

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
MARCH 25, 2010**

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

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting at 7:15 PM

Mayor Cohen met with the new Highway Superintendent of the Town to discuss new Federal mandated guidelines on all diesel engines to be compliant by the end of 2010 for retro-fittings on the exhaust system. The cost of this upgrade would range from \$ 5,000.00 to \$ 20,000.00. Specs have not been released yet. Mayor Cohen will keep the board informed.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to open a checking account with CD check 23682023 in the amount of \$ 22,707.20. This checking account will be used to pay deductibles as they come in for the health insurance of Village employees. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor. Trustee Blundell added to this resolution to put aside \$ 10,000.00 from the General fund and add \$833.00 to this special account for 12 month. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen has requested that the lights in Abraham's Park be turned off to save money.

Trustee Kovalchik asked the Clerk to add sub accounts to 5110.4: equipment repair, road repair and misc.

Mayor Cohen requested that the Historian be removed from the budget.

Workman's Comp has increased to \$ 70,000.00. The Town should be paying 70 % buy in accordance to the current contract they pay \$ 35,000.00. Mayor Cohen increased the Town comp income line to \$ 50,000.00. He will talk to the Town Supervisor to make changes in the agreement for compensation between the town and village.

Highway department will receive a 4 % increase, which is in accordance to their union contract. Police department will receive a 2.6 % increase which is the GPI rate, which is also in accordance with their union contract.

Office employees will receive a 4 % increase in their salaries. All were in favor of these increases.

Trustee Blundell suggested that garbage tags be increased to \$ 3.00 for the small and \$ 5.00 for the large.

Mayor Cohen suggested that zoning fees be raised to raise more income. Currently the zoning fees lean more towards to low side.

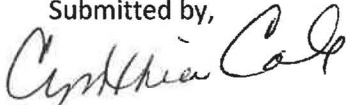
Mayor Cohen stated that the Capitol Improvement checking account has a balance of \$ 24,000.00 and the Village agreed to settle with Ferrari & Sons for \$ 38,500.00. The remaining balance will be taken from the General Fund. Clerk Cole informed the board that there is currently no money to pay any bills.

Waiting for a check from the County for Block Grant money that was paid for engineering fees for the sewer study.

Mayor Cohen scheduled another meeting on April 1, 8 at 7:15 to discuss. April 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a public hearing on the budget at 7:15. Followed by a Village Board meeting to adopt the budget. All were in favor.

Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,



Cynthia Cole  
Clerk/Treasurer