

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
12-14-09
7:15 PM**

Present: Mayor Cohen, Trustee Blundell, Trustee Trapp and Trustee Seymour.
Trustee Kovalchik entered the meeting at 8:30 pm

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

Chief Truitt recommended Mary Kay Giannotta for the position of School Crossing Guard - \$ 12.00/hr. two hours a day and will follow the Red Hook Central School District schedule. Ms. Giannotta will start on December 21st and work with the current School Crossing Guard for three days. Trustee Trapp made a motion to hire Mary Kay. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Blundell requested not accepting the workshop minutes dated 11-19-09. Corrections will be made, reviewed and accepted at the January meeting.

WATER SHED RULES AND REGULATIONS

Trustee Seymour sent out 4 RFQ's for review of the Water Shed Rules and Regulations for review of rules and regulations. Trustee Trapp requested that an RFQ be sent to Crawford and Associates. Trustee Trapp would recuse himself from this discussion due to the fact that he is employed by Crawford and Associates. George Popp from USDA-RD would like a copy ASAP – time table should be the end of January. Trustee Kovalchik will put together a RFQ, which will be written in a way that all firms can understand. Trustee Seymour will be going away for three weeks. Dick Wambach will apply for grant money to George Popp.

A letter from Village Attorney Kelly Flood-Myers was submitted suggesting that the Board hold off on approving these regs until further review of the proposed watershed plan. Although promises of water for properties that were in place and approved before will not be affected it is a complex change and upgrade. M. A. Day put together a sample of water shed regulations from the State and pieced together what best suited our community. A question arose, should two separate sets of rules and regulations will be drafted because of two different well areas. Right now we have one active area that requires protection but the plan is underway to add more supply and from another zone of the village. Both sets should be standardized but may need to reflect the actual location of the new well(s). Trustee Trapp suggested George Rodenhausen review these regulations.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHUCH

Trustee Seymour stated that on December 14th the Church's zoning application will expire and given the issue of water supply he recommended an extension. He did meet with Kevin Wade to suggest they apply for an extension. The Village fee will be waived. George Rodenhausen will draft a letter to Gerald Jameison advising of the 6 month extension and agreeing to waive the fee.

Trustee Trapp asked Trustee Seymour for future reference if he would consult with him before discussing any planning or zoning issues with any Board members, since this is his department. Trustee Seymour was acting within his authority as Trustee for Water Department and did not make decisions for or influence the planning or zoning department. Trustee Trapp suggests all Trustee heads keep to their appointed departments. Trustee Trapp would also like to be kept in the loop on all planning and zoning issues.

POLICE

Police Chief Truitt asked the Boards approval to allow an intern from Ulster Community College where he teaches to start an internship in the police department. Each student will earn 4 college credits toward their degree and will not be paid by the Village.

A work week will be 10 hours a week per student. This program will start the second week in January. All were in favor.

BUILDING ISSUES/LEGAL CASE

Mayor Cohen stated that the Ferrari case is waiting on a decision from the Attorney. The December EBT was cancelled.

PLANNING ISSUES:

Trustee Blundell stated that the recent planning board meeting was cancelled, as well as the prior one and certain applicants want and need to get their cases heard. Trustee Trapp will review but apparently their secretary was ill for the most recent meeting and it was cancelled for that reason.

RED HOOK FIRE DEPARTMENT

8:30pm Mayor Cohen recused himself from the meeting at this time due to conflict of interest. Trustee Seymour and Trustee Blundell met with members of both the Fire Department and St. Paul's Church to act as facts providers and mediators. St. Paul's Church is breaking portions of its property into 5 sub-divisions and selling the parking lot that the Red Hook Fire Department uses. The lot area is broken into a 1.2 acre lot and is in our NMU zone. They have a binder but the property has not yet been formally sub-divided. On March 10, 2010 the Church has a large balloon payment due to the bank; therefore the need to sell the lot in question is paramount. The Fire Department put in a bid of \$150,000.00 which was declined by the Church due to a higher bidder. There is currently a binder on the said property and they are pressuring the village to provide a premise of water supply for all of the subdivisions. Trustee Blundell read into record the following: DCBH dated August 20, 2009, Dick Jones dated 10-9-09, Jim Napoli dated September 30, 2009, Kevin Wade dated October 9, 2009, M.A. Day dated August 24, 2009 - all of which a copy is on file. Trustee Blundell feels that the Church has taken on the role of real estate developer and all of the intricacies and complexities that go with it but have this burned of the balloon mortgage. Also, in his opinion, the use and needs of the of the community seem to weigh in favor of it remaining a parking lot for the Fire Department. The Fire Department has asked the Village to use some parking by the Highway Garage if needed. The Village Board agrees that it would be in the best interest of the Church to sell the parking lot to the Fire Department. Best for all involved. Also, Trustee Blundell would like to request a copy of the letter that the Church sent the Fire Department notifying them that they did not get the bid. Trustee Blundell will draft a letter to the Church in regards to the Village's stand on this subdivision which will include the documents referenced above. Trustee Blundell made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor. This letter will reference that the Village is in the process of writing rules and regs for our water supply and under mandate from DCBH to increase our supply before approving any new water customers.

9:30pm Mayor Cohen entered the meeting

9:30pm Trustee Seymour made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

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Submitted by,

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