

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD
MAY 4, 2009**

Present: Mayor Cohen, Trustee Blundell, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Kovalchik & Trustee Seymour.
Mayor Cohen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Trustee Kovalchik to accept the minutes from Village Board 4-6-09 public hearing ATV; 4-6-09 budget public hearing; 4-15-09 special meeting; 4-15-09 public hearing Safe Routes to School and 3-30-09. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

ATV Ordinance – Trustee Blundell submitted an ATV Resolution stating parental use only and during day light hours. Trustee Kovalchik stated that enforcement is the key. Public Comment: Trisha Grassi (Garden Street) – would like to have better enforcement. Mayor Cohen will keep the public hearing until next month.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mayor Cohen read the Treasurer’s report for the month of April: Balances: General \$94,341.59, Water \$38,208.72, T & A \$9,522.90, Resource Recovery \$930.44, Petty Cash \$19.47, Village Green \$4,210.17. Bills to be paid – General \$50,161.55, Water \$5,638.84, T & A \$676.40, Resource Recovery \$3,431.99. Trustee Trapp made a motion to accept this report. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

POLICE

Mayor Cohen read the police report for the month of April: 68 registered complaints, 134 uniform traffic tickets, 9 parking tickets, 11 accidents investigated, and 12 arrests made.

ITF

Trustee Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. The Red Hook Town Board adopted the Final Scoping Document for the proposed amendments to the Zoning Law, Subdivision Law and Comprehensive Plan to implement the Centers and Greenspaces Plan on April 14, 2009. This will serve as the basis for issues to be addressed in the Draft Environment Impact Statement for the proposed action.
2. On April 15, 2009, the USDA-RD has determined that Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority (DCW&WA) is an eligible entity to participate in their funding programs. Usually reserved for municipalities (in New York State), these funding programs will provide access to grants and low interest financing to the future owners of the proposed Red Hook Central Sewer System. The USDA-RD Pre-Eligibility Determination Package is being revised and prepared for USDA-RD funding determination. The ITF is grateful for the support of NYS Assemblyman Molinaro and NYS Senator Stephen Saland in resolving this matter.

3. Applications, regulatory agency reviews and engineering reports continue to be prepared to qualify for grants and zero-to-low interest financing from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). DCW&WA with C.T. Male Associates (engineers) are executing this work on behalf of the Village and Town of Red Hook.

4. A meeting was held on April 17, 2009 to discuss the status of funding and procedural revisions of the ARRA-CWSRF, status of EFC and USDA-RD funding application, and Public Informational meeting. Fred Testa (NYS EFC), Robert Flores (C.T. Male), Bridget Barclay (DCW&WA), Tom Mansfield (Dutchess County Legislator), David Cohen (Red Hook Village Mayor), Brent Kovalchik (Red Hook Village Trustee), Sue Crane (Red Hook Town Supervisor), Harry Colgan (Red Hook Town Councilman), and Gary Male, (C.T. Male) were in attendance.

5. The first public information meeting for the proposed Red Hook Sewer System was held on April 23, 2009. Bill O'Neil (ITF Chairman), Robert Flores (C.T. Male) and Bridget Barclay (DCW&WA) presented information regarding the history and background of a sewer system, as presented in current Village and Town planning/zoning documents, the proposed wastewater treatment system (pipes and plant), and the proposed Sewer District. Question and answer session followed. Future meetings are being prepared and scheduled. Date announcements are forthcoming.

6. Pace University Land-Use Law Center has invited ITF members Bill O'Neil, Robert McKeon, Harry Colgan, Brent Kovalchik and Michelle Greig (Greenplan, Inc.) to participate in a Community Leadership Alliance Training Program in Delaware County, New York on May 1, 2009. Red Hook's proposals, planning processes and intermunicipal cooperation will be discussed.

7. The ITF continues to work on the Scenic Corridors Overlay District, and Draft Environment Impact Statement for the proposed Centers and Greenspaces Plan.

VILLAGE GREEN

Trustee Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. A meeting was held on April 23, 2009 at the Red Hook Firehouse. Arbor Day Celebrations and Annual Spring Planting organization and coordination were discussed. Brenda Cagle, Evelyn Krueger, Jeanne Duntz and Trustee Liason Brent Kovalchik were in attendance.
2. Arbor Day Celebrations were held on April 25, 2009 at Abraham's Park. Trustee Kovalchik read the Arbor Day Proclamation on behalf of the Village Trustees. Trustee David

Seymour dedicated a memorial tree to honor the memory of founding Village Green Committee Member, Jan Schiff. A Linden tree was planted and a memorial plaque installed at Abraham’s Park. Village Trustees David Seymour, Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik, along with Village Green Committee Board Members, Evelyn Krueger and Brenda Cagle, and Village Green Committee members, volunteers and members from the Linden Avenue Middle School “Who Cares Club” planted a total of three trees. Tree pits along Broadway were also enlarged, and plantings/mulch were installed in these areas and around the Village Municipal Parking Lot.

- 3. The Village of Red Hook received recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation, for being named a Tree City USA Community. This is the seventh year the Village has received this national recognition. The Village is also the recipient of the Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program (refer to enclosed letters of March 25, 2009).

HIGHWAY

Trustee Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

- 1. The Village Landfill opened for Village Residents on April 11, 2009. Permits, available at the Red Hook Village Building, can be purchased for \$20.00.
- 2. Spring curb-side brush pick-up ended on April 20, 2009. Residents are advised to take their brush to the Village Landfill.
- 3. A second-round of street sweeping is being scheduled and coordinated with the Town of Red Hook Highway Department. Dates for street sweeping are forthcoming.
- 4. Request for Proposals to chip and clear brush at the landfill have been issued. Funds from the Landfill Budget Line (#5140.0) will be used. The estimates are as follows:

Den Besten Enterprises	\$ 4,755.00/Day
.....	\$ 9,500.00/2 Day
.....	\$14,250.00/3 Day

includes mobilization/demolition, does not include chip/debris removal
(estimates time to clear entire landfill at 3 Days)

Almstead Nursery and Mulch **\$2,400.00/Day**
 **\$4,800.00/2 Day**
 **\$7,200.00/3 Day**

an additional cost of \$500.00 delivery charge and gasoline (12 gallons/hour)
 removal of chips/debris not included in estimate

Rancourt and Sons Land Clearing Corp. **\$2,500.00/Day**
 **\$5,000.00/2 Day**
 **\$7,500.00/3 Day**

includes operator, fuel, machine delivery, and chip removal (estimates time to
 clear entire landfill at 5 days)

\$9,000.00 is available to clear landfill from 2008-2009 Landfill Budget Line #5140.0

\$10,000.00 will be available to clear landfill from 2009-2010 Landfill Budget Line
 #5140.0

5. Solar powered street lights are being researched as a possible solution to reduce operating costs, currently budget at \$48,000.00, of our contractual obligation to Central Hudson. NYS Energy Research and Development Authority has recommended two companies to investigate (refer to attachments: Hadeo and Slux Corp.)
6. A letter of April 16, 2009 was sent on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees and Village citizens to the New York State Department of Public Services, opposing Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation’s proposal to increase rates to deliver natural gas and electric services (refer to attached letter).
7. Areas of Benner Road, Fisk Street, West Market Street, and other locations are being investigated to determine possible remedies to resolve drywell and street drainage issues.
8. A Pubic Informational Meeting was held on April 30, 2009 to discuss the proposed “Safe Routes to School Program” and to provide a SEQRA determination. Presented by M.A. Day Engineers, funding totaling \$230,000.00 will be provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Engineering costs which are not reimbursable, will be provided by a shared effort by the Village of Red Hook, Red Hook Central Schools and a member item grant from the NYS Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro.

- 9. As part of the Highway Department’s contractual agreement with the Village, 20 T-shirts with reflective safety strips are being requested.

20 Shirts x \$19.00 per shirt \$380.00

Funding will be provided from Budget Line #5110.4 – Maintenance of Streets/
Contractual Expenses

- 10. Final seasonal street sweeping; provided by the Town of Red Hook Highway Department, will be completed during the week of May 4, 2009.
- 11. Assemblyman Marc Molinaro notified the Village that the 2009-2010 fiscal year CHIPS allocation will be \$31,146.00. This amount is a \$119.00 increase from the 2008-2009 allocation.
- 12. The current balance of the Scrap Metal Recycling Fund remains at \$1,319.32.

Three estimates were submitted for brush chipping-low bid was from Rancourt and Sons Land Clearing Corp., for \$7,500.00 for three days. Trustee Blundell made a motion to accept this bid. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor. Trustee Trapp made a motion for the highway to order new t-shirts. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

RED HOOK CENTRAL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Bruce Martin and Paul Finch of the Red Hook School District presented the 2009 school budget. \$947,000.00. Decrease in federal aid – 5 teachers have retired and rehired 4 – 4.2 % increase in tax – May 19th vote – one board seat is available.

WATER

Trustee Seymour read the water report for the month of April: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, ground water under direct influence samples were taken from wells 12, 13, 14. Met with Trustee Seymour to update him on water department activities, installed new readout and shutoff cap at 90 Cambridge Drive, located water line at 14 Glen Ridge as requested, repaired water leak at corner of Phillips and Route 199, average daily water usage for April: 236,000. Currently there are two major water leaks: Cherry Street and Rt. 9 & Red Hook Library.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Currently Trustee Seymour is seeking service agreements on the following: Schindler Elevator, Arbie Alarm, Fire System, All State (generator), & Hudson Valley Telephone.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month: commingle 1.87 T – cardboard 4.59 T @ \$ 85.60 – garbage 15.56 T @ \$ 1317.31. Trustee Blundell is asking all Village residents to compost.

CELEBRATIONS

Trustee Blundell submitted a 2009 stage schedule, which a copy is available at the Village Hall. Trustee Blundell made a motion to close Prince Street for Apple Blossom. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

Red Hook Red Hot Summer Nights is a series of Friday evenings of shopping, dining and dancing to live music. (May 29th, June 26th, July 24th, August 28th)

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning report for the month of April: 4 building permits issued, 1 certificate of occupancy, 1 certificate of compliance, 3 municipal searches, 4 orders to remedy, 1 appearance ticket and 10 inspections. \$ 649.50 was collected in fees. Trustee Trapp will no longer be able to participate in the Hugs from Home program and is looking for volunteers.

Trustee Trapp has contacted Central Hudson in regards to solar lighting in some street lights.

There has been some discussion on a new mural located on the south side of the new Natural Food store. The Dutchess County Arts Council has a program called "Project Grants Program". More information will follow.

A proposed zoning district map is ready. This will be put on hold until after further discussion on negotiations with St. Paul's Church on property lines.

Trustee Trapp and CEO Sam Harkins meet on a regular basis. A copy of Trustee Trapp's reports are on file.

GENERATOR

Mayor Cohen stated that David Groth has reviewed the specs for a new generator and the Village would save money with an addendum to the original bid. This will be rebid.

DUTCHESS COUNTY BLOCK GRANT 2010-2012

This application is for preapproval for three years. Each year the Village could be awarded \$ 150,000.00. Mayor Cohen scheduled a special meeting on May 14th at 7:00 pm to discuss this block grant and any other business.

KEY BANK PARKING LOT

Mayor Cohen stated that the Village Board should consider options regarding the Key Bank parking lot. We have been advised that it is back on the market, along with the green lot next to the bank. A short term lease will be considered until further discussion on this matter is complete. Trustee Trapp made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

A public hearing was held on 4-30-09 for SEQRA review of the Safe Routes to School. Trustee Trapp made a motion to approve the Village of Red Hook for a short environmental assessment form and detailed drawings for the proposed Safe Routes to School (Resolution # 4-2009). Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor. A copy of this resolution is on file.

POLICE OFFICER

Trustee Seymour made a motion to hire Justin Grover as a Red Hook part-time Police Officer. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

OTHER BUISNESS

Trustee Blundell submitted specs on sandwich board signs for review. This will be discussed in greater detail in June.

Red Hook Fire Department – Annual Block party will be July 24TH and 25th. Trustee Blundell pointed out that the RH Chamber of Commerce is also running and Sumer Nights program on the 24th so we will have to coordinate and work this together to make one larger event on the 24th. RHFD has thir Community Parade that night as well but their other activities center at the firehouse area. Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to approve \$ 100.00 for a full page ad in a promotional booklet. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Trapp made a motion to leave a page blank in the minutes in honor of the passing of Robert Bowman. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

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Clerk Cole submitted a request for approval for updates of the Village code book from Code Publisher. This is at a total cost of \$7,235.00 with 30% down. This will also include an internet copy. Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to approve this update. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

A representative inquired about the Board considering "No Parking" in front of the United Methodist Church. They would like an area for discharging passengers but no parking on the village street. He was asked to submit a request in writing. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

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

Submitted by,



Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer