

VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
January 17, 2013
7:15 P.M.

Mayor Blundell opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Present were: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp and Trustee Zacharzuk. Trustee Norris was absent.

Mayor Blundell stated County Executive Marc Molinaro will hold a state of the County address on January 30, 2013. The Mayor will be attending.

Northern Dutchess Alliance: On February 7th there will be a breakfast to discuss shared services. The Mayor will also attend.

Red Hook Fire Department Installation Dinner will be on January 26th. Both Mayor Blundell and Trustee Trapp will be attending.

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION – Mayor Blundell has sent the Village's loss run to Dutchess County Risk Management for review. They were to be reviewed after the holidays. Mayor Blundell has called and received no response. Clerk Cole has completed a State Insurance Fund Audit that went well. She stated the Highway Comp went up and the Police Department went down.

VILLAGE OF RED HOOK / TOWN OF RED HOOK – FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT – Mayor Blundell referred to this tri-party contract and paragraph 3, which refers to the Town's contribution to the cost of the Worker's Compensation estimated to be \$45,000.00. Mayor Blundell does not agree with the wording. Mayor Blundell spoke to Village Attorney Rich Olson who suggested a rider be added to the contract. Rider reads as follows: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement to which this Rider is annexed, the terms and conditions of this Rider shall control any inconsistent terms between the Agreement and this Rider. 1. The Town expressly agrees that the reimbursement for Worker's Compensation insurance referenced in paragraph 3 of the agreement shall be based upon the actual cost of insurance paid by the Village of Red Hook and that the Town shall reimburse the Village seventy-nine (79%) percent of the total insurance premium upon presentation of the bill by the Village of Red Hook. This would be referenced a ten year census as a basis. Mayor Blundell will draft a letter to send with the rider to the contract. Mayor Blundell made a motion to add the rider to the contact. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mayor Blundell also stated the Village owes the Fire Department one more payment.

Seimens Corp – The Village Board reviewed a proposal for Seimens to review the Village's street lighting costs. Mayor Blundell saw an article in the NY Times which stated Seimens Corp. was under investigation. Currently they are building Croton's water system and there were issues cited that will be adjudicated shortly.

ZONING FEE – Backflow protectors – Per Mayor Blundell, NYS Health Law governs an aspect of our water system, backflow protection. Consultant Gary Beck submitted a list of 103 buildings that need backflow protectors. It is not clear if any of these have such protection now. A letter will be sent to residents to determine if they have backflow protectors and if they are tested yearly at the cost of the resident. The only reports we are aware of are submitted by the schools. Two types of protectors are RDZ and double backflow. Cost would be about \$ 250 - 300 for a ¾ to 1" and double for commercial. Mayor Blundell stated a time-line must be made. The Village Attorney will review letter. Trustee Trapp showed technical info, agrees, but with two technical conditions. If a backflow protector is already installed Gary Beck must inspect it. If not, a submission of plans must include a list of items required in the law. Gary Beck jobs will take 2 parts and more time. Mayor Blundell would like to have the Water Operator in the loop and have A.W. Coon review and advise the Board who has backflow protectors and who does not. Trustee Trapp stated any new construction should show details on site plan and is also in the building code. NYS DOH would also be referenced. Code Enforcement Officer would do a plumbing inspection on all new construction. Trustee Zacharzuk agrees with Trustee Trapp that the first step is to find out who has backflow protectors now. Mayor will send a query to AW Conn & Sons.

Fee schedules: a schedule of fees for backflow protectors must be approved. A backflow testing device to install should be \$ 100.00 and added to the fee schedule. A plan review to certify new and existing backflow protectors. Mayor Blundell sees 3 schedules, check and test, existing and inspection and certify. Sam Harkins cannot certify backflow protectors based on his current certifications. He can review the plans and then Gary Beck can certify the protector. Trustee Zacharzuk stated he feels the Village should have a certified inspector on payroll (Sam Harkins). Sam would have to go to school to become certified at a cost of about \$ 3-400.00. Mayor Blundell stated Sam is only allowed to put in 20 hours a week and is very busy doing fire inspections. Trustee Trapp stated that if there is an error on the resident's end and a second inspection is necessary, the cost of that inspection will fall on the resident.

ZONING REVIEW COMMITTEE – Mayor Blundell is requesting a time-line of the end of 2013 be in place for the Committee to complete zoning revisions. A planner should review the final changes, but the Village Board has the final decision with zoning revisions. DM Kovalchik stated there is a Greenway grant in the amount of \$ 10,000.00 to pay for a planner. David Pearson, Mark Mirando, George Beekman, and Erik Cuthell have all agreed to sit on the Zoning Board Review Committee. Trustee Trapp will oversee this Committee and will request monthly reports as to the progress. A letter was drafted and read aloud by Trustee Trapp. This letter was intended to advise the Zoning Board of their responsibilities. It should be difficult to get a variance and the law must be followed. Village Attorney Rich Olson reviewed and approved this letter. Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve the proposed letter to the Zoning Board as drafted with each Board member's signature.

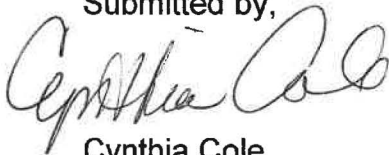
VILLAGE LANDFILL – DM Kovalchik stated due to upgrades on out wells we will no longer be able to use the landfill on East Market Street for brush and leaves. The Town of Red Hook is also looking for a place to put brush – the Village landfill is not an option. Frank Vosburgh has room and is working on a price for the Village's brush/leaves. Another option is to purchase a chipper, but Dan Streib states that most of our brush wouldn't fit in a chipper. Mayor Blundell stated that brush and leaf pick up is a great service to the Village residents and should continue.

ZONING REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mayor Blundell opened the discussion on the Zoning Review Committee once again. A vote must be taken on members. Trustee Trapp made a motion to appoint David Pearson, Mark Mirando, George Beekman and Erik Cuthell to sit on the Zoning Review Committee. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded the motion. All were in favor.

8:50 P.M. DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Submitted by,



Cynthia Cole
Clerk