

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012
7:30 PM**

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

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

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, seconded by Trustee Trapp, minutes from August 13, 2012 were accepted. All were in favor.

1. APPOINTMENTS – Mayor Blundell stated that the Police Department lost one of their finest officers last week. Officer Charles Petrone resigned from his part-time police officer position to take a full time position in Middletown. Officer Petrone was a SRO, community policing and a big help in the schools said Sergeant Hildenbrand. Mayor Blundell read the commendation that was presented to Officer Petrone at the Village Offices last week. This created an opening but this is not a new position to be filled. Sergeant Hildenbrand recommends Jonathan Wilson, 42, has 11 years on the job, part-time in New Paltz and Wappingers Falls. Officer Wilson comes highly recommended and is familiar with police pro, Tracs systems, has several certifications and is a paid firefighter. Sergeant Hildenbrand recommends Jonathan Wilson for the position of part-time police officer and stated that Mr. Wilson is well qualified for medical calls, is a full time fireman and an EMT. 7:35 pm - Trustee Trapp made a motion to convene into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik seconded. 7:48 pm - Trustee Trapp made a motion to reconvene from executive session. Mayor Blundell made a motion to hire Jonathan Wilson to the position of part-time police officer effective midnight September 10, 2012. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Blundell stated that he had interviewed 12 candidates for the position of Village Trustee. All were qualified, but he is appointing Steve Zacharzuk. Mayor Blundell has met him several times and discussed the goals of the Village. Anyone who fills this position will have to run for election in March, 2013. Mr. Zacharzuk has a technical background, facilities and cell tower experience and also showed keen interest in village matters based on his attendance at meetings over the years and his volunteer work on the Planning Board. Mayor Blundell made a motion to appoint Steve Zacharzuk to the position of Village Trustee effective September 13, 2012. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor. Mr. Zacharzuk must resign from the Planning Board.

Mayor Blundell stated that there are two openings on the Planning Board. One is from Steve Zacharzuk and the resignation of Rodney Morrison. Mayor Blundell presented the Board with Beth Pagano and David Pearson as appointments for new Planning Board members. Both come with experience and are eager to serve their community. Mayor Blundell made the following appointments. Beth Pagano to the position on the Planning Board until 2015. David Pearson to the position on the Planning Board until 2014. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Trustee Trapp will have Lara Hart prepare packages for the new Planning Board members. Both will need to fill out on oath of office with Clerk Cole.

Balances as of 8-31-2012

GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 607,936.02
WATER FUND BALANCE	\$ 71,976.36
TRUST & AGENCY BALANCE	\$ 13,933.47
RESOURCE RECOVERY	\$ 799.17

MONTHLY EXPENSES

PETTY CASH	\$ 49.11
VILLAGE GREEN	\$ 2,533.16
HARDSCRABBLE	\$ 473.38
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 5,447.94

MONTHLY EXPENSES

GENERAL FUND	\$ 91,626.32
WATER FUND	\$ 69,053.69
T & A	\$ 13,933.47
RESOURCE RECOVERY	\$ 3,427.64

Clerk Cole reported on \$ 55,804.30 in uncollected taxes.

Mayor Blundell received correspondence from County Executive Marc Molinaro informing the Village that the County has a \$ 40 million deficit and all county sales tax distribution will be reduced. The Village reduction is being calculated at \$ 15,103.00. This reduction in sales tax will be over two years (2012 & 2013).

Also, Mayor Blundell mentioned that the Village's spending is on target and the police line on salary spending is consistent with budget..

POLICE

Sergeant Hildenbrand read the police report for the month of August: 116 incidents, 121 UTT's, 10 arrests. Also, an update on TRACS, received a \$ 37,000.00 court grant that purchased the server for the TRACS system and is on board with Verizon. Very much a time saver and is hooked up to Albany's main computer, DMV and back to Red Hook Court. The new system will cut back on paper work.

WATER

Mayor Blundell read the water report for the month of August, 2012: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, located water line as requested at 17 Maizeland Road, average daily usage for the month 255,677.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning report for the month of August, 2012: 9 building permits, 2 certificates of occupancy, 6 certificates of compliance, 3 CO searches, 2 fire inspections, 5 inspections. \$ 1,175.50 was collected in fees. Trustee Trapp thanked Rodney Morrison for all his work on the Planning Board. Knollwood Commons is back in the building stages and should soon be back on the tax roll. The CDBG sidewalk project is almost near complete. A change order was submitted to add curbing, which would match the first half of sidewalks and work toward traffic calming and safety.. The sidewalks on Firehouse Lane were cancelled to pay for the change order on Park Ave. With the remaining sidewalk funds, the paver along Rt. 9 and Rt. 199 will be reset. The 2013 CDBG will be submitted for upgrades to the Village wells to remove iron and manganese. Mayor Blundell would like to discuss the 2013 CDBG in more detail at the September 20th workshop.

Trustee Trapp thanked Gary Beck of Z3 for closing out building permits and on 911 backups.

September, 2012

Garbage:

For the month of August, we had 10.2 tons of garbage, and 7.59 tons of single stream recycling. We paid out \$ 979.97 and collected \$ 2,596.50 in garbage tag sales. *** We are having a Hardscrabble Special: 10% off of 10 tags - offer good one per household. Bring in a copy of the newsletter to the Village Hall to claim this offer. ***

Past Events:

Special thanks to Dan Budd and Grass-Fed Bluegrass for putting on a great concert at Abraham's Park. There were about 45 people there, the food was excellent. We're hoping to make this an annual event.

Upcoming Events:

Production of "Our Town", written by Thornton Wilder and directed by Deborah Temple, will be performed Friday, Sept. 14, 2012 and Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012 at St Paul's Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$ 5.00 and sold at the door. This is part of the Bicentennial Celebration.

Catch-a-Rae run/walk in memory of Alexandra Rae Gravino will be held Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012. All proceeds will benefit the Alexandra Rae Gravino Memorial Arts & Athletic Scholarships. For more information or to sign up, visit www.actionforalex.org.

Hardscrabble Day will be Saturday, September 22, 2012 beginning at 10 am. There will be music all day at the main lot, including IS and The Big Shoe. The group "The Tubes" will be our mainstage act, starting around 7:30 pm. They are known for their hits "She's a Beauty" and "Talk to You Later", among others. Kidscrabble Day will be on the Key Bank lawn. IXL Health and Fitness will host childrens' and family fitness classes, including zumba, hula hooping, and kids' yoga starting at 11 am. There will be vendors and information booths throughout the Village.

Tivoli will be hosting their Street Painting Festival Saturday, September 29, 2012. This is always a fun, family friendly event. Raindate Sunday, September 30, 2012.

Library:

Circulation: a. They circulated 7,224 items in August, up from 6,918 in August 2011, an increase in circulation of 4%.

II. Programs:

a. They hosted 32 programs in August, attended by 117 children, 52 teens and 195 adults. A total of 364 people attended programs at the library in August. Our summer reading program was a big success! We hosted 140 programs, attended by 862 kids, 202 teens, and 872 adults, for a total of 1,936 people! We had a blast and are now gearing up for our Fall programs, which begin September 10, 2012.

III. Upcoming:

a. Volunteer Fair 2012: Working with Erin Canaan of Bard College & Kim McGrath-Gomez from Chamber of Commerce to organize this year's fair, 5-7 pm, Monday, September 10, 2012 at Bard College.

b. Read Local Red Hook Literary Festival: Planned for some time in April, children's events will take place at Red Hook Public Library.

c. August 13, 2012: Sister Cities Committee. Nidal Amer, Mayor of Mas'Ha, will visit September 20th – 30th, 2012. The first several days he'll be in Red Hook, visit school, library, Bard and take part in Hardscrabble Day Parade. Then he will visit NYC & Washington D.C.

d. Bilingual Story Time begins at 10:30 am Sept. 13, 2012. They've noticed an increase in Spanish-speaking patrons, and decided to offer this story time to help our newest young patrons develop strong early literacy skills.

e. Ask the Energy Expert: Begins September 11, 2012: Red Hook Public Library will be partnering with Red Hook CAC to offer a series when people can come consult with an expert about energy saving programs and rebates offered in the community. It's a way for us to support Red Hook's Energy and Climate Action Plan.

IV. Funding

a. They received the first check for \$ 4,500.00 as part of the Construction Grant.

- b. They received a check for \$ 1,199.00 for LLSA (Local Library State Aid) this year.

GARBAGE

Mayor Blundell is offering the residents a 10 % discount on garbage tags when they bring in the newsletter. This is to create more of a cash flow for the garbage fund and generate more discussion about our program. Clerk Cole stated that she will have a problem making the money drawer balance (the tags are numbered). Mayor Blundell stated that he will make it work and wants to try to generate tag sales. Trustee Norris suggested discussing more at the workshop. Trustee Norris made a motion to approve the tag sale. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

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 August 31, 2012 are as follows:
 - Community Beautification – Contractual Expenses (#8510.4)
Balance \$ 4,584.11
 - Shade Tree – Contractual Expenses (#8560.4)
Balance \$ 7,735.40
 - Village Green Committee Checking Account
Balance \$ 2,483.16

2. A Village Green Committee Meeting was held on August 28, 2012. Evelyn Krueger, Jeffrey Urbin, Brenda Cagle and RHV Liaison Brent Kovalchik attended. The following items were discussed:
 - Fall Planting tentative dates, of either October 29 or November 3, 2012, were discussed. Possible tree locations being considered include:
 - i. Three (3) memorial trees, donated by family members, at Richard Abraham's Park.
 - ii. Trees on Fraleigh Street (various locations), North Broadway (various locations), Park Avenue (various locations), Prince Street and Cambridge Drive.
 - iii. One (1) tree at the Red Hook Public Library.
 - iv. Signs to designate new VGC tree planting sites were discussed.

 - VGC table and events on Hardscrabble Day (September 22, 2012):
 - i. A "Fun-tree fact" Contest will be held with prizes including free ice cream cones for participants. Fifty (50) ice cream cones have been donated by the Stewarts Shop on North Broadway.

- ii. Tree-care pamphlets will be available at the VGC table.
- iii. This year's focus will be on trees and energy.
- iv. Possible collaboration with the Red Hook Public Library to feature books on trees and their benefits.

- The VGC Website updates and amendments were discussed.

3. Integral Tree and Landscape, Inc. submitted a proposal for tree pruning and removal on July 31, 2012. The following trees will be pruned:

- Two (2) Locust trees in front of Golden Wok/Apple Valley Realty on South Broadway.
- Two (2) Locust trees in front of the RHACoC booth on South Broadway.
- One (1) Honey Locust tree in front of the Natural Foods store on South Broadway.
- One (1) tree on Basset Lane.

The estimated cost for this service is \$1,740.00 and will be deducted from the Shade Tree – Contractual Expense (#8560.4) budget line upon satisfactory completion.

HIGHWAY

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. Red Hook Village Sidewalk Project – PIN: 8760.64
 - a. Approximately 1,100 linear feet of new sidewalks have been installed on West Market Street between Phillips Street and Benner Road. Restoration of finish grade, transitions from existing sidewalks and driveways have also been completed in this area.
 - b. Two (2) ADA compliant mid-block crosswalks have been installed on South Broadway and Prince Street to Firehouse Plaza and Fraleigh Street to the Red Hook Public Library. A new raised granite curb and brick pavers have also been installed in front of Firehouse Plaza.
 - c. The first reimbursement request of \$92,996.06 was submitted to the NYSDOT on August 23, 2012. The final reimbursement request will be submitted when all invoices have been received and processed by the Village.
 - d. A short-term "bridge" loan from Salisbury Bank was formalized on August 22, 2012. The \$200,000.00 loan, at an interest rate of 1.35%, will be used on an "as needed" basis until reimbursements from the NYSDOT are deposited into the Village's Capital Fund Account.
 - e. The Red Hook Village Sidewalk Project (PIN: 8760.64) is funded by grants from the FHWA STP Small Urban Grant Program and the NYSDOT.

- f. The Village Board would like to thank Fourmen Construction, Inc., A.W. Coon & Sons, and Integral Tree and Landscaping, Inc. for their professionalism and skill required to complete this project.
 - g. The Village Board would especially like to thank residents and businesses for their patience and interest during the construction of the Red Hook Village Sidewalk Project.
2. A catch basin on Fraleigh Street and another on Cambridge Drive will be repaired/replaced during the month of September, 2012. Frank Vosburgh & Sons, Inc. was awarded the contract on August 13, 2012. Installation of each catch basin will cost \$2,000.00. The Village will provide materials at approximately \$1,000.00 per catch basin. The approximately \$6,000.00 cost will be deducted from the Maintenance of Streets – Street Maintenance Budget Line (#5110.42).

A 2008-2009 Assembly Member Item Grant / Community Projects Appropriations, from former Assemblymember Marcus J. Molinaro for the amount of \$5,000.00 will be used to supplement the cost of this project. The grant award, once deposited in Village accounts, will be transferred to the Maintenance of Streets – Street Maintenance Budget Line (#5110.42).

- 3. The Red Hook Village Landfill, located on Route 199 (east), is open for the season. Village residents, with permits, can deposit yard brush/debris at the Landfill on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Permits are available at the RHV Building for \$20.00.
- 4. Scrap metal was sold on August 1, 2012 yielding a revenue of \$318.75. The total revenue generated to date for FY2012-2013 is \$632.14. Since inception of the Scrap Metal Recycling Program in September, 2007, \$12,491.53 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. The Village will assist by picking up scrap metal as requested.

ITF

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. Red Hook Sewer Project

- A. A Sewer Project Subcommittee Meeting was held on August 17, 2012, at the RHV Building, to discuss the effects on surface and subsurface water quality caused by inadequately sized and maintained existing septic/cesspool systems.
- B. The possible testing of the Village's surface/subsurface water quality was proposed by a Bard College dual degree (Bard Center for Environmental Policy (CEP) and Masters of Arts in Teaching (MAT)) graduate student. The study and testing will be conducted by the graduate student with assistance from students from the Linden Avenue Middle School.
- C. Results of the study could be used to assist the Village's efforts to realize a wastewater treatment and municipal sanitary sewer system.

Jonathan Churins (DCWWA), Robert Flores (C.T. Male), Ed Blundell (RHV Mayor), Brent Kovalchik (RHV Deputy Mayor), Professor William Maple (Bard College) and Ariadne Prior-Grosch (Bard Graduate Student) attended.

2. Red Hook Water Project

- A. Phase I/Contract 1 (Well Field Improvements) was advertised for Invitation to Bid on July 23, 2012. Bid Documents were available from the RHV Building from July 27, 2012 through August 24, 2012. Bid proposals were accepted up until 2:00 p.m. on August 24, 2012.
- B. Bids received were opened on August 24, 2012 at the Red Hook Village Building. Robert Flores (C.T. Male), Ed Blundell (RHV Mayor), Brent Kovalchik (RHV Deputy Mayor) and Doris Balacic-Scheuing (RHV Secretary) attended.
- C. After discussions with the RHV Attorney, C.T. Male, NYCOM, NYSDOL, and Village Officials it was determined that all bids received would be dismissed and another Bid Process initiated. This was considered due to interpretations of provisions of the Wick's Law.
- D. Phase I/Contract 1G and Contract 1E (Well Field Improvements – General Prime Contract and Electrical Prime Contract) as well as Phase I/Contract 2 (Water Meter Installation) were advertised for Invitation to Bid on August 31, 2012. Bid Documents are available for review from September 10, 2012 through September 20, 2012, at the Red Hook Village Building and at C.T. Male Associates (Latham, NY).
- E. Bids for all three advertised contracts will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on September 20, 2012 at the RHV Building.
- F. Short-term financing applications are currently being reviewed and are anticipated to be approved by NYSEFC in September, 2012.
- G. The Project is being funded by a \$1.3 million loan at an interest rate of 2% for 38 years by the USDA-RD.

3. Intermunicipal Task Force (ITF)

- A. The ITF met on August 3, 10, 17 and 31, 2012 at the Red Hook Town Building.
- B. The ITF is currently reviewing and proposing amendments to the National Historic Landmark District (Estates District). Demolition provisions of historic structures, build-out standards, RHT Natural Resources Survey Environmental Overlay Map, limited development options and scenic view watersheds are being investigated.

- C. Further amendments to the RHT Agricultural Business District, including road frontage provisions and road regulations/specifications are also being considered.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the following monthly reports:

Red Hook Town Economic Development Committee (EDC)

Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Liaisons

Community Preservation Fund / Farmland Protection (CPF/FLP) Advisory Committee

Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

Red Hook Zoning Review Committee (ZRC)

Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

Red Hook Town/Village 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

August, 2012 – Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Liaisons

- a. The EDC met on August 9, 2012 at the RHV Building. The following items were discussed:
- Previewed/reviewed video of the Bicentennial Committee’s Heritage Day filmed at Montgomery Place by Ann Murray.
 - Reviewed status of promo-video by Green Peas T.V.
 - Reviewed/revised proposal/intent/concept for the former IGA site.
 - Reviewed the EDC Mission Statement . . . “To support and retain existing businesses, foster expansion of commerce and enhance the community.”

Community Preservation Fund / Farmland Protection (CPF/FLP Advisory Committee) – Monthly Report

August, 2012 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative / Member

- a. There were no CPF/FLP Advisory Committee Meetings held during the month of August, 2012.

Red Hook Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) – Monthly Report

August, 2012 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative / Member

- a. A ZRC Meeting was held on August 9, 2012 at the RHT Building. Items discussed included:
- Sam Phelan, Anne Rubin and Christopher Klose composed a letter on Hydrofracking as discussed by the EDC on July 12, 2012. The letter, which recommended amendments to current RHT Zoning regulations on Extractive Operations in the RD3 Zone, bulk fuel

storage and distribution facilities in the floating Light Industrial (LI) Zone, trade wastes, staging areas and definitions were submitted for review and consideration to the Red Hook Town Board on August 14, 2012.

- Reviewed the existing RHT Zoning Code “Fence” provisions as it relates to a property located on Pitcher Lane in the Town of Red Hook.

Red Hook Town/Village Shared Services Committee – Monthly Report

August, 2012 – Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representatives / Members

- a. A meeting was held on August 14, 2012 at the new RHT/RHV Highway Garage. Outstanding punch-list items were reviewed and proposed actions/remediations were scheduled.
- b. Theresa Burke (RHT Highway Superintendent) and Brent Kovalchik met on August 21, 2012. Red Hook Village Highway Department’s office, to be constructed by the RHT Highway Department, was reviewed along with telephone, computer and television hook-ups. The status of the 2011-2012 Local Government Efficiency Grant Application, submitted jointly by the Town and Village, was also discussed.

Red Hook Together – Monthly Report

August, 2012 – Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RHV Representatives / Members

- a. A Red Hook Together Meeting was held on August 30, 2012 at the Bard College Campus Center. The following items were discussed:
 - Red Hook Community Arts Network (RHCAN) and Artists Collective.
 - i. September 1, 2, 2012. The Fifth Annual Arts Studio Views was held. RHCAN was a sponsor of this event.
 - ii. September 1 through October 29, 2012. “The Horses of San Marco”, Photography by Juliet R. Harrison is on view at the Artists Collective.
 - iii. September 1, 2012. Opening reception for “Light” was held at the RHCAN/Artists Collective located at 7516 North Broadway in the Village of Red Hook.
 - iv. August 18, 2012 through October 20, 2012. Robert Bump: 100 Paintings is on view at +Space at the Chocolate Factory located at 54 Elizabeth Street, Suite 4 in the Village of Red Hook.
 - Volunteer Fair – September 10, 2012 at the Bard College Campus Center from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with corresponding Farmers’ Market from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., also at the Bard College Campus Center. This event is co-sponsored by Bard College, RHCSO, RHACoC, RH Library and the City of Kingston Mayor’s Office.
 - Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce (RHACoC)
 - i. September 12, 2012. Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Planning & Economic Development will discuss early planning within Northern Dutchess County and Red Hook. The event will take place at the Elmendorf Inn (7:30 a.m.).

- Red Hook PTSA – An event is being planned for October 3, 2012. Further details are forthcoming.
- Red Hook Emporium
 - i. Plans are being finalized for a collaborative Bard College, local artists community for October 19, 20, 2012. Further details are forthcoming.

RED HOOK FIRE DEPARTMENT – Mayor Blundell stated that there has not been a signed contract between the Village of Red Hook and the Fire Department since the 2006/2008 contract. The current is a two year contract and at a rate of \$ 99,750.00 a year. In 2006 and 2009 missed quarterly payments the Village owed \$ 43,500.00 in back obligation. This will be paid back in over a 4 year period. Motion made by Mayor Blundell to approve signing the contract with the Red Hook Fire Department as negotiated. Trustee Trapp seconded this motion. All were in favor.

HARDSCRABBLE DAY – Mayor Blundell announced Hardscrabble Day September 22nd, 2012 and the featured band are The Tubes from California – the Village parking lot will have a large tent with many vendors. Prince Street will be closed. A motion was made by Mayor Blundell to transfer \$ 2,000.00 from the General Fund to the Hardscrabble Fund. Trustee Norris seconded this motion. All were in favor.

VILLAGE NOTIFICATION - Mayor Blundell informed the Board of the county wide emergency system. We cannot currently afford to join that , approx 44,000. We will create our own notification system with an email list of residents that would be kept track of by the Village Clerk which would give participating residents a message of emergencies, weather, and street closings. Mayor Blundell made a motion to move forward with this service. Trustee Trapp seconded this motion. All were in favor.

TOWN HIGHWAY AGREEMENT – IMA – Mayor Blundell stated that the new Town Highway Garage is complete and an open house is on September 21st, 2012 from 12-2 pm. The Village Highway Department has rights to occupy space in the new garage. Mayor Blundell and DM Kovalchik reviewed the IMA and approved. This agreement will be signed by the Town Supervisor, Village Mayor and Highway Superintendent.

A motion was made by DM Kovalchik to execute the IMA with the Town for the Village to occupy 2 bays in the new highway garage. Trustee Norris seconded this motion. All were in favor.

ZONING LOT LINE MAP- SEQRA has been completed in the process of changing the zoning map. These few changes were done to clean up the zoning lines. The final map should be filed with the County to update their GPS. Robert Flores of C.T. Male printed colored maps. This discussion will be tabled to discuss in further detail at the Village workshop meeting.

FARMERS MARKET – Mayor Blundell states that the market is going well and has been extended to October 27th, 2012 – this decision was approved by the Planning Board. Trustee Norris feels the farmers market should move more towards Rt. 9 to be more visible. A motion was made by Mayor Blundell to approve the date extension of the market. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Beekman again inquired as to why the police cars do not say Red Hook Village Police. Mayor Blundell stated that the word Village has not ever been on the police cars and at this time it is too costly to re-letter the cars. Mayor Blundell checked with the Rhinebeck PD and their cars say just Rhinebeck. Sergeant Hildenbrand looked back 10 years and Village has never been on the police cars and it is not worth the cost to change the cars. Also the police officer's uniforms and badges do not say Village.

George Beekman also inquired about the amount of water being pumped as compared to being billed. More is being pumped than billed. DM Kovalchik stated that the phase 1 of the water project will address this. We will soon be installing new meters at the pumps and residences/businesses that should help study that problem.

Don Finn asked the Mayor how many police officers the Village employs. Sergeant Hildenbrand replied with 2 full time and 9 part-time and currently there are the least amount of officers than ever. Also, who pays for the officers' weapons - Sergeant Hildenbrand stated the guns are village issued, and why does the Village have an unmarked car. Sergeant Hildenbrand stated that it was used for training.

David Pearson stated to keep the traffic flow moving at the intersection of Rt. 9 and St. John's Street there should be installed a sign "do not block side road". This is to keep traffic flowing from the light.

A motion was made by Trustee Trapp to pay bills after audit. DM Kovalchik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by DM Kovalchik. Trustee Trapp seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Submitted by, 

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer