

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
PUBLIC HEARING
WATER CODE AMENDMENT
MARCH 5, 2012
7:15**

Present: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Norris

Mayor Blundell opened the meeting at 7:15 to discuss water code amendment. Clerk Cole read resolution: WHEREAS the attached amendment to Chapter 195 Water Code was introduced by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook on February 6, 2012 and, WHEREAS a public hearing was held on March 5, 2012, at 7:15 at the Village Hall, 7467 South Broadway, Red Hook, New York, notice of said hearing duly published and at which time all interested parties had an opportunity to be heard; and WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook has determined this action to be an Unlisted action based on the criteria found in 6 NYCRR, § 617.4 and has determined that there are no adverse environmental impacts associated with the adoption of this Local Law, and the Village Board hereby issue a Negative Declaration in connection with the adoption of this Local Law; NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook the following:

VILLAGE LAW OF RED HOOK
LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2012
WATER CODE AMENDMENT

ADDITION TO §195-6 payment for metered water service

G. Water charges and penalties thereon shall be a lien upon the real property upon which the water is used and may be collected in accordance with § of the Village Law of the State of New York.

This amendment shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of the State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law. Dated March 5, 2012, Motion moved by Trustee Trapp, Seconded by Trustee Norris. All were in favor.

Mayor Blundell stated that this law is to put all unpaid water bills on tax bills. Clerk Cole stated that in recent years the Clerk's office has had to have police protection when shutting off water due to angry residents. George Beekman asked if there was a money limit or a time limit. Pete Giardi asked if people just run into bad financial times are you willing to work with them. Clerk Cole stated that she is always willing to work with people and make a payment plan.

7:30 Trustee Trapp made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 5, 2012
7:30**

Present: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Norris, Trustee Seymour was absent.

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

Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to accept the minutes from February 6th and 16th. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk Cole read the Treasurer's report for the month of February: Balances: General \$ 7,711.81, Water \$ 15,510.34, T & A \$ 29,190.60, Resource Recovery \$ 331.84, Petty cash \$ 39.85, Village Green \$ 2,533.16, Hardscrabble \$ 3,663.74, Health Insurance \$ 1,793.72, Monthly expenses: General \$ 66,094.02, Water \$ 58,762.97, T & A \$ 29,190.60, Resource Recovery \$ 6,350.60. Mayor Blundell stated that we are in our last quarter of the budget. All departments should have a tentative department budget in by March 20th.

POLICE

Mayor Blundell read the police report for the month of February: 119 incidents, 78 UTT's, 17 arrests.

WATER

Mayor Blundell read the water report for the month of February: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab; replace broken stems and risers at 68 & 76 Fraleigh Street, average daily usage for the month: 236,655. Mayor Blundell stated Trustee Seymour is having some health issues and will be having surgery in the month of March. All of our thoughts and prayers are with him during this time.

PLANNING/ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning report for the month of February: 5 building permits, 2 certificates of occupancy, 6 certificates of compliance, 1 CO, 1 order to remedy, 1 fire inspection, 2 complaints, 15 inspections. \$ 2,332.50 was collected in fees. Trustee Trapp also reported: RFP for the MI grant is done and will present it at the workshop meeting. The new revised zoning map is also complete and will also be presented at the workshop meeting.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Norris read the resource recovery report for the month of February: commingle 2.38 T, cardboard/newspaper, garbage 9.12 T @ \$ 880.31. Mayor Blundell stated the Village is now allowed to use single stream recycling. If a Village resident recycles and uses compost they should be able to use Village garbage for \$ 10.00 a month.

The following reports were read by Trustee Norris:

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Senior Services:

Food Drive, sponsored by the Red Hook Seniors and the Town of Red Hook Senior Services Committee, will be held March 27th and April 3rd to benefit the Dutchess County Community Action in Red Hook. Drop off donations at the Red Hook Firehouse from 1-3.

Parks and Rec:

Egg Scramble will be Saturday, March 31, at 12:30 at the Middle School, with an egg hunt at 1pm. Bring your own basket!

Garbage:

We had a lower output month this month, with 9.12 tons of garbage, 2.38 tons of comingled, and 3.49 tons of newspaper/cardboard. We paid \$880.31 for garbage and took in \$3,307 in garbage tag sales.

We are now SINGLE STREAM recycling! Everything: paper, comingled and newspaper can now be placed into one single bin for pick up. We are not charged for this service, all our recycling is free, we are just charged for garbage.

Red Hook High School will sponsor a run on Apple Blossom Day (May 12) * Fun Run * there will be a small fee to enter this race and will be 3.5 miles long.

Northern Dutchess News featured an article on the new solar panels at the Red Hook Fire House. These panels were installed by a grant from NYSRDA. The Village issued an easement to the fire department for the panels to be installed on Village property.

Clerk Cole read a press release in regards to Travis Miller of Red Hook Estates – Travis was one of 50 applicants chosen for the semi-finals of Major League Baseball's 2012 Fan Cave Contest – Travis, 26, graduated from Red Hook School and is a 2008 graduate of Marist College in sports communication in Poughkeepsie. He is currently a freelance sportswriter in Chicago, covering the Cubs and White Sox for the Associated Press. A winner should be announced this week.

HIGHWAY

RESOLUTION # 1- 2012 – Clerk Cole read the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the attached amendment to Chapter 195 Water Code was introduced by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook on February, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on March, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 7467 South Broadway, Red Hook, New York, notice of said hearing

duly published and at which time all interested parties had an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook has determined this action to be an Unlisted action based on the criteria found in 6 NYCRR § 617.4 and has determined that there are no adverse environmental impacts associated with the adoption of this Local Law and the Village Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration in connection with the adoption of this Local Law;

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This amendment shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Dated: March 5, 2012

Mayor Blundell made a motion to add "G" to the Village Code and for the Village Clerk to follow up with the Village Attorney. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION # 2-2012

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Red Hook are independent entities with the common goal of providing for the health, safety and welfare of their respective residents; and

WHEREAS, one area of responsibility for the individual municipalities is the construction, maintenance and clearing of roadways and related transportation infrastructure so that residents may safely travel in the Town and Villages; and

WHEREAS, each municipality separately employs staff and owns buildings and equipment to construct, maintain and clear the roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Red Hook needs to upgrade its highway facilities to accommodate its existing equipment and provide a safe and efficient facility; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Red Hook is replacing its current highway garage with a safe, modern, efficient facility on Town land; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village have proactively engaged in discussion and action to increase the size of the new Town highway garage to provide for additional bays for the accommodation of the Village highway facilities, and are working to develop a Memorandum of Understanding for the shared services of the new highway garage facility; and

WHEREAS, the **Village of Red Hook** is interested in examining the option of shared highway services and facilities with the **Town of Red Hook** for the purpose of more efficient operation and savings to taxpayers and shall be co-applicants for this application; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York as follows:

1. The **Village of Red Hook** is authorized to prepare a joint application for a Local Government Efficiency Grant To Study Shared Highway Services, to be submitted to the Department of State for the purposes of exploring the options of shared or consolidated highway services. The Town and Village will work cooperatively to apply for a Local Government Efficiency Grant to study current budgets and needs to establish the effectiveness of a shared facility, shared equipment and shared staff; and
2. The Town of Red Hook shall be the lead applicant and the Village of Red Hook shall be the co-applicant, understanding the lead applicant shall have the authority to enter into contracts and execute financial and administrative processes related to the grant application and the study with the concurrence of the Village, all as more specifically set forth in the intermunicipal agreement described herein; and
3. The total study budget shall be \$35,000, to be shared evenly (\$17,500) by the Town and the Village. The Town is authorized to apply for a grant from the Department of State in the amount of be 90% of the project cost (\$31,500); and
4. The Town shall be responsible for 10% of the Town portion of the study amount (\$1,750) and the Village shall be responsible for 10% of the Village portion of the study amount (\$1,750), and upon further determination to undertake implementation, each would be responsible for 10% of their portion of the implementation amount; and
5. The Town and Village will prepare an intermunicipal agreement to jointly undertake the study described in this resolution and the application, and will work together to provide financial and planning data to facilitate the study; and
6. Town Supervisor Sue T. Crane shall be the lead contact person for the grant application. For purposes of the grant application and study, the authorized Village contact shall be Mayor Ed Blundell. Supervisor Crane, or in her absence Deputy Supervisor James Ross, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and submit the application for the Local Government Efficiency Grant to Study Highway Shared Services.

Clerk Cole announced that the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2011 is complete and will be posted on the Village's web site.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pete Giradi of Red Hook Commons thanked the Board for all their efforts and hard work. Joan Giradi stated that you can't walk on the sidewalks due to them heaving and they are dangerous.

NORTHERN DUTCHESS COMMUNITIES THAT CARE-Present: Micki Strawinski, Karen Jerro, Doug Blancero, and Susan Rohrmeier agree with Mr. Giradi and thanked the Board for all their efforts. This committee has been meeting for 2 years at the Village Hall. Ms. Strawinski read the mission statement: Northern Dutchess Communities that Care was founded by a group of concerned community residents initially in response to the growing substance and alcohol abuse problems of our youth. As the group explored and discussed this situation, we realized that any solution to this issue, like the issue itself, is multi-faceted. By this we mean that the response cannot and should not be solely from the Justice System or solely from the social services system. To be truly effective a partnership, a network, needs to be established and cultivated. The goal of this committee is to work with the Village to establish non for profit status (501C3). Activities would include tax safe ride service. Mayor Blundell asked Ms. Strawinski to come to the Village March 15th workshop meeting to discuss in further detail.

Linda Bard asked why the Village web site was not up to date with the February minutes and was the budget also on the web. Mayor Blundell explained that they are not put on the web until they are approved. Ms. Bard asked how much money does the court and special prosecutor bring in and can it be on the web? Mayor Blundell stated that the SP cost the Village \$ 250.00 per court session. Also, in regards to the pond: Mr. Temple from NYS DOT wants to schedule a meeting to review the maps and when this meeting happens concerned residents would like to attend. Ms. Bard feels that it is the Village's responsibility. Mayor Blundell does not think the catch basins in question along Rt. 9 and Garden Street have anything to do with the pond. Mayor Blundell stated the catch basins were replaced in the late 1970s and they are the responsibility of the State. Ms. Bard stated the catch basin by St. Christopher's Church is plugged with old leaves, therefore the pond can't drain and she has pictures of this catch basin with water flowing back out due to it being clogged. Ms. Bard asked why the Village stopped pumping the pond. Mayor Blundell responded with winter times and the holidays approaching he made a decision to stop pumping the pond before snow and ice complicated matters. Pat Rider paid \$1,300.00 to have the pond pumped and the water level is rising once again. Mayor Blundell feels it is ground water causing the rising of the pond. Mayor Blundell also stated that he advised counsel of the problem and he advised that the pond is private property. Trustee Trapp wants counsel to be involved and attend the meeting with DOT and residents.

Steve Zacharzuk inquired about the \$ 15.00 service charge on the water bills and how long it will be there. Mayor Blundell stated that we are experiencing major errors in the 15 year old meters but looking for grant paid option and new meters. Central Hudson electric bills must be paid to pump the water from the ground and to homes.. Currently the Board is comparing our rate to other municipalities and would prefer to measure in cubic feet when rates are adjusted. We still

show major discrepancies in water pumped from ground to water billed at meters. New meters may actually correct this without major rate impact..

Steve Zacharzuk inquired about the police department forum in regards to problems communicating information from the Sheriff's department and these problems put officers at risk. Also asking the Mayor if he reached out to the Sheriff's office to discuss such problems and to assure the public that it does not continue. Mayor Blundell stated that he has met with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office as well as NY State Police and will continue to do so all work together for the combined protection of residents.

Also Mr. Zacharzuk received his Town tax bill and it went up over \$ 100.00. He asked the Board if they knew how much tax payers were paying for the new highway garage. Trustee Kovalchik stated that he should speak directly to the Town Board for the answer. Mr. Zacharzuk then asked if the Village ever collected on the damages that were sustained to the Village Hall during the summer storm Irene? Mayor Blundell stated that claims were made and the Village did receive money for damages.

FEMA is meeting with the Mayor to discuss outside damages throughout the Village. A claim will be made. Bill Moore asked if FEMA will pay for pumping the pond. Mayor Blundell stated that he is currently meeting with FEMA and the pond should be included in the claim.

Mayor Blundell stated the police union contract will be up for renewal May 31st and he is meeting with the police department and union rep to come to a final contract. This subject will be discussed in further detail at the workshop meeting in executive session. This is a 2 year contract.

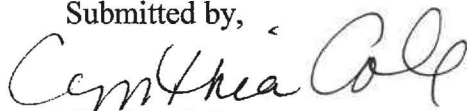
Linda Bard asked if part-time court officers make overtime going to court. Mayor Blundell stated they don't get overtime until over 40 hours, which they do not get; plus contract gives minimum hours for court protection. The activation of the special prosecutor eliminates the need for officer to testify so that cost is not incurred, only the cases that demand a trial require the officer.

Mayor Blundell announced March 31st is the Egg Scramble.

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

Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn. (9:20PM) Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,



Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer