

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
VILLAGE WORKSHOP  
2-28-2013  
7:00 PM**

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

1. **POLICE APPOINTMENT** – Sergeant Hildenbrand and applicant Jesse Vail were present. Officer Hildenbrand is requesting the board to hire Mr. Vail as a part time police officer. Background, employment, hiring review is all done and no issues noted. Currently the Village is down 2 part time officers. (Officers Chase and Lee). Officer Vail has completed the academy and is currently employed in the Village of Ellenville as an officer and lives in Hyde Park. Trustee Zacharzuk asked Sergeant Hildenbrand how many officers were trained for SRO. Sergeant Hildenbrand stated there are 5 officers trained for SRO. Greg Wagler, Chris Aderhaldt and Tom D. are all trained to certify SRO and firearms. Therefore training is free for Red Hook Officers. Mayor Blundell made a motion to appoint Jesse Vail as a part time police officer, hours not to exceed 20 weekly and a one year probation period. Also to be paid at field training rate. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

2. **BUDGET** – Sergeant Hildenbrand stated the current police budget is on track. A grant for a new server and bullet proof vest has been approved and awaiting for funds. An additional grant for live scan (\$ 40,000.00) (electronic fingerprints) was submitted and still waiting on status. Sergeant Hildenbrand is asking the board for an additional administration day in the new budget year. Mayor Blundell stated this would add an additional shift to the budget. Other options discussed like admin/clerical support increase but Sgt felt he needs true police skills, not just clerical. Further discussion on this will be made.

Clerk Cole stated the health insurance increases are not available yet, for budget purposes she increased rates 10 % to start. This brings our total budget up 4 %. (6.16 per thousand). Numbers are still being crunched.

3. **VILLAGE PARKING LOT** – Mayor Blundell stated the subject of the village parking lot has arose again. He feels this is the time to purchase the parking lot from Key Bank. For both the green lot and parking lot Key Bank is asking \$ 100,000. Clerk Cole called several banks for interest/years for a BOND. So far Salisbury Bank is in with 5 years @ 1.9 %, 10 years @ 2.89 %, 15 years @ 6.13 %. Todd Baright is willing to purchase the Green lot for \$ 60,000.00, which would allow the Village to just purchase the parking lot but bank is not offering based on private purchaser option. The Green lot next to Key Bank is assessed for \$ 48,500 and is 120' x 88' in size. A discussion has been made for the corner Mobile to become the old hotel. Trustee Zacharzuk and Mayor stated that due to gas tanks at the Mobile Station there is a possibility the soil on the green lot was contaminated. Key Banks wants the Village to own the property. Mayor Blundell will call Key Bank and discuss pricing.

4. **WATER TANK** – Mayor Blundell stated a water tank from 20 years ago is sitting in the back of the highway department should be either sold or scraped for metal. Mayor Blundell stated ihe consulted with our engineers and it is not worth advertising for bidding. They tried to seel two

year old equipment recently and had dismally low bids. Option is to sell it as scrap. DM Kovalchik stated he would prefer to sell the tank, maybe put on Craig's List.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to vote the water tank into surplus status since the Village no longer needs or uses it. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded the motion. All were in favor. DM Kovalchik will discuss with Foreman Dan Streib to see what the base scrap price would be.

5. **Brush Pile Area** – DM Kovalchik is requesting the remaining brush in the lot be ground to mulch, which is \$ 3,000.00 a day. The cost of the grinding could be rolled into site work for the CDBG water project. More discussion led to stance that we will wait and fund it from CDBG proceeds to clear well lot area.

**Also**, we are looking at 2013 options so that we are not increasing the size of the brush pile. DM and Mayor have discussed and have spoken to Foreman Dan Streib about this as well. Best option is to cease using the lot and pick up brush more frequently on Mondays. Crews and equipment are on line that day. We can save attendant wages and better control what is going in there, essentially reducing it to nothing.

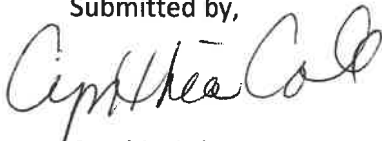
**6. Budget** - Mayor Blundell stated the Village is looking to be over the 2% cap so we need have a public hearing to pass a resolution to over ride the tax cap. Counsel has prepared the document and we will hold it on the 4/8 regular meeting.

Trustee Trapp left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Trustee Norris left the meeting at 8:15 pm.

DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Submitted by,



Cynthia Cole  
Clerk/Treasurer