

VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
April 9, 2012
7:00pm

FLOOD MAPS CODE MODIFICATION – CHAPTER 117

Present: Mayor Edward Blundell, Deputy Mayor Brent Kovalchik and Trustee Jennifer Norris
Absent: Trustee Jay Trapp and Trustee David Seymour

Mayor Blundell opened the public hearing at 7:00pm.

Mayor Blundell advised that the State and Federal agencies are modifying the flood plains indicating where things could flood and how this could impact building, and issues on flood insurance. The Village Attorney has been involved and this will need to be done by early May, 2012. The Village Attorney prepared a full environmental assessment form which covers the Negative Declaration - SEQR form. A map was provided to the Village of Red Hook. The Village of Red Hook currently does not have a flood plain, and the Village touches on the northwest corner where the Sawkill brushes against Abraham's Park in the woods and spins around. The Mayor advised that we need to get in line with the Federal Flood Program and the DEC so our code is consistent with updates. Trustee Kovalchik advised that there were a lot of regulations and grants available to mitigate storm water, sewer and waste-water, and this all has to do with flooding. Mayor Blundell said that Village counsel advised that tonight's public hearing was about the Full EAF, which was completed based on the assumption that there are no adverse environmental impacts in association with adopting Chapter 117 - Flood Damage Prevention Law. Assuming that this board concurs, the next document is a Resolution to adopt Negative Declaration. This will not be done right now, but after we close the public hearing. Mayor Blundell advised that the Local Law will be 2-2012 which reads as follows, "The Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook finds that potential and/or actual damages from flooding and erosion may be a problem to the residents of the Village of Red Hook and that such damages may include, destruction or loss of private and public housing, damage to public facilities, both publicly and privately owned, and injury to and loss of human life. In order to minimize the threat of such damages and to achieve the purposes and objectives hereinafter set forth, this Local Law is adopted." Mayor Blundell advised that both he and the Village Attorney see no problem with this Local Law.

Mayor Blundell advised that with regard to the negative declaration it reads as follows, "The Village of Red Hook Board of Trustees has reviewed the technical amendments to meet the minimum requirements for the eligibility for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as set forth in paragraph 60.3(d) of the NFOP regulations. The law continues to require a permit for new development within areas of special flood hazard, but the technical standards for obtaining a permit have been increased to decrease the potential for flood damage. The Village

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of Red Hook as Lead Agency has determined that the proposed action below will not have a significant environmental impact.”

Mayor Blundell advised those who arrived late of this public hearing wherein the Village was looking to amend the Village Code to include Flood Damage Prevention Regulations.

Mayor Blundell asked if there was any public comment. No comments received.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:15pm. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik. All in favor.

Mayor Blundell introduced newly elected Village of Red Hook Trustee Jennifer Norris. Mayor Blundell began the formal swearing-in ceremony for Trustee Norris at 7:20pm.

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

Trustee Norris made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 5, 2012 board meeting; March 15, 2012 workshop meeting; March 22, 2012 budget workshop meeting and March 29, 2012 budget workshop meeting. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik. All were in favor.

Mayor Blundell advised that the Board has scheduled a budget public hearing for April 12, 2012 at 7:00pm. This hearing has been noticed. Mayor Blundell advised that the budget must be done by May 1st.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Blundell read the Treasurer's Report as follows: Balances as of April 9, 2012: General \$26,669.83; Water \$382.94; T&A \$12,007.17; Resource Recovery \$835.39; Petty Cash \$5.50; Village Green \$2,533.16; Hardscrabble \$3,763.71; Health Insurance \$503.09. Monthly Expenses: General \$104,006.44; Water \$34,480.65; T&A \$12,000.17; Resource Recovery \$4,144.97.

Mayor Blundell advised that the reason for the negative balance in resource recovery was due to a drop in tag sales, but still an important program to the Village residents as tax payers because it is a tag system where we generate one day revenue to pay highway staff and bonds/notes. We are currently restructuring the budget for the next fiscal year.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Truitt read the Police Report for the month of March, 2012 as follows: 169 incidents (123 in Village/45 in Town/1 in Tivoli); 69 UTT'S (44 in Village/1 Village parking ticket/24 in Town); 14 arrests (11 in Village/3 in Town). Chief Truitt advised that the Red Hook Police Department will hold another National Drug Take Back Day to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 10:00-2:00 at the Village Hall. Chief Truitt acknowledged and thanked Fastracs for

donating \$2,000.00 to the Red Hook Police Department which money will be used for equipment purchases.

Mayor Blundell asked Chief Truitt if the arrest number was higher than normal. Chief Truitt said it is the normal average. Mayor Blundell spoke on the recent grant for new equipment in the police department vehicles and that this was so that the officers would no longer have to handwrite the UTT's. Chief Truitt advised that this was called TRACS. Sgt. Hildenbrand advised that this equipment is also used for communication links between police vehicles and dispatch. In more serious incidents this will allow dispatch to communicate right through the computer rather than being on the radio. Mayor Blundell is hoping that this will vastly improve the efficiency of the court system. Mayor Blundell asked if they knew when TRACS would be up and running. Sgt. Hildenbrand advised that one vehicle was done, so probably within a month.

WATER

Mayor Blundell read the water report for the month of March, 2012: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab. The Annual Withdrawal Report was filed with NYSDEC. Marked out water lines as requested (2 for Central Hudson and 1 for Town of Red Hook stump removal). Average daily usage for the month: 252,194.

PLANNING AND ZONING

(Trustee Trapp absent, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read Report)

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the planning and zoning report for the month of March, 2012. 5 Building Permits issued; 0 Certificates of Occupancy; 3 Certificates of Compliance; 1 Municipal Search; 0 Orders to Remedy; 0 Stop Work Orders; 0 Court Appearances; 4 Fire Inspections; 0 Complaints & 6 Inspections. \$1,439.75 was collected in fees.

Mayor Blundell spoke on the Planning Board and Zoning Board and that this Board sent a letter out to current members to inquire if they were still interested with being on the Boards, and the Mayor has spoken with the Village Attorney regarding appointing alternate member for each of these boards. Village Attorney advised that this can be done, but that a resolution would need to be adopted by the Village Board. If anyone is interested please contact Mayor Blundell.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Norris read the resource recovery report for the month of March, 2012. The Village is now single stream recycling (this means that cardboard, comingled and paper can be put into one container for pick-up). The numbers on the invoices have changed due to this change in recycling. Commingled 0.57 T; Cardboard 0.89 T; Single Stream 4.56 T. The total recycling this

month was 6.2 T. Garbage was 9.98 T. \$4,268.00 in garbage tag sales. Invoices for tipping fees were \$967.81.

CELEBRATIONS

Trustee Norris reported on the Red Hook Library: circulated 5,564 items in March, which is an increase in circulation of 20% and they hosted 72 programs, which a total number of 700 people attended.

Trustee Norris reported on the following events in Red Hook: EggScramble and its success. Trustee Norris gave kudos to the Red Hook High School for their production of West Side Story.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, April 14, 2012 (10am-5pm) – Read Local Red Hook Literary Festival to be held at the Red Hook Village Hall.

Saturday, April 14, 2012 (7pm) – Sonado (Latin Band) to be held at the Red Hook Firehouse.

Weekend of April 20-22 – Mill Road PTA 3-5 School Play “Frankenstein Slept Here”, to be held at the Rhinebeck Performing Arts Center.. Can call box office at 876-3080 for tickets.

Sunday, April 29, 2012 (1pm-3pm) – Third Annual Tour De Red Hook to begin at the north end of the Red Hook Rec Park and will continue to Tivoli.

Sunday, May 6, 2012 (2pm-5pm) – Town Wide Clean-Up Day. Registration is at 1:30pm at the Red Hook Town Hall.

Friday, May 11, 2012 – “Raiders of the Lost Ark” movie night to be held at Abraham’s park.

Movie will begin at 8:00pm. (Note: Movie is rated PG, but could be considered PG-13, so may not be suitable for younger children).

May 12, 2012 – Apple Blossom Day. All day event.

Mayor Blundell asked that during the Town Wide Clean-Up Day, please clean up the Village. At the registration table please sign-up for the Village. Mayor Blundell advised that Apple Blossom Day is organized by the Red Hook Rotary, but that the Village provides logistical support, so we will be giving the stage.

Mayor Blundell would like to close Prince Street for festival in order to have the stage, provide hand painted garbage and recycling containers, provide road signs and parking signs. Mayor Blundell asked that regarding the movie night (Raiders of the Lost Ark), that we advertise for people to park at the high school. Trustee Norris said yes. **Mayor Blundell made this into the form of a motion. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik. All in favor.**

Mayor Blundell asked Trustee Norris if there were any updates with PayPal for garbage tag sales. Trustee Norris advised no. Mayor Blundell advised that the Village is looking into how we can make it easier for residents to purchase garbage tags. Trustee Norris felt that people

could just use credit cards, and with most residents the issue is on Sunday when people realize they have no tags – and felt that residents could just go to Agway or Health Food Store for their tags.

VILLAGE GREEN

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. The current balances of the Village Green Committee’s related budget accounts as of March 31, 2012 are as follows:

- Community Beautification – Contractual Expenses (#8510.4)
Balance \$ 2,216.84
- Shade Tree – Contractual Expenses (#8560.4)
Balance \$ 14,831.68
- Village Green Committee Checking Account
Balance \$ 2,533.16

2. There were no Village Green Committee Meetings held during the month of March, 2012.

3. Brenda Cagle and Brent Kovalchik visited Veteran’s Park in Patterson, NY to inspect an installed bench similar in model to the bench being considered for installation throughout the Village’s General Business District.

- Work continues by the VGC to obtain property owners’ permission to have benches installed and to solicit donations from businesses and/or organizations to purchase additional benches.
- Approximately twenty (20) benches are being considered to be installed at various sites on Broadway and Market Street.
- Benches will be ordered in April, 2012 with anticipated installation occurring in May, 2012.
- Reimbursements from the 2007-2008 NYSDEC Urban and Community Forestry Grant will be used to fund the purchase and installation of the benches.

4. Preparations are being advanced for the annual Spring Tree Planting to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012. Between 10 to 13 trees will be planted throughout the Village. A luncheon

will be provided to volunteers at the Red Hook Town Building afterwards. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik advised that the meeting place for tree planting is at the Village Hall. Residents interested in volunteering to plant trees should contact Brenda Cagle, Sally Dwyer-McNulty or Jeffrey Urbin for more details. Arbor Day will also be celebrated on April 28, 2012. VGC Members Sally Dwyer-McNulty and Jeff Urbin will be organizing events including a Poetry Contest open to all RHCS D students. Students interested in submitting a poem should contact Sally Dwyer-McNulty.

5. A letter, of March 15, 2012, was received from the Arbor Day Foundation congratulating the Village of Red Hook on being named a Tree City USA community for our commitment to urban forestry. This is the tenth year the Village has earned this national honor from the Arbor Day Foundation. The letter applauded the, “. . . Village of Red Hook’s elected officials, volunteers and citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest.”

HIGHWAY

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. Bid Documents have been advertised in the Kingston Daily Freeman and the NYS Contract Reporter for the Red Hook Sidewalk Project. The anticipated time-line for this project is as follows:
 - April 9, 2012 – Advertise for Bidders
 - April 30, 2012 – Bid Opening
 - June 29, 2012 – Bid Award
 - July 6, 2012 – Anticipated Construction Start Date
 - August 3, 2012 – Construction Completion

The RH Sidewalk Project includes the installation of ADA compliant midblock crosswalks on South Broadway and a new sidewalk on West Market Street. This project will be funded by the FHWA STP Small Urban Grant Program and the NYSDOT.

2. A memo of March 30, 2012 from NYCOM summarized the FY2012-2013 NYS Legislature passed on March 30, 2012. The memo stated, “Funding for CHIPS will remain at current year levels of \$363.1 million.” The RHV Highway Department anticipates a CHIPS allocation of \$31,364.00 for Red Hook Village’s FY2012-2013. Projects to be completed with CHIPS funding are being considered.
3. Brush pickup began on March 19, 2012. Residents are reminded to keep brush piles within the 6’ x 6” maximum size.

4. The RHV Landfill opened on March 24, 2012. Residents, with permits, can deposit yard brush at the landfill on Saturdays between 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Permits are available at the RHV Building for \$20.00.
5. The northern Park Avenue speed limit sign will be located further south for better visibility.
6. Estimates have been received to clean catch basins and culverts in the north/west quadrant of the Village. A proposal from Fred A. Cook, Jr., Inc. has been selected at a two day cost of \$3,200.00 (\$1,600.00/day). Village catch basins and culverts will be cleaned annually based on a yearly quadrant rotation basis. Costs for this project will be deducted from FY2012-2013 Maintenance of Streets – Street Maintenance Budget Line (# 5110.42).
7. Estimates have been received to sweep Village streets and parking lots. A proposal from Community Custom Services has been selected at a cost of \$2,800.00 plus a 4% fuel surcharge. A mid-April starting date is anticipated. Residents are reminded, if they choose to rake street gravel, please rake in rows, not piles.
8. No additional revenue was generated from the sale of scrap metal during the month of March, 2012. Total revenue generated to date for FY2011-2012 is \$1,909.00. Since inception of the Scrap Metal Recycling Program in September, 2007, \$11,708.05 has been generated. Proceeds from this program go toward purchasing tools and equipment for the RHV Highway Department. Residents and businesses interested in donating scrap metal can contact Dan Streib at 845-758-8600 or Cindi Cole at 845-758-1081.

ITF

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. Red Hook Sewer Project

- A. A Red Hook Sewer Project Subcommittee Meeting was held on March 2, 2012 at the Red Hook Village Building. Items discussed included:
 - a. Review past and current status of the Red Hook Sewer Project including historical background, demographics, district formation process, costs and benefits.
 - b. Reviewed soils data and existing non-conforming septic/cesspool systems in the Village.
 - c. Reviewed conceptual surface water studies available to assist in determining improperly functioning septic/cesspool systems.

- d. Reviewed reports/study data from RH Middle School students and reviewed various proposed test-site locations.

Jonathan Churins (DCWWA), Mary Pat Budd (RHCSA) and Brent Kovalchik (RHV Trustee) attended.

2. Red Hook Water Project

- A. A Water Project Meeting was held on March 2, 2012 at the Red Hook Village Building. The following items were discussed:
 - a. A “progress set” of construction documents was presented by C.T. Male & Associates, P.C.
 - b. Reviewed various USDA-RD funding application forms to be completed including Form E, Engineer’s Agreement, Estoppel Notice, Operating Budget, SHPO, Bond Counsel’s Agreement.
 - c. Determined the final form of the three-phased project for revisions to the Preliminary Engineer’s Report.
 - B. A “Letter of Conditions” from USDA-RD is expected in mid-April, 2012.
 - C. Short-term financing applications have been submitted to NYSEFC. Upon the issuance of USDA-RD’s “Letter of Conditions”, closing on short-term financing with NYSEFC will occur.
3. Red Hook Town Supervisor Sue Crane and Red Hook Village Deputy Mayor Brent Kovalchik were interviewed by Kathryn Henderson of Westat, a research firm in the greater Washington D.C. area. Westat was hired by the National Park Service and the National Parks Conservation Association to conduct an evaluation of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and the partnership both municipalities have with the Hudson River Valley Greenway.
4. The Village requested an extension of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Compact Grant Award for revisions to the Village’s GBD Zoning Law on March 30, 2012. The outcome of the April, 2011 DCWWA Sewer District referendum and concentrated efforts to implement the RHT’s Centers and Greenspaces Plan were cited as reasons for the extension request.

5. Intermunicipal Task Force (ITF)

- A. The ITF met on March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2012 at the Red Hook Town Building. Items discussed included:
- a. Review vision and priorities of the proposed Estates District.
 - b. Discussed the CPF and PDR application processes.
 - c. Discussed shared services between the three RHT communities.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the following Reports:

Red Hook Town Economic Development Committee (EDC)

Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Liaisons

Community Preservation Fund (CPF) Advisory Board

Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

Red Hook Town Zoning Review Committee (ZRC)

Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

Red Hook Town Shared Services Committee

Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representatives/Members

Red Hook Together

Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representatives/Members

Red Hook Town Economic Development Committee (EDC) – Monthly Report
March, 2012 – Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Liaisons

- a. March 8, 2012 – An EDC Meeting was held at the RHV Building. Items discussed included:
 - Reports on future tenants and possible business models for the former IGA Building.
 - Discussed potential new members for the committee.
 - Discussed possible farmers' markets being proposed in the Village of Red Hook.
 - Reviewed the current status of the RHV/VGC Bench Project and possible bench locations.
- b. March 10, 2012 – An EDC Subcommittee Meeting was held to discuss possible uses and business models for the former IGA Building.
- c. March 22, 2012 – An EDC Meeting was held at the RHV Building. Items discussed included:
 - Discussed possible tenants, uses and business models for the former IGA Building – updates and reviews of previous discussions.
 - Discussed using “Bard-Bucks” to encourage Bard College students to patronize local Village businesses.
 - Reviewed the current status of the RHV/VGC Bench Project.

- Discussed possible farmers' markets being proposed in the Village.
- Discussed plans for a future Bard College Community Garden and Farm.
- Reviewed status of the RH Bicentennial Programs.

Community Preservation Fund (CPF) Advisory Board – Monthly Report
March, 2012 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative / Member

- There were no CPF Advisory Board Meetings held during the month of March, 2012.
- Brent Kovalchik was reappointed as a member of the CPF Advisory Board on March 28, 2012 by the RHT Board. Membership term expires on December 31, 2013.

Red Hook Town Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) – Monthly Report
March, 2012 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative / Member

- There were no ZRC Meetings held during the month of March, 2012.

Red Hook Town Shared Services Committee – Monthly Report
March, 2012 – Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representatives / Members

- a. The Village of Red Hook passed Resolution #2 of March 5, 2012 authorizing the Village Board to submit a joint Town and Village Application to the Department of State for a Local Government Efficiency Grant to study shared highway services.
- b. March 15, 2012 – A Shared Services Committee Meeting was held at the Red Hook Town Building. Items discussed included:
 - Discussed and reviewed a draft copy of the 2011-2012 Local Government Efficiency Grant Application as prepared by Crawford and Associates Engineering, P.C. The grant application is to request funds to provide for a feasibility study to “identify and recommend highway service delivery alternatives which would maximize efficiency, reduce duplication, improve cooperation and lower future costs of highway services in the Town and Village of Red Hook.”
- c. March 21, 2012 – The 2011-2012 Local Government Efficiency Grant Application was submitted for review and scoring to the NYSDOS.

Red Hook Together – Monthly Report
March, 2012 – Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representatives / Members

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- a. A Red Hook Together Meeting was held on March 15, 2012 at the Red Hook Village Building. Items discussed included:
- Bard College Global Culture Outreach
 - April 20, 2012 – A Culture Fair will be held at the RH Firehouse to explore international culture with Red Hook.
 - RHCAN
 - Art Pop Gallery – “Small Work – Big Idea” is currently showing at the gallery.
 - April 14, 2012 – “Read Local Red Hook” Literary Festival will be held at the RHV Building starting at 10:00 am and running all day. Award-winning author/filmmaker John Sayles will be the keynote speaker at 4:00 pm.
 - RH Library
 - April 23, 2012 – World Book Night.
 - April 14, 2012 – Sonando – Latin music at the RH Firehouse.
 - April 28, 2012 – Arbor Day/Earth Day programs.
 - Bicentennial Committee
 - Flyers will be mailed to all RHT residents with a schedule of all planned events celebrating Red Hook’s 200th Anniversary.
 - Bard College Community Garden and Farm
 - \$20,000.00 is trying to be raised by students in order for them to receive a \$40,000.00 grant from the College. The funds will be used to establish a farm at Bard. The proposed farm, “. . . will be responsive to the latest scientific and agricultural practices for growing substantial crops, along with the economic realities pushing the world back to local agriculture.”
 - Red Hook Rotary
 - May 12, 2012 – Apple Blossom Day. Contact Niki Weaver for more details.
 - Career Fair – April 27, 2012 – RH High School.
 - The Red Hook Seniors and the RHT Senior Services Committee
 - March 27 and April 3, 2012 – Food Drive from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Red Hook Firehouse.

LOSAP

Mayor Blundell spoke on LOSAP and that the Village Board has been notified that 27 firemen qualified this year, up from 23 last year. The Red Hook Fire Company is not owned or controlled by the Village, but is a separate Corporation, but years ago the public voted to endorse the LOSAP, which is a defined contribution type program. Each year they have to certify to us who qualified. This program does not mean that every fireman on the roster makes the LOSAP qualification. This report covers the period from January-December, 2011.

The Fire Company keeps a spreadsheet where they keep track of meetings, drills, training, etc. They fill this out on their administrative level and certify under oath all 2011 volunteers and indicate points earned by each volunteer in accordance with this program point system, which is used to determine who will earn service credit for the year. The Village will then look at this and on our Board level we will send back a form that the Board has reviewed and approved the Volunteer Firefighters Service Award Programs listing. The Fire Department then completes the Fire Department Posting Certification Form; that this was posted for no less than thirty (30) days. Then this Board will complete the Sponsor Authorization Form.

Mayor Blundell made a motion that the Village Board has reviewed and approved the 2011 Volunteer Firefighters Service Award Program Points List. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik. All in favor.

Mayor Blundell advised we held a public hearing prior at 7:00pm on the FEMA Flood Plain/NYS DEC Program to update Code across the State in regard to municipalities and flood plains. Mayor Blundell advised that very little of the flood plain is in the Village, but we do get touched by the Sawkill at the north corner up by Abraham's Park, and the goal is to standardize Village of Red Hook's participation in a State wide program in compliance with the federal request. This public hearing gives an addition to the Village Zoning Code that our building inspector could look at building in a flood plain area, and gives folks access to flood insurance.

Mayor Blundell advised that a long form EAF statement was completed which leads to no negative impact on the environment. Mayor Blundell advised read as it reads, "The Village of Red Hook Board of Trustees has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant environmental impact and a draft impact statement will not be prepared. The Village of Red Hook Board of Trustees has reviewed the technical amendments to meet minimum requirements for eligibility for the National Flood Insurance Program as set forth in paragraph 60.3(d) of the NFIP Regulations; that the law requires a permit for new development within areas of special flood hazard, but the technical standards for obtaining a permit have been increased to decrease the potential for flood damage."

Mayor Blundell asked the Board for any comment. No comment.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to accept SEQR Negative Declaration. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik. All in favor.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 3-2012; WHEREAS the attached Chapter 117 Flood Damage Prevention was introduced by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook on March 5, 2012 and WHEREAS, the public hearing was held on April 9, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall, and hearing being duly noticed, at which time all interested parties had an opportunity to be heard; and WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook heretofore has issued 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 (Mayor Blundell read the Local Law No. 2-2012 (Chapter 117 – Flood Damage Prevention)).

Mayor Blundell made a motion to adopt Local Law 2-2012. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik. All in favor.

Mayor Blundell asked for any public comment.

Village resident George Beekman of 15 Cherry Street spoke at this time asking if we are still looking at a sewer district. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik advised that we are looking at different ways of forming the district, which was originally a part-County sewer district which has different laws governed by General Municipal Law of the State of New York. There are ways the Town can do it and there are ways the Village can do. The way the DCWWA did it originally was to use a permissive referendum process, so if we did choose to go with a part-County district, the same type that we went for previously, we would have to go through County Legislature and get resolutions passed; there would be a 45 day common period subject to permissive referendum; there would be a petition that would be available for circulation if there is a proper number of signatures on that petition; a mandatory public referendum would be triggered. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik advised that we are still looking at different types of systems and districts which could be formed, but we are not anywhere close to anything yet.

Mr. Beekman spoke on the previous application, being Part-County, and taxes, and the matter of audit and the people who have to pay for it being the ones who vote yes/no. Brent said there are different procedures for a Village only system, for a Town only system and for Town/Village part-County system. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik advised that we are not at that point yet, but the process is stipulated by law, so we would follow whatever procedure as specified by NYS. Mr. Beekman said that the problem we had with the State Law was that property owners could not vote. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik said that was State Law and it was not true that property owners could not vote, it was only resident registered voters residing in the district, so if you were a property owner who resided in the District you could vote. If you owned property and did not reside in the district you could not vote, and that was NYS Law.

Village resident, Stephen Zacharzuk of 92 Cambridge Drive, asked if the budget was on the Village website. Mayor Blundell asked which budget. Mr. Zacharzuk said the prior year. Mr. Zacharzuk said if not, can next year's budget be listed. Mayor Blundell advised that we will be placing the budget on the web-site once finalized. Mayor Blundell said we have copies available. Mr. Zacharzuk said that the Town has theirs on the web. Mr. Zacharzuk asked on the police report arrests, is there a way to get more details. Mayor Blundell advised that this Board gets a detailed report. Chief Truitt said anyone could view this report. Sgt. Hildenbrand advised that this month's arrests were a lot of outstanding arrest warrants, a felony grand larceny, a couple of felony DWI's. Mr. Zacharzuk said it would be nice to inform residents if there were more incidents than usual in an area. Chief Truitt said that residents would be warned if an unusual pattern arose. Mayor Blundell advised that our report is listed A-Z listing incidents which is public record and does not list names.

Mr. Beekman asked for the police budget number. Mayor Blundell advised \$423,000.00. Mayor Blundell said if you take last year's – from salary to vehicle maintenance, fuel, pension, worker's comp. Mr. Beekman asked about the insurance and that it is higher due to officer's carrying weapons, and is this insurance included in the budget figure. Mayor Blundell said we account for all factors in that number, and that the insurance picks up vehicles and police professional liability. Chief Truitt advised that insurance companies want to know what procedures and policies a department has in effect pertaining to rules of arrests and training of firearms.

Village Resident Don Finn of 17 Park Avenue asked if we felt it was cost effective having a smaller police department and having the Sheriff's Department because we are paying taxes for the Sheriff's Department anyway. Mayor Blundell said that we have been having discussions on this, and we both produce police services and we are trying to find the right balance. Mayor Blundell said this had been a big topic and nothing is off the table and we are looking at the best model concerning police management. Mr. Finn feels that it is redundant. Sgt. Hildenbrand said no. Mayor Blundell said we had drawn a pie chart and we are looking at this. Sgt. Hildenbrand said this is easy for someone on the outside to say that, but these are completely different services asking do you know what their hourly rates are, do you know what their terms contracts are, do you know if they have a term contract, do you know what their rate is if they have a new contract, do you know what services we provide compared to the services they provide. Sgt. Hildenbrand said we all offer good services, but they are different services with different areas to cover. Chief Truitt advised that the Sheriff's Department has been in service for about 200 years in Dutchess County and have always worked 24-7 with road patrol out there, the same time as the State, which has been in service

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since 1917, so all three agencies have existed and patrolled here for over 100 years, with the Village of Red Hook starting in 1907. Mr. Finn said in regard to our tax bill how many in a clip. Chief Truitt advised that 40-60% of calls are required to have two police units to a call like that – so whether it is a Village of Red Hook police officer, a Deputy Sheriff or State, a large percentage of the calls always require 2 officers. Mayor Blundell said at the last budget workshop a lot of time was spent on police budget. Mr. Beekman asked what the percentage of the budget was police. Mayor Blundell advised about 23%. Mayor said in all fairness, in that number there are revenue streams in that we contract with the Town, School Resource Officer, and School for sporting events, so there is a revenue stream. Mr. Beekman said that comes out of our pockets too with school taxes. Mayor Blundell said this is being looked at. Mr. Beekman said if you were to cut it out, we could cut our bills in half. Mayor said 23% in reduction, but we would not do that. Mr. Beekman said if a resident was paying \$2,000.00 per year in taxes and it dropped to \$1,500.00 - that would be a cost factor to look at. Mayor Blundell said \$2,000.00 is a higher number and when you do the math, it comes out to about 50-55 cents per day for police protection. Mayor Blundell advised that we look at what is most efficient. Chief Truitt advised that although the budgets have gone up, the police department budget has gone down the past three years in a row. Mayor Blundell asked Mr. Finn if he was a Village resident. Mr. Finn replied yes.

Village resident Chris Lipuma of 9 Bird Street spoke at this time with his concerns on the cell towers located right next to his residence which is next to the water tower. Mr. Lipuma is concerned about more and more cell phone towers and commercial boxes that are within the fenced-in area there. Mr. Lipuma is concerned because residents are not notified as to when new work is being done at this tower site. Mr. Lipuma would like to know how he can obtain more information from the Village's intention when work is going to be done, and maybe have notification or input. Mr. Lipuma advised that one of the boxes creates terrible noise and he cannot leave his windows open. Mr. Lipuma said this is unsightly and is concerned if more are going to be installed at this site. Mr. Lipuma said if he needed to have work done he would need to obtain a variance and notify residents within 200 ft. yet he has never been notified of any activity going on. Mr. Lipuma asked what the Village's plans were for 1) repairs and maintenance for cell phone towers being installed; 2) do we have any current and accurate EMF readings for the tower, indicating how much radio frequency is coming off the tower; 3) when are readings done; 4) are there other independent tests that need to be done; 5) how often are the readings checked; 6) does the Village currently have a wireless ordinance. Mr. Lipuma is recommending that we can remove these from the Village or relocate to a less residential area. Mr. Lipuma did advise that he sent all this information via email to the Village Clerk, which email is dated March 22, 2012.

Mayor Blundell did acknowledge his concern and advised that this Board has invited our consultant, Mr. David Groth, Engineer, who has represented the Village for about 10 years now to address this issue. Mayor Blundell did advise that we are looking at someone new at the Tower site, possibly T-Mobile, but thinks that currently Verizon and Sprint are there now. No tenant has been added in several years. Mr. Groth spoke at this time and indicated a letter that was prepared by him to answer in regards to the measurements that had been done in 2011 and that there have been no changes since that time, and a copy of this letter is available for Mr. Lipuma. Mr. Lipuma asked if all residents have access to this letter. Mr. Groth said he had a copy for him, but copies could be foiled through the Village. Mr. Groth advised that this started out with Cingular Wireless years ago, then Sprint was added, and even though Sprint & Nextel are combined now, their systems remain separate, the most recent tenant, who became active 2 years ago, is Verizon. Mr. Groth answered the questions as to why this is happening, because years ago towers were on mountain tops, and since each operation can only carry so much volume of calls now, the sites are becoming lower now and more flexible and being replicated over and over again, however there are still obstructions to build, so to put a tower somewhere else, say somewhere lower than that then we would have to have another one – or a third one, and the Town/Village is very populated so anywhere we put it someone would be living there and this has to serve the 2 mile radius of this Village. Mr. Lipuma asked if the Village hires Mr. Groth to work independently in the Village. Mr. Groth said yes, not for the cell company, but for the Village. Mr. Groth said the Village asked him last fall to make measurements and at the time the highest peak reading he could get was 7.4% of the maximum permissible exposure for an un-controlled or general population environment, which is very strict standards close to the occupational standard, and the average MPE which is required by the government is 3.4%, and as in the report that on a clear day, with maybe a solar flare injection from the sun can be 3%. Mr. Groth said this reading was not high. Mr. Lipuma asked where the readings were taken. Mr. Groth advised he took a number of readings – walking around for 45 minutes and this number was the worst he could get. Mr. Groth pointed out that the antennas are designed in such a way that their vertical means is about 6 degrees, and that there is very little radiation. Mr. Lipuma said that was a good point about the solar flare but was concerned about his son, and his room being right there next to that, and his exposure is there the entire time. Mr. Groth said he understands that, but what he is getting at is that there is electromagnetic, but not like the electromagnetic radiation like from the sun, and if it generates an electromagnetic radiation in radio waves not in lights which will come right through your house. Mr. Lipuma said correct, but that is the same way as with the cell phone tower. Mr. Groth said correct, but what was measured is very low – Mr. Lipuma said he understands what Mr. Groth is talking about with regard to constant exposures, but a big part is how many boxes will be put there, how many antennas on the water tower, how much will this keep increasing without anyone being notified or able to question it. Mr. Lipuma said he certainly does not want any more of those boxes near his home because of the noise. Mr. Lipuma said he would like as much information as possible from the Village and to know what the Village ordinance is with regard to the decibel level and if we have rules as to those levels.

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Mr. Groth said the Village has leased this space and the revenue from this has been helping improve the water district and offset the water tax and the funds are really needed and helping with Village to keep the rates down. Mayor Blundell advised that the current space that is rented there comes to \$68,000 per year to the Village. Mr. Groth said all of these installations must comply with federal law in terms of radiation and are exempt from any other local rule. Mr. Lipuma said he is looking to protect himself and his family where they live. Mr. Groth said this area is in compliance and will give him a copy of his report, and according to federal law villages are not allowed to make their own rules, so when it comes to that it has to be exact. They monitor and make sure it measures to the safe limits as set by the IEEE, which was the agency that broke the rules that were adopted by the FCC, and everything has to comply - all the carriers together have to comply, and as far as the sound, he does not know the ordinance for the Village, because everyone has an ordinance and he will check on that and see what that is and go around with the decibel readers. Mr. Groth advised that a noise nuisance is the air conditioning - advising that air conditioner is running, but the condenser fan turns on and off. Mr. Groth said there are ways to solve that problem, one way being to install a system that varies the speed of the fan. Mr. Groth advised that if T-Mobile were to move in they do not use a box/building/shed they use their equipment and will pour a concrete slab and install upright boxes. Mr. Lipuma asked if we have a say in where they go and asked how long the lease was. Mr. Lipuma said he understands the revenue, but if this shows an undetermined health risk then no amount of money matters. Mr. Lipuma would like to read the report and be sure and hopes for an open dialog on this.

Mayor Blundell advised Mr. Lipuma that one of the current tenants changed their array, it was not a new tenant going in, but this same tenant making changes and this change did go through the Village building department. Mr. Groth said the bottom line is that if these towers are not here they will be somewhere else in the Village, so it can be on the water tank, or lower which would provide less coverage, and the higher it gets the less in the R R level because of the narrowing of the antennas, and again the levels now are low. Mr. Groth advised that the signals from these antennas are not much different than that of your phone. Mayor Blundell asked Mr. Groth for a time line, has this tower been in use for at least 10-15 years. Mr. Groth advised Cingular, now AT&T, goes back close to 10 years. Mayor Blundell indicated that there are very limited cell companies out there and T-Mobile is one of them that exist that is not on the tower. Mayor Blundell said that we have revenue from this and we do have experts to analyze this for us. Mayor Blundell asked Mr. Groth about the cooling system for T-Mobile. Mr. Groth advised that should T-Mobile go there that they will use 6 panel antennas on the tower and have 2 upright boxes on the ground. Mr. Groth said the air cools them, as with all the equipment. Mayor Blundell asked Mr. Groth if he could contact the current tenants to discuss cooling systems and an upgrade to the noise producing element. Mr. Groth advised they could discuss this, and that there are sites with continuously variable fan speeds based on outdoor temperature. Mr. Groth advised that T-Mobile would be placed at the northwest corner, and that their systems have a constant blowing cooling fan. Mayor Blundell advised

that we did not change the fencing at this location it is whatever it was for security of the water tower. Mr. Lipuma said no this was changed when the Verizon box went in. Mr. Groth advised that they did change it on the southwest corner a little, but in the area of Mr. Lipuma's residence they cut vegetation down because the vegetation was rusting the fence, which may have exposed more sight line to Mr. Lipuma. Mayor Blundell asked Mr. Lipuma when they moved in. Mr. Lipuma said in 2009. Mayor Blundell said this is a proven revenue service for the Village and we will provide Mr. Lipuma with a copy of Mr. Groth's letter. Mr. Groth advised that he has always managed the leases with the cell companies and works with the Village Board and Village Building Inspector. All companies have to obtain permission from the Village regarding any changes and are required to do structural sites to ensure that the tower is safe, and are required to do studies which are submitted to Mr. Groth. Mr. Groth advised that there is nothing saying that this is dangerous and the reading was way below the maximum. Mr. Groth advised that not only are we providing services to the Village, but we are providing data services to the police in using blackberries. Mr. Groth advised that every time something changes he will measure.

Mayor Blundell advised that newly elected Trustee Jen Norris was previously sworn in and began to read the appointment list for the Village of Red Hook as follows:

Village Clerk – Cynthia Cole
Village Treasurer – Cynthia Cole – Holdover
Deputy Village Clerk – Lara Hart
Secretary/Typist – Doris Balacic-Scheuing

Village Court

Arvine Coon - Acting Village Justice
Kathy Fell - Court Clerk
Lori Urbin – Assistant Court Clerk

Building & Zoning

Sam Harkins - ZEO/CEO
The Village will be retaining the services of the second building inspector, on a consulting basis
– Z-3 Consulting/Gary Beck
Dutchess County Planning Department – Planning Consultant
C.T. Male - Planning Engineer
Planning/Zoning Secretary – Lara Hart

Police Department

James Truitt – Chief
Patrick Hildenbrand – Sergeant

Kevin VanWagner – Full Time Police Officer
Travis Sterritt – Part-Time Hourly Police Officer

Part Time Officers/Investigators

Thomas D'Amicantonio
Christopher Aderholdt

Part Time Patrol Officers/School Resource Officers

Michael Brown
Ryan Chase
Lawrence Lee
Michael Plass
Gregory Wagler
Thomas Mirabella
Charles Petrone
Beth Imperato

Police Department Secretary

Lara Hart

Mayor Blundell advised that the Police Chief position is part-time; the Sergeant position is full-time and Officer VanWagner is full-time. All other positions are part-time.

Highway Department

Dan Streib – Highway Foreman
Jake Smith – Full Time laborer
Chris Coon – Part-Time
Daniel Gabriel – Part-Time
Ernest Maderi – Landfill Attendant

Vital Statistics

Cynthia Cole – Registrar
Lara Hart – Deputy Registrar

Official Newspapers

Kingston Daily Freeman
Poughkeepsie Journal

Water Department

A-W Coon & Sons - Operator/Sub-Contractor

Election Inspectors

Mary Kelly
Arleen Harkins
Ronald Rhynders – Machine Custodian
Roger McCaully – Machine Custodian

Park Custodian

To be determined

Village Engineer

C.T. Male Associates

Zoning Board of Appeals

George Beekman – Chairman
Roger Husted – Co-Chairman
Cliff Gubler - Member
Paul Duntz – Member
Erik Cuthell – Member

Planning Board

Everett Pearsall – Chairman
Rodney Morrison – Co-Chairman
Stephen Zacharzuk – Member
Mark Mirando – Member
Paul Fredricks – Member with Holdover Status

Village Green

Brenda Cagle
Sally Dwyer-McNulty
Jeff Urbin

Hardscrabble Committee (representing both Village & Town of Red Hook)

Matt Donahue
Karen Sipperily
Margaret Hedges
Stephen Sutton
Julie Silverstein
Doug Strawinski
Rosemary Zengen
Kathy Triebel

Kim Gomez
Melissa Ottman

Panda

Ted Saad – Representative

Time Warner

Mayor Blundell – Representative

Appeals Officer

Mayor Blundell

Official Depository

Key Bank, Red Hook

Mayor Blundell asked the Board for any comment. No comment.

Mayor Blundell advised of receiving correspondence from a resident on Fisk Street asking for a “children at play” sign. Mayor Blundell advised that this might be more for the police and that the department should patrol this area. Chief Truitt will advise.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to pay bills after audit. Motion seconded by Trustee Norris. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Norris. All in favor.

Submitted by,



Lara Hart, Deputy Clerk