

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
January 21, 2010
7:15 PM**

Present: Mayor Cohen, Trustee Blundell, Trustee Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp and Trustee Seymour.

Meeting opened at 7:15pm.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTATION

Mayor David Cohen recused himself from the meeting.

Dick Jones made a presentation regarding parcel exchange for Church property concerning Red Hook Fire Company /Rondak Construction and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Mr. Jones indicated what the Village owns, approximately 7 feet, and pointed out the land on the Church property.

Lorraine Humphrey and Kevin Wade were also present representing St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Mr. Jones proposes that parcels are swapped, which parcels are both even, about ½ acre in size - consisting of about 105 feet.

Pointed out that if the church and cemetery continues to grow, may consider parking for the Fire Company an additional 40 feet. 2 rows of parking along 300 feet, (basically where parking is now). If additional 40 feet – you could get two additional rows.

Trustee Blundell asked how Mr. Jones represents the Church – Mr. Jones indicated he was the engineer. Trustee Blundell questioned Lorraine Humphrey's position as council president, if she was like a lawyer for the Church? Mr. Jones replied "in a way – yes".

Mr. Jones indicated they are still requesting water service for one parcel – which would be less than a single family house. Asking about time line and proposed course of action to complete regarding water issue?

Lorraine Humphrey handed out a copy of the proposal to Board.

Trustee Trapp indicated that he would like to have complete acreages, dimensions, metes & bounds; to know if zoning district cuts across any parcel lines, to know where the zoning districts fall.

Mr. Jones said complete acreage is 1.35 and .55

Trustee Trapp stated that the Board would like a map indicating what the Church is proposing as a discussion map.

Kevin Wade showed a copy of the map that is now in front of the planning board. He is suggesting an overlay.

A Special meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Village Hall.

Trustee Kovalchik indicated that we should not overstep our bounds as Trustees with the planning board.

NMU issues were discussed.

Trustee Blundell indicated that the Village Board cannot sit with the planning board, but can rule on contractual and water issues.

Lorraine Humphrey indicated that the Planning Board meets on 2/11/10.

Trustee Trapp indicated that the only thing the Village Board would be talking about or involved with is the swapping a piece of property. Purpose of the planning/zoning board is their concerns about sharing so that they understand what they are facing when they come to see you at the next meeting. No decisions are being made.

Kevin Wade recommended that the Village attorney look at the map. Trustee Blundell agreed.

Kevin Wade asked if there was a water moratorium in place? He said he has seen nothing that indicated that there was a proper water moratorium in place. Kevin indicated that he was involved and that there has been water granted to other lots in the summer of this past year. He has clients that participated in those lots. Bucky Coon spoke at this time and indicated that this past summer any water hook that was done were previously established. Kevin indicated that he represented 2 parties that sold property this past summer and had Board of Health approval in August of this year. Kevin said this was a separate issue. Kevin then indicated that according to Mr. Miller's letters the only concern was lot 3. Kevin sees no technical decisions that Mr. Miller ever sent forward that addresses any other lots. There are three newly created water lots, although marketing in the front as one piece, there are actually 2 newly created water lots - it is clear that the two being created are in the back. He feels that the water that has come on for the four new homes in the Village - regardless of when they were approved, actually were not hooked up to our system until the summer - that he knows. Kevin has the Board of Health letters. Letters are dated August of this year from the County. Trustee Blundell requested copies of the letters. Kevin said he cannot provide without client's consent.

Trustee Trapp asked about binder on parking lot? Price offered?

Kevin indicated 2 offers received - Walsh, Wicks & Salisbury - Kevin instructed the broker to go back, sent letters out, and asked for the highest and best offer in writing. There was a competing offer from another party that was highest and best. A binder was delivered by the Firehouse, Kevin returned the same, send in highest and best offer with a timeline - they received a higher written offer from the attorney for the other bidder, but never received a response from the Firehouse. They also requested that they wanted to know how they were going to pay for it - still no response from Firehouse.

Trustee Blundell indicated they the Board sat with the Church and had a working group - he does not like the negative comments being made -

Kevin replied that they should understand their frustration – they have walked through the planning board for about a year – other parcels past them receiving board of health approval – they are still sitting here.

Trustee Blundell indicated to Kevin that the Church is in a financial bind – has a deadline, but you are also acting a real estate developer?

Kevin indicated that the Church came to him in the Fall of 2006 – he advised that they were carrying too much property - to many buildings – too much land – they could not operate. He understands environmental concerns, but he sees other structures that sit closer to the wellheads, and septic lots to closer to the wellheads that did not seem to bother Mr. Miller. He is questioning why 4 new lots that could be created to come back to the tax roll to the Village is not being created openly. They have been initially approved since 12/08. Now 2/10 – simple answer is ... parcels are being carved off so that the Church can survive.

Trustee Trapp asked if the delay was all due to water? Any due to OPRHP –historic status?

Kevin replied no – brought application in 1/08 – done – got first approval in November. They got conditional approval, subject to Board of Health approval, in December, 08. The concern in 08 was that the Church was on the federal and state registrar.

Trustee Trapp then replied that then this was all because of water.

Kevin spoke on lot fees – attorney's fees – engineer's fees and how the communication was handled between the boards.

Trustee Blundell indicated that as of 12/16/09 Village took a final stance.

Kevin and/or Marie from the Church would attend the January 30th meeting.

Trustee Blundell again requested copies of the letters from Kevin regarding his representation of clients and water issues.

Contact Victoria Polidoro – she should attend meeting. Trustee Trapp will email Victoria to be in attendance.

Mayor Cohen back in meeting

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Truitt made presentation regarding 2 Resolutions to be passed.

- #1. Hiring of 2 part-time police officers for the Red Hook Police Department through Dutchess County Personnel Eligibility list

1. Ryan Chase

Trustee Kovalchik made motioned to hire Ryan Chase as Part Time Office with the Red Hook Police Department. Trustee Seymour seconded – All in favor. Motion approved

2. Thomas Maribella

Trustee Trapp made motioned to hire Tom Maribella as Part Time Office with the Red Hook Police Department. Trustee Blundell seconded – All in favor. Motion approved

#2. For police department investigative/efficiency purposes that the department hire investigators for the Red Hook Police Department. They would handle forensic photography; crime scene investigation; interrogation investigation, juvenile issues, narcotic investigation, etc. Our department would benefit from their experience.

Chief Truitt indicated that these two positions would need to be created. Mayor Cohen agreed to create the two positions of investigator, for an as-needed basis, at the next board meeting scheduled for February 1, 2010. Mayor Cohen indicated that these positions would be a great resource for the Department.

Trustee Blundell inquired about finances and the police budget line items. He wanted to express his concerns that we do not go outside of that financial aspect.

Chief Truitt indicated that the department would work as efficiently as possible, with the exception wherein if a crime occurred and their investigation services are required and we have an obligation to provide those services.

Trustee Seymour indicated that it was nice that we would have the qualified persons to perform these duties in half the time that it would take someone who was not qualified.

Trustee Kovalchik expressed his concern about the liability to the Village, which having their experience leaves no room for error.

1. Chris Aderholdt.

Trustee _____ made a motion to hire Chris Aderholdt as investigator (on an as-is needed basis) for the Red Hook Police Department. Trustee _____ seconded. All in favor.

2. Thomas D'Amicantino.

Trustee _____ made a motion to hire Thomas D'Amicantino as investigator (on an as-is needed basis) for the Red Hook Police Department. Trustee _____ seconded. All in favor.

SHED LAWS

Trustee Trapp indicated that copies were distributed to Dutchess County Planning and they asked if we had done SEQR on them yet. Trustee Trapp advised Clerk Cole not yet, that we were waiting on comments from planning & zoning. Sue distributed comments to them and Trustee Trapp was waiting on their reply since they will be the ones enforcing this with Sam Harkins. Trustee Trapp does have SEQR here, but needs to have further discussions with Victoria – so he would like set for the next month's board meeting.

Sam Harkins – Code Class

Sam Harkins attending this class – there is a class where it is done all at once. The location in Liverpool, New York. Registration, which includes all meals, mileage (193 miles one way), etc. This would be much more expense reasonable than having him attend 3-4 different classes at different times throughout the year.

Trustee Trapp made a motion that the Village Board fund Sam Harkins to attend the NYSBOC Central Chapter Conference April 20 – April 23, and cover food, lodging & mileage expenses, plus \$59.00+/- measuring wheel and the \$4.99 electrical tester. Trustee Kovalchik Seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Trustee Kovalchik advised of the good news that we have been put on the governor's list for approval. The money from the first round of estimates and proposals has come back – final decision should be reached next week for our project and if funding is approved to go forward with project. When the money is there it will go out for bid. Bidding process will be approximately 6 weeks. Bids will come, be opened, approve contractor and go out for bond. With regard to costs not covered by the stimulus package, we already sent the first draft of our member item grant of \$5,000 - we put in \$2,500 last trustee's meeting to the engineering account to cover safe routes to school – with \$10,000 member item – we are short about \$2,500. We should know by next week if the funding is there.

Trustee Seymour asked about a time table – Trustee Kovalchik indicated that it is to our advantage - we want it towards the end of the school year. We have between 100-180 days to sign the contract. Mark Day indicated that it should not take more than 2 weeks.

Mayor Cohen asked about issue of time frame for reimbursement. Trustee Kovalchik indicated that it will be quick – on a month to month basis. We will have to hire an independent inspector – that is part of the budget.

SEWER UPDATE

Informational meeting set for January 28, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Red Hook Firehouse.

Trustee Blundell asked about lack of parking issue due to St. Paul's.

Trustee Kovalchik indicated that there is a lot at the Chamber building – can park in the side and in the back of firehouse – although there are times when it poses a problem due to fire calls. There is no room at the highway garage during business hours due to police cars and highway trucks, but during the meeting we could use the back of the highway garage. Cars are also parking along the roadway.

Trustee Blundell asked if the fireman would want to offer us a parking director?
Mayor Cohen feels it will not be an issue on the meeting night.

Trustee Kovalchik received a press release – first act of Glen Traudt as Dutchess County Legislator was a co-sponsoring resolution on January 25th. Set a date to open a public hearing on February 10th, pending signature from William Steinhaus – 45 day review period – subject to permissive referendum will start at the point. If all goes well we are looking at end of March, beginning April to have a district quorum. Trustee Kovalchik referenced that the Map, Plan & Report is on the village website at the link of the Dutchess County Water & Waste Water.

Mayor Cohen, the Board and Trustee Seymour thanked Trustee Kovalchik for his time and dedication with the Sewer Project.

Streetlight/NYSERDA

Regarding saving in cost concerning street lighting. We asked if the Village Green could be involved with helping out. Town is also looking at options. Trustee Blundell and Trustee Kovalchik made some calls – there is no specific street lighting program – but did find some alternative energy options. Central Hudson is doing a pilot program. Still working on it.

ADA Coordinator

Trustee Seymour as spoken with and is recommending Sam Harkins as ADA Coordinator. Sam Harkins has said yes to this position.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to appoint Sam Harkins as ADA Coordinator. Trustee Seymour seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Other Business

Trustee Blundell received a letter from the Red Hook Library concerning planning board approval for the new addition on the back of the building – and moving toward a professional library director – this candidate would have to be offered health insurance. Trustee Blundell indicating that they are asking the board about the shared services concept about cost - possibility of their full-time employees being shared to a pool with the Village on the health policy. They would not have any co-pay – they would pay 100% of coverage. Trustee Blundell will reach out to the broker to get more details.

Steve Zarcheck spoke at this time and asked why the Library did not look into insurance through the Mid-Hudson Library? Mayor Cohen indicated that they were looking at all options. Mr. Zarcheck asked if our insurance rates would increase with added policy? Trustee Blundell indicated no. Trustee Trapp indicated he would like to know if in fact they have gone through the Mid-Hudson Library. Trustee Blundell again stated they the Library would pay 100%.

Trustee Kovalchik spoke about the "Safe Routes to School" project and the process of obtaining funds.

Trustee Blundell informed everyone about the Heartscrabble event on February 27, 2010
½ of proceeds will go to the Heartscrabble summer events and remainder to the food pantry and red cross for the Haiti relief.

9:00 pm Mayor Cohen made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.
Meeting adjourned.



Submitted by Lara Hart

Minutes taken by Trustee Edward Blundell
Transcribed by Lara Hart
