order for Dutchess County, and all of its eligible applicants (Cities, Towns, Villages) to be included, expenses incurred must exceed \$918,892.00. The start date was December 11, 2008. No end date has been established. Repairs, snow and brush removal, materials, labor rates, subcontractors, etc., can be included on the project list.

The Village has submitted a second list of costs to the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Responses Emergency Management Office for consideration.

- The first submission, of December 23, 2008, included costs between December 11, 2008 and December 23, 2008 for the amount of \$13,637.20.
- The second submission, of February 20, 2009, included costs between December 24, 2008 and February 13, 2009 for the amount of \$18,595.31.
- The amount of expenses, submitted by the Village, from December 11, 2008 through February 13, 2009 totaled \$32,232.51.

Review of qualified expenses of Dutchess County (including the Village of Red Hook) are forthcoming from FEMA.

3. A request from the Syntonic Design Group of Milan, New York to designate Route 199 as an

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access highway for Special Dimension Vehicles (53 foot trailers) has been granted by the NYSDOT. As of January 20, 2009, it is legal to drive Special Use Vehicles on Route 199

from the intersection of US Route 9 in the Village to just east of Willow Brook Road in Milan.

4. The Highway Department was notified of a “clogged drain” on Thompson Street. The problem will be investigated and remediation reviewed after the spring thaw.
5. A resident of Red Hook has volunteered to assist in the clean-up and debris removal in Memorial Park resulting from the December 11, 2008 ice storm. Consideration of this offer by the Village Board is forthcoming.

#### **WATER**

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of February: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, inorganic, SCO & Radiological samples were taken and sent to lab as required by DCDOH. Turned water off and back on at 90 Cambridge for repairs as requested; found leak at Stewart’s and fixed temporarily; leaking water meter was replaced at Agway. Average daily usage for February: 232,214. Trustee Gilfeather, Bucky Coon and KOSCO met and took measurement for the new generator. March 19, 2009 there will be a special meeting to open bids for the generator- Village Hall at 7:30pm. Bucky Coon stated that the Village should consider purchasing a new dialer for the water department.

#### **RESOURCE RECOVERY**

Trustee Blundell read RR report for the month of February: commingle 2.08 T @ \$ 96.17, cardboard 3.06T @ \$ 110.04, Garbage 14.71 T @ \$ 1254.50

#### **CELEBRATIONS**

Trustee Blundell announced the calendar for 2009: April 4<sup>th</sup> – Egg Roll – May 9<sup>th</sup> – Apple Blossom – September 26<sup>th</sup> - Hardscrabble – October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween – December 4<sup>th</sup> - Winterfest.

#### **PLANNING AND ZONING**

Trustee Trapp reported \$815.00 in zoning fees. The regular planning and zoning report was not available this month. Questions from the draft shed regulations were compiled and will be discussed in April.

Trustee Trapp reported a large shipment for Hugs from Home. Thanks to all.

Lot line changes are being done to clean up the lines. After this is complete the County will put a map of the Village on the GIS system. These map changes should not affect resident’s taxes. 77 letters were sent to residents who were affected.

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A letter of resignation was submitted from Planning Chair Dan Wheeler. This letter will be accepted in April when Mayor Cohen is back.

#### **POLICE CAR – 2009 FORD CROWN VICTORIA**

A quote was submitted for a new police car for \$ 34,761.00. This bid was from Warnock Fleet contract #19266 and is on State Contract. Trustee Blundell questioned if the Village can afford to pay on another police car and if we can afford it. This new purchase will be discussed at the April meeting. Trustee Trapp made a motion to have the Village Clerk advertise the old garbage truck to sell for scrap. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church** – Lorraine Humphrey of St Paul's Church and Beth Dach's of Chris Barrett Realty were present and submitted a letter dated March 1, 2009. The Church is requesting that the Village donate a strip of land that is owned by the Village (across from the Fire House) to the Church so that they have a better chance of selling this lot on Firehouse Lane and Elizabeth Street. At this time the Church is also requesting that this piece of land be sold to a perspective buyer to help make this parcel more sellable. Trustee Gilfeather tabled this discussion until the Village Attorney review and will be discussed in April.

#### **ATV**

Trustee Gilfeather read the public hearing minutes dated 2-12-09, an e-mail dated 2-19-09 from Jeannette Valley, and a letter dated 2-2-09 from Bryan Valley. Mr. Brian Valley was present. Trustee Blundell submitted a few changes in the wording to the latest draft of the local ordinance. "specific seasonal yard maintenance tasks or driveway clearing tasks". The definition should be broader. Steve Zarcheck stated that this new law is because one person is doing wrong and why should other residents suffer. Mr. Zarcheck feels more information should be gathered before a final decision is made. Also, to see if other municipalities have any similar laws and how they deal with them. Mr. Murray of 10 Garden Street is not in favor of this new local law. Mr. Valley would like to have the family using these ATV's incorrectly at one of these meetings. Trustee Blundell made a motion to submit changes and send to the village attorney for review. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Gilfeather scheduled a public hearing on the changes in this law for April 6, 2009 at 7:15pm.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to close this public hearing. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Trustee Gilfeather stated NYMIR(New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) insures 600 municipalities with a retention rate of 96 %.

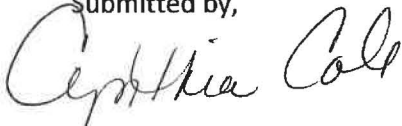
Guy Tucker of Margaret Street is concerned with the rezoning. Trustee Trapp explained this change was to clean up the lines. If you are in residential you will remain in residential. Barbara Murray of Garden Street wants to stay in residential.

Mr. Tucker also stated that there is a water runoff problem at the front of his house. Trustee Gilfeather will look into this and get back to Mr. Tucker.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Cole". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

Cynthia Cole  
Clerk/Treasurer