

**PUBLIC HEARING  
MAY 19, 2011  
OBSTRUCTION IN VILLAGE RIGHT OF WAY  
7:00**

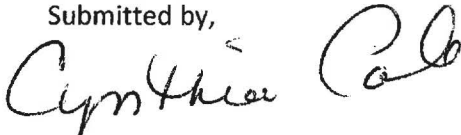
Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Norris, Trustee Seymour

Mayor Blundell opened the Public Hearing to discuss obstructions in the Village right of way (basketball hoops, soccer goals, etc) which are could be damaged during snow removal or brush clean up. The village should accept no liability for damages. Mayor Blundell also stated that the Village shouldn't be too harsh on the residents. DM Kovalchik stated that the Village should not reimburse any resident for damages to any property that was in the Village way of maintaining streets. DM Kovalchik wrote a local law that will be forwarded to the Village Attorney for review. The edge of road and Village right of way must be defined. Since each road is of different width then the edge of the road is different on each street. Trustee Norris questioned if this must become a local law. Mayor Blundell stated that in order to be enforced it must be a local law. Trustee Trapp stated that the law should read to be year round rather than just for the winter months. Mayor Blundell will forward concerns to the Village Attorney.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to keep the public hearing open. Trustee Trapp seconded. All in favor.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:25

Submitted by,

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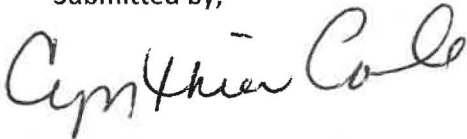
Cynthia Cole  
Clerk/Treasurer

**PUBLIC HEARING  
MAY 19, 2011  
WATER SURCHARGE  
7:15**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Seymour, Trustee Norris

Trustee Seymour opened the meeting with a discussion on a water surcharge per quarter, per resident. Central Hudson made an error in billing with the meters on the pumps that run the water pumps. The Village was billed 5175 KW a year and it should have been 207,000 KW a year. The incorrect multiplier was used, which resulted in a billing increase of \$ 45,000.00 for a period of 14 months. At this time Trustee Seymour would like to propose an annual surcharge of \$ 5.00 a month and at the end of a year it will be discussed to raise water rates. At this time water usage is down. Several options were proposed with larger amounts for a surcharge and the additional funds would be used for flow testing within the water system. Clerk Cole will put this notice in the next newsletter informing them that this is an error of Central Hudson. No local law is necessary, can be passed by resolution. Trustee Seymour made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,



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Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
WORKSHOP  
5-19-2011  
7:45 PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Seymour, Trustee Norris

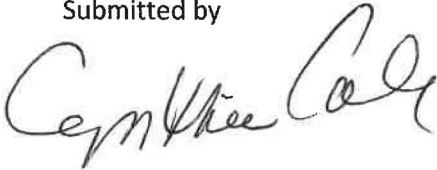
- Mayor Blundell is in favor of a \$ 5.00 monthly surcharge for all water customers (827) starting with the June billing. This surcharge is due to a billing error made by Central Hudson on the electric meters on the well pumps. Mayor Blundell made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor. Trustee Seymour is currently looking for non Central Hudson suppliers for electric.
- Mayor Blundell met with Trustee Seymour and Arvin Coon to discuss updating the contract between the Village and A. W Coon which is currently at a rate of % 15,600.00 annually. The NYS Department of Health states you must license to operate a water system and A. W. Coon is licensed. Some changes are being made in this contract and all will meet to finalize changes. Prevailing wage laws must be followed and all non emergency items must be directed to the Mayor. Trustee Trapp stated that owners of company's do not have to pay prevailing wage.
- Trustee Seymour read a new water rates effective June 1, 2011: water sample to lab \$ 45.00, water shut off \$ 50.00, water turn on \$ 50.00, location of water lines \$ 50.00, water meter read \$ 25.00 and new tapping fees to \$ 2,500.00 – if water lie goes under highway, there will be an additional charge of \$ 500.00 totaling \$ 3000.00 for new water hook ups. This additional charge may be subject to increase due to equipment rental. Trustee Seymour made this in the form of a motion, but to hold off on the increase for new water hook ups. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.
- Trustee Seymour made a motion to refund Rondack Construction on Glenn Pond Road for water usage that was billed incorrectly. A 0 had been added to the multiplier and should have not been. A payment of \$ 900.00 will be paid in two installments, the first June and the second in July.
- LOSAP - Mayor Blundell met with the Town and the Red Hook Fire Department did not show. Prior to this meeting the Mayor and Clerk Cole met with Ed Holohan from Penflex to discuss the status of the LOSAP. April 4<sup>th</sup> the Fire Department submitted 2008-2009-2010 in points to the Village Board. The reason for them being late is due to a software glitch. Total gross owed is \$50,120.00. DM Kovalchik questioned if the village could only pay retirees. Trustee Trapp questioned if the Village was obligated to pay by a certain date. Mayor Blundell sees nothing in the law stated payment should be made by a certain date.
- Mayor Blundell stated that it is in Municipal law that no Board member can direct an employee any control or directive. This must go through the Mayor or Department Head.
- Mayor Cohen scheduled a public hearing on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 to discuss Chapter 95 Trustee Trapp will fund out if it SEQRA is necessary.
- June 6ths there will be a presentation from Software Consultants in regards to paying water bills on line.
- Mayor Blundell met with Jim Mulvey of the Red Hook Fire Department in regards to a 28 X 32 building that had begun construction back in March of 2011. This building is being erected on

Village property and has been given approval by DCBH and the location was also approved by the DCBH. This building is being referred to as a training center. Mayor Blundell foiled the records from the County.

- Chief Truitt stated Civil Service has a new position title – PT and FT hourly for Police Officers. Travis Sterritt scored high on the test and would like him appointed to an hourly position.
- Chief Truitt stated that Rick Heinlein did not finish his police training, therefore at the end of June he will be removed as a police officer. Mr. Heinlein is a great asset to the Village in regards to working on Village computers and is requesting his hourly rate be raised to \$ 25.00 with a minimum of 3 hours.
- Chief Truitt stated that the police department paper work is not being done and Sergeant Hildenbrand is requesting a cop be on duty on Monday's and Friday's so the Sergeant can get work done. Also, Chief Truitt is requesting another part time Sergeant be appointed in the absence of Sergeant Hildenbrand. Trustee Trapp stated the police department is receiving enough and it is too late to discuss at this meeting and should be brought up at another time.

DM Kovalchik made a motion o adjourn the meeting at 9:45. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

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