

VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
February 21, 2013
WORKSHOP 7:00 PM

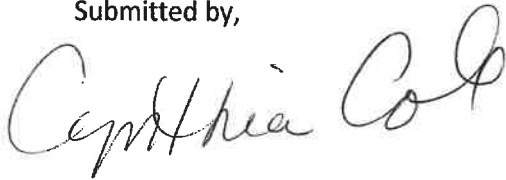
Present: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Norris, Trustee Zacharzuk was absent.

1. **Village Green** – Sarah Dwyer-McNulty has resigned from the Village Green. There is a vacancy on what should be a 3 member board. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to approve David Pearson to add to the Village Green committee. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor. This board will consist of Brenda Cagle, Jeffrey Urbin and David Pearson.
2. **Planning Board** – Paul Fredrick submitted a letter of resignation from the planning board. Mayor Blundell stated that Don Hanson of Garden Street is available and eager to become a planning board member. Mayor Blundell made a motion to appoint Don Hanson to the planning board until the April reorganizational meeting. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor. Hanson will arrive to sign an oath of office.
3. **Village Parking Lot** – Mayor Blundell stated the Key Bank parking lot and the Green Lot are still for sale for \$ 100,000. Key Bank would prefer to sell to the Village instead of a private sale. Under Village law if the Village purchases these two lots it must be used for municipality purposes only. Mayor Blundell asked Clerk Cole to call banks for interest rates and bond payments.
4. **Celebrations** - A discussion was made in regards to crowd funding. Trustee Norris will seek information on Indie Go Go and how it works.
5. **Farmer's Market** – Mayor Blundell stated the Farmers Market would like to move to the front of the Village Parking lot. – The Elmendorph's Farmer's Market is requesting to run year round. Summer time would be in the front lawn. A possibility of the two markets joining forces is being discussed. Mayor Blundell stated that he is in support of the market moving to the front of the parking lot. Trustee Trapp will write a letter of support and submit it to the Village Planning Boards. Mayor Blundell made a motion to promote the market and the board is in favor of the farmers market moving to the front of the parking lot. Trustee Norris seconded this motion. All were in favor.
6. **Shared Services** – Trustee Kovalchik stated there is a grant for a study for highway consolidation or shared services. This grant is being considered for the Village of Tivoli, Village of Red Hook and the Town of Red Hook. The grant is called NYS Local Efficiency Grant and is due by March 13, 2013, Crawford and Associates will write the grant and it is written with a 10% obligation.
7. **Budget** – Mayor Blundell opened the budget discussion with receiving projections from Clerk Cole for both police and employs pensions. Police is projected at \$84635 and general employees are \$ 46692. This projection is on a multiplier the Mayor feels the police figure is over projected and is comfortable with budgeting 60,000 for police and 43,000 for employees.

8. In regards to water tower rentals AT & T is requesting 3 additional antennas which would result in more revenue, in Mayor's opinion. Existing contracts have wording that is being reviewed by Groth and counsel.
9. Budget -- income line 1520 (police revenue) is down. Court receipts and also low and the new budget must reflect these numbers. Clerk Cole is waiting for health insurance and LOSAP figures. A brief discussion was made in regards to the garbage fund. Various options discussed but tags still offset a tax increase. A possibility is to have a private hauler pick up garbage, but using Village tags but Mayor sees no viability there.

Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Cole". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

Cynthia Cole