

Village of Red Hook
Special Meeting
June 18, 2009
7:00

Present: Mayor Cohen, Trustee Blundell, Trustee Seymour, Trustee Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp arrived at 7:25

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1). VILLAGE GREEN – Greenhouse Gas – Brenda Cagle of the Village Green Committee and Lindsey Chapman a grad student from Bard are working for the Town “ICLEI” and are collecting an inventory of green house gas being omitted in the Town, Village of Red Hook, and Village of Tivoli. The information requested would date back to 2004 and include electricity, gas, fuel oil, solid waste etc. This would also need to include cost and be broken down on a monthly basis. This would take Clerk Cole many hours to compile all of this information. MaryElisa Blundell will volunteer her time to help the Village compile this information. Ms. Chapman will forward an e-mail to Cindi with all information needed. Mayor Cohen made a motion to move forward with supplying Ms. Chapman with the Village portion of the data needed. With the understanding that Clerk Cole will not be able to stop her regular duties as clerk/treasurer to supply this information. Ms. Blundell will help compile this information. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

2). MAYOR COHEN distributed pictures of the recent vandalism at the rec park – The Red Hook Police Department is working with additional patrols to solve this series of events. The School and 4 other locations were also vandalized.

3). ATV – Trustee Blundell submitted an updated local law for the boards review. Trustee Kovalchik would like to have more daylight hours and summer hours spelled out in the law. Mayor Cohen stated that the law should read that the driver should have a valid driver’s license. Also, OIC Hildenbrand should review this law and inform if it is enforceable. Mayor Cohen asked each Trustee to talk to Trustee Blundell for input. This will be discussed in length on 7-6-09.

4). MAYOR COHEN is requesting all liability insurance must be a minimum of 2 million and the Village as additional insured. All contractors must also have an updated workman’s comp. certificate on file. Trustee Blundell made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

5). RED HOOK FIRE DEPARTMENT – Shawn Ball represented the Fire Department – St Paul’s is selling approximately one acre of property on Firehouse Lane – this lot is currently being used for additional parking for the fire department. Mayor Cohen stated that the Village highway garage is in very poor condition and the fire department is willing to enter into discussion on assisting with the erection of a new highway garage in return the fire department may use Village property for additional parking. Mayor Cohen scheduled a walk through on Thursday June 25th at 6:45 for both the Village Board and the Board of the Fire Department. (6:45 at the Fire House).

6). SANDWICH BOARD SIGNS – Trustee Blundell submitted a sandwich board sign law and would like to promote this sign law because it gives merchants more advertising. It would allow people who are walking through the Village and see what the merchants have to offer. Trustee Kovalchik stated that

according to "Greenway Guidelines" they do not recommend sandwich board signs. Causes "visual clutter". The public highway is not for private advertising. It is a public right of way. Trustee Kovalchik is not in favor. Trustee Trapp questioned who would enforce this law on a regular basis and suggested summer hours only. In the past there have been complaints about certain street signs at the four corners. Trustee Seymour suggested trying on a trial basis and is in favor of a start/end date. Mayor Cohen suggested Trustee Blundell discuss with Dutchess County Department of Planning for review. This discussion will continue at a later date.

Trustee Blundell announced Red Hook Summer Hot Nights – June 26th 6:00.

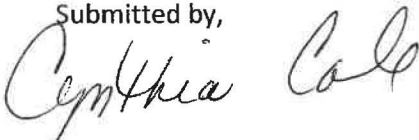
RESOLUTION # 8 -2009 Town of Red Hook NYS Department of State – Smart Growth Grant Program. Trustee Blundell made a motion to approve resolution # 8-2009. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION # 7-2007 – Village of Red Hook New York State Smart Growth Grant Program. Trustee Trapp made a motion to approve resolution # 7-2009. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen mentioned the mortgage tax was decreased by \$ 5,000.00 and all department heads should keep this in mind when spending.

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

Submitted by,



Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer