

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JULY 12, 2010**

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

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to accept the minutes from June 7th and 17th. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

1. Dan Douris – 32 Phillips Street is complaining of ongoing problems with tenants at 39 Garden Street. DEC has been called 4 times in regards to burning in the Village. Mr. Douris commended the Red Hook Police Department for all their help and support during their many visits to this address. Tenants are sleeping in tents, and playing loud music. Sam Harkins has cited this location for many zoning violations and stated that this property is grandfathered in the zoning law. Chief Truitt recommends a meeting with all parties involved to discuss a resolution to this ongoing problem. Chief Truitt will schedule this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk Cole read the Treasurer's report for the month of June: Fund balances are as follows: General \$ 205,759.29, Water \$ 9,997.45, Trust & Agency \$ 9,016.59, Resource Recovery \$ 5,520.90, Petty Cash \$ 32.44, Village Green \$ 3,700.69, Hardscrabble \$ 1,949.43. Monthly expenses: General \$ 119,162.48, Water \$ 14,464.80, T & A \$ 9,016.59, Resource Recovery \$ 6,352.18. Trustee Trapp made a motion to accept this report. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.
Clerk Cole stated that to date \$ 832.50 has been collected in Village tax.

POLICE

Mayor Cohen read the Police report for the month of June: 136 incidents, 101 UTT'S and 8 arrests

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell read the Resource Recovery report for the month of June: commingle 3.62, cardboard – 7.84 @ \$ 118.97, garbage – 16.81 T 2 \$ 1454.52.

Trustee Blundell attended a seminar at Bard College in regards to energy savings.

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CELEBRATIONS

Trustee Blundell reported that the Stringmasters Band played at Abraham's Park July 10th, the Rhinebeck Legion Band is scheduled on August 3rd and Grass Fed will play on September 19th.

The Red Hook Chamber of Commerce cancelled their Red Hot Summer Nights. This was due to the Chamber insisting on taking this project on alone without any direct help from the village. Last year the village's Hardscrabble Committee and the Chamber cooperated to run these events and the abrupt cancellation was a surprise this year. The village had agreed to allow use of the parking lot and stage, along with police and highway department allowances. This cancellation by the Chamber affects our work to help the village center's merchants and was not signaled to us.

September 25th is Hardscrabble Day. The committee is partnering with the town CAC to promote energy awareness and Central Hudson rebate programs incorporated in the 10/10/2010 effort. More info will follow.

Trustee Trapp suggested having movies in the Village parking lot with the use of a 9x12 screen. Trustee Blundell will try and schedule this event for August with the plan to attract the Red Hook family crowd. However, funding will be necessary and budgets are set already.

WATER

Mayor Cohen read the water report for the month of June: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, located water lines at 32 Phillips and 24 Bird Street as requested, raised curb box at 23 Garden Street as requested, repaired two readouts on Thompson Street (Delage and Rider), dug up and repaired water leak on South Broadway, exploratory work was begun on South Broadway line in area of leak, average daily water usage for the month 243,576.

PLANNING AND ZONING

No report available this month

Trustee Trapp reminded everyone not to forget Hugs from Home.

Zoning map revisions update: SEQRA has must be circulated for 30 days. Public hearing is still open. Trustee Trapp made a motion to declare lead agency and circulate SEQRA. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Trapp mentioned his commitment to move toward a paperless office. All correspondence should be done through email as we improve our systems.

HIGHWAY

Brush piles – 27 letters were issued to residents that had brush piles out. Several piles are still not picked up. Mayor Cohen approved for the Village Highway Department to remove all brush piles and all residents will receive a bill in accordance with the brush pile size.

Trustee Kovalchik contacted Washington in regards to the new street sign regulations and is waiting on this information.

Trustee Trapp spoke to Dennis Griffin (Griff's Deli) in regards to having vendors park further down Amherst Rd. while making their deliveries. Dennis agreed and will see to it that the road is clear of delivery trucks.

0 Turn Lawn Mower – Trustee Kovalchik stated that one bid for the used item came in at \$ 1519.17. Highway staff would like to purchase a 60" vs 70 " deck which would cost \$ 10,636.09 with a \$ 165.00 delivery charge. The current lawn mower would be used as a trade in for \$ 2,000.00. This would bring down the cost of the tractor to \$ 8,801.09. This would be paid by one third water, and two thirds highway (5110.2). Dan approves of this local vendor and would agree on a smaller deck. Trustee Blundell made a motion to approve the purchase of a 60" mower with a trade in of a total cost of \$ 8,801.09. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Monthly Highway report read from Trustee Brent Kovalchik on file in Clerk's Office.

VILLAGE GREEN

Mayor Cohen made a motion to approve Evelyn Krueger's resignation and appoint Sally Dryer-McNulty for the Village Green Committee. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor. Trustee Kovalchik received an estimate to install a flag pole for \$ 875.00. This price includes installation. This flag pole will be installed in the main entrance to the building and fly the Tree City USA flag. Trustee Kovalchik will seek approval from the Village Green Committee.

Monthly Village Green report read from Trustee Brent Kovalchik on file in Clerk's Office.

ITF

Monthly ITF report read from Trustee Brent Kovalchik on file in Clerk's Office.

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Monthly Reports on file in the Clerk's office for the following:

1. Community Preservation Fund (CPF) Advisory Board – Monthly Report
2. Red Hook Town Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) – Monthly Report
3. Red Hook Town Shared Service Committee – Monthly Report

OTHER BUSINESS

Linden Avenue sidewalk project: CDGB for \$ 260,000.00 which is equally shared with the Town of Red Hook for sidewalks on Linden Ave. A municipal agreement has been drawn up and will be revised to include the Village's portion of sidewalks would be seasonal, therefore would not be kept clean of snow and ice during the winter months. Lawyers will review. Mayor Cohen and village attorney reviewed and approved of this wording and will work with the abutting owner with the rule on seasonal definition of the sidewalks. Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to accept this agreement with the changes of "seasonal sidewalks". Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

CENTRAL HUDSON

Last year street lighting costs ran approximately \$52,000 and we continue to utilize a system built in 1986. The high pressure sodium lamps demand a lot of power and contribute to a large portion of the "carbon footprint" of the village. A recent study showed the street light system as a major part of our energy use. The village would like to cut power usage and all the related costs. We are looking at smart options and new technology. Trustee Blundell and Seymour met with Central Hudson and a vendor of LED light bulbs. The Village would like to reduce street lights to a safe, efficient level and has a plan filed to reduce by 30. Street lighting is one of the Village's largest expenses and it is their goal to reduce this expense. The lights are owned by Central Hudson but we pay all of the costs based on a tariff. Lighting will be reduced where there is a surplus and the first phase is only on Rt. 9 and Rt. 199. More areas need to be reviewed and further decisions made. A public hearing was held on the matter in past few months and motion was made to authorize reductions in a past meeting.

Trustee Blundell announced the retirement of Mary Kelly. Mary has worked for the Village for over 20 years. Clerk Cole will advertise for a part time position in the local paper.

Chief Truitt had a substance abuse collection drop off on July 3rd that was very successful. Chief Truitt's goal is to schedule one drop off a month. The Village Clerk's safe that is used bill drop off will also be used for a drug drop off. This safe will be

secured and only opened by a designated police office. Clerk Cole stated that she must have access to drop off on a daily basis. Time sensitive material is usually dropped off.

Mayor Cohen stated that he has received several compliments on the Red Hook Police Department.

Steve Zarcheck asked the board if Central Hudson had been notified of the Village's intentions with street light changes. Trustee Blundell stated that there was a public hearing and that Central Hudson was aware of the Village's need for some street lighting changes.

Trustee Blundell discussed that traffic problems in the Village which have gotten worse since the detour and partial closing of 9G. Steve Zarcheck questioned of the status of a traffic light on Rt 9 and Amherst. Mayor Cohen stated that that at traffic light is very costly and that the Village is still going to pursue this option.

Trustee Blundell stated that we received a letter from Red Hook Commons (Senior Housing) requesting a crosswalk across RT. 9. Crosswalks are very costly. Trustee Blundell suggested having some benches put in at the entrance to senior housing which would keep seniors safe from crossing the street and they could walk up for access to the village building crosswalk. Funding for these benches could come from the Chamber and Rotary.

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

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

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer