

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JULY 8, 2013
7:30 PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Zacharzuk, Trustee Norris and Clerk Cole

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

Mayor Blundell asked the Board to approve minutes from the June 3rd Village Board and the June 20th Workshop Meeting. A motion was made by DM Kovalchik to approve the minutes - this motion was seconded by Trustee Norris. All were in favor.

*** Bard Center for Environmental Policy Thesis Presentation** – Ariadne Norton Prior Grosch is a graduate of the Bard Masters of Science and Environmental Policy and Master of Science in Arts in Teaching Program – Ariadne did her college thesis on Water Quality in the Village of Red Hook, namely evaluation of possible contamination from septic systems.

DM Kovalchik introduced Ariadne Norton Prior Grosch and her presentation.

Executive Summary

In many less densely populated areas of the United States, bacterial contamination from failing and improperly maintained septic systems threatens local water resources. Septic tanks and cesspools are the sole source of treatment for wastewater produced by households and businesses in the Village of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York. The lack of municipal sewer service in the Village means that all human sewage is treated onsite and returns to the environment through septic outflow into an absorption pit or leach field, subsequently moving through the soil layers. Currently in New York State, regulations do not exist that require periodic inspection or maintenance of septic systems in the Village.

In order to evaluate the potential impact of septic systems on water quality in the village, a spatial analysis of probable septic system locations was conducted using a Geographic Information System (GIS) analysis which showed high septic system densities in the Village that greatly exceed recommended septic densities in many areas. These recommendations were established based on the ability of the soil to slow down effluent and filter contaminants. The high density of properties in the Village suggests that effluent from septic systems has the potential to adversely affect local water quality.

In order to analyze possible negative water quality impacts, a pilot water sampling study was conducted. After evaluating different methods used to identify biological and chemical indicators of contamination from wastewater, fecal coliform membrane

filtration and caffeine were considered for this investigation. Quantification of caffeine in Red Hook water was examined as a method for this research since it serves a market of contamination from human waste; however, it was determined that the detection limit of the instrument available was approximately two orders of magnitude larger than the expected concentration of caffeine in Red Hook and subsequently eliminated from further analysis.

Water samples were collected from seven sites around the Town and the Sawkill Creek during a two month period in 2012. Subsamples were taken from these samples and filtered for fecal coliform. Twenty-two percent of subsamples contained fecal coliform bacteria ranging from concentrations of 100 to 900 Colony Forming Units (CFU) per 100 ML of water. Fecal coliform was identified in samples from five of the seven sites sampled.

However, sampling limitations including time constraints, limited resources, and seasonal temperatures and precipitation considerations limit the conclusions that can be drawn from the results of this pilot study. Further water quality testing should be conducted over the course of a complete year to provide a more complete description of the water quality in Red Hook.

The use of more complicated laboratory techniques could pinpoint the source of possible contamination, distinguishing between animal and anthropogenic sources. The establishment of regulations for septic systems in Dutchess County of New York State could minimize the number of failing septic systems by requiring periodic inspections to minimize negative water quality impacts. Additionally, state financing mechanisms exist that could fund the construction of a wastewater treatment facility to service the dense housing areas of the Village of Red Hook, moving the Village closer to recommended septic densities. By demonstrating environmental and financial need through further water quality testing, the Village could submit a request to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) to obtain low interest financing for a sewer project. Documented water quality impacts from failing septic systems would improve the project's probability of securing funding.

*** Water Update** - Robert Flores presented the Board with a water update – project has achieved substantial completion on the well fields, generator hook up and new controls, (Whalen and Trinity). DM Kovalchik asked if the monitors were up – Robert replied yes they are working and there is an increase in capacity, all wells are pumping at full capacity and running more efficiently.

Conditions of wells are as follows:

| | % before upgrade | % after upgrade |
|--------|------------------|-----------------|
| Well 1 | 50 | 88 |
| Well 3 | 30 | 60-65 |
| Well 4 | 50 | 45-50 |

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| Well 9 | 50 | 50 |
| Well 12 | 90 | 100 |
| Well 13 | 110 | 110 |
| Well 14 | 40 | 50 |

A meeting was held with the USDA – new meters are 80% complete – an attempt is being made to install the remaining 20%. Meter reader John Wintenburg was able to read all the new meters within 2 hours.

Vouchers for Trinity and Whalen were submitted for signature at tonight's meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT

Clerk Cole read the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Balances as follows:

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| General | \$ 942,460.97 |
| Water | \$ 47,922.00 |
| T & A | \$ 16,546.85 |
| Materials Mgt. | \$ 2,889.22 |
| Petty Cash | \$ 40.78 |
| Village Green | \$ 2,483.16 |
| Hardscrabble | \$ 3,100.57 |
| Health | \$ 5,202.95 |
| Capital | \$ 354.02 |

Monthly Expenses

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| General | \$ 140,904.62 |
| Water | \$ 18,212.93 |
| T & A | \$ 16,546.85 |
| Materials Mgt. | \$ 3,025.26 |

Clerk Cole stated the balance on unpaid taxes is \$134,656.07.

POLICE

Mayor Blundell read the Police Report for the month of June as follows: 197 incidents, 75 UTTs, 11 arrests. Trustee Zacharzuk asked the Mayor how often the Police Department does foot patrols. Mayor Blundell stated he was not sure, but they were stepping up the bike patrols.

WATER

Trustee Zacharzuk read the Water Report for the month of June as follows: the average water consumption was 236,000 gallons per day for June 2013; 7,087,000 gallons total. In June 2012, the average water consumption was 262,433 gallons per day. Two total coliform bacteria samples were taken and tested at the laboratory. Both results were negative for bacteria. 60 gallons of hypochlorite was used. No deliveries

of hypochlorite this month. Operation of the well field pumps was switched to the new controls. Well 9 pump needs to be replaced and that will be done.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Trustee Norris stated tag sales are up – July 2013.

Materials Management

For the month of June, we sold \$5,075.00 in tags. We had 10.4 tons of garbage and 6.34 tons of single stream recycling. We paid out \$1,112.80.

Events:

We will be screening the 1985 classic “Back to the Future” on Friday, July 19 at 8:30 pm in the parking lot at Firehouse Plaza (the lot right across the street). The giant inflatable screen has been donated by Rhinebeck Rentals. Special thanks to Hudson Valley Mercantile for promotion. Please grab a bite to eat from one of our local merchants, bring a chair and enjoy the show. RAIN DATE: Saturday, July 20. This movie is rated PG.

Two concerts in August: The Second Annual Community Concert and Potluck on Aug 3 from 5-8 pm at Abrahams Park. Music will be provided by local BlueGrass band GrassFed. Please bring a chair or blanket and a dish to share.

Rhinebeck Legion Band will perform at Abrahams Park Tuesday, August 6 at 7pm. Please bring a blanket and chair.

Hardscrabble Day will be Saturday, September 21. We are in the midst of a crowdfunding campaign. Donations can be made via indiegogo.com (search Hardscrabble Day 2013) or directly to Hardscrabble Community Association through the Village Clerk’s office.

Library:

- I. Circulation:
 - a. We shared 6,533 items in June 2013. This number includes books, audio books, DVDs, music CDs, e-books and downloadable audio books. We circulated a slight bit more than last year at the same time (1.8%).

- II. Programs:
 - a. We hosted 44 events, attended by 258 adults, 28 teens, and 219 kids, for a total of 505 people. Summer - Reading Program: We have begun our Summer Reading Program! Everyone is invited to attend our Kick-Off Party this Friday, June 12, at Red Hook Firehouse. We’ll be hosting a performance of the classic children’s tale The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

- III. Children’s Learning Garden:
 - a. Plans for the Children’s Learning Garden were approved by the Village Planning Board.

- b. Work is just beginning – we still need to raise approximately \$2K for the project. If anyone is interested in donating, visit redhooklibrary.org, scroll down the page to information about the Children’s Learning Garden and click on the PayPal button.

FACILITIES

Trustee Zacharzuk stated TWC signed the contract for phone connection with the Village. An engineer checked cable and wires will be installed within the next few weeks. Mayor Blundell stated Panda channel will change to digital broadcast and there may be channel location issues for some TWC users.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the Planning and Zoning Reports for the month of June: 13 building permits were issued, 2 certificates of compliance, 7 municipal searches, 2 fire inspections, 1 complaint, 6 inspections. \$6,266.32 was collected in fees. Trustee Trapp attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Rhinebeck Police Department. Lovely building. Zoning Revision has consistently met – having difficulty merging the R10 and R20 districts.

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 June 30, 2013, are as follows:

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| Community Beautification – Contractual Expenses (# 8510.4) | |
| Balance | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Shade Tree – Contractual Expenses (# 8560.4) | |
| Balance | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Village Green Committee Checking Account | |
| Balance | \$ 2,483.16 |

- 2. There were no Village Green Committee Meetings held during the month of June, 2013.
- 3. The NYS Urban and Community Forestry Council’s Annual ReLeaf Conference will be held July 18-20, 2013. VGC Members interested in participating should contact Brenda Cagle.
- 4. Three bids have been received to remove Village trees that are unhealthy or may impose a safety risk to residents. Everhart Tree Care LLC, Dave’s Tree Service, and Integral Tree and Landscape submitted proposals. Everhart Tree Care LLC was awarded the contract on June 24, 2013. The following trees will be removed between July 16 and 17, 2013.

Norway Maple at 16 Garden Street
 Sugar Maple at 30 Fraleigh Street
 Sugar Maple at 22 Fraleigh Street
 Sugar Maple at 39 Prince Street
 Pine tree at 14 Fisk Street
 Norway Maple at 20 Elizabeth Street

Cost to remove the trees, as included in Everhart Tree Care LLC's Proposal is \$2,800.00. Funds for this project will be deducted from the Shade Tree – Contractual Expenses Budget Line (# 8560.4).

The Village will share services with the Red Hook Town Highway Department to grind stumps, and seed areas of the former stumps.

Residents interested in replacing removed trees can contact Brenda Cagle, Brent Kovalchik or the Village Clerk. The Village Green Committee will consider all requests for its annual Spring or Fall Planting Sessions.

HIGHWAY

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

The Village Highway Department is currently conducting its new lawn debris and brush pick-up program. This program will continue until the Fall brush/leaf pick-up.

Residents are reminded to place lawn debris and brush curbside on the first and third Monday of every month for removal by the Village Highway Department. Please restrict the size of brush piles to 6'x6'x6' with tree limbs no larger than 8" in diameter. Please do not include tree trunks and debris from private property tree removal. These will be the responsibility of the property owner. Residents not honoring these restrictions may be charged a fee for removal by the Village of Red Hook.

Street culverts and catch basins will be cleaned during the week of July 8-12, 2013:

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| * Old Post Road | * Cherry Street |
| * Park Avenue | * Graves Street |
| * Church Street Extension | * Tower Street |
| * Moul Drive | |

Funds for this project will be deducted from FY2013-2014 General Fund Maintenance of Streets – Catch Basins Budget Line (# 5110.46).

Scrap metal was sold during the month of June, 2013, but the revenue has not yet been received by the Village. Total revenue generated to date for FY2013-2014 is \$0.00. Since inception of the Scrap Metal Recycling Program in September, 2007, \$14,139.86 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 the Village Clerk at 845-758-1081. The Village Highway Department will assist property owners by picking up scrap metal upon request.

ITF

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. Red Hook Sewer Project

Ariadne Prior-Grosch will present her Bard College Master's Thesis entitled, "Water Quality in the Village of Red Hook, New York: Evaluation of Possible Contamination from Septic Systems" at the Village Trustees' Meeting on July 8, 2013.

The Village, with the assistance of Village Engineers C.T. Male, is preparing a NYS Consolidated Funding Application for a NYS DEC/EFC Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant. Funding is being requested to continue the Water Quality Study, initiated by Ariadne Prior-Grosch, and to prepare an Engineer's Report to submit for scoring and inclusion on the NYS EFC's Intended Use Plan (IUP). Placement on the IUP determines eligibility for Municipal Sewer District capital funding opportunities.

A meeting was held on June 25, 2013 at the Red Hook Village Building with the Bard College Environmental and Urban Studies Administrator. Discussions included the possibility of incorporating Red Hook's land-use initiatives, smart growth principals, farmland/natural resource protection programs and municipal infrastructure (drinking water and wastewater) requirements for high-intensity developments in priority growth districts (TNDs). Research and Urban Studies projects will be conducted by Bard College undergraduates with the possible assistance from Bard College graduate level students, faculty and the Center for Civic Engagement. Tom O'Dowd (Bard College EUS Administrator) and Brent Kovalchik attended.

A meeting was held on June 26, 2013 at the Red Hook Village Building with Ariadne Prior-Grosch, Robert Flores (C.T. Male) and Brent Kovalchik to discuss testing procedures, protocol (based on NYS DOH and NYS EFC requirements), testing locations, types of testing (chemical/biological) and testing frequency of an extended (9 month) water quality study in the Village of Red Hook. The purpose of the discussions was to integrate and continue water quality studies to prepare a cost and time schedule for the NYS DEC/EFC Engineering Planning Grant Application (refer to 1a.).

2. Red Hook Water Project

A meeting was held on June 5, 2013 at the Red Hook Village Building to review the progress, sign/submit reimbursement requests, and review the status of work to be completed for the Red Hook Village Well Field Improvement and Water Meter Replacement Project. Funding eligibility, availability and application procedures from USDA-RD for Phase II of the Red Hook Village Water Project were also discussed. The

\$2.73 million project will include improvements to the water distribution system in the south/west quadrant of the Village.

The current status of Phase I (Well Field Improvement Project) includes the installation of new pipes and pump of Red Hook Village Well #9, installation of the pump house controls, trouble-shooting ground/fault controls, and refining the reception and operation of the generator, and trouble-shooting signal reception from the elevated water storage tank and well field/pump house controls. Work is on track and slightly ahead of schedule.

The current status of the Phase I Water Meter Replacement Project includes the installation of all but 98 meters (as of July 2, 2013). Residents and businesses who have not participated are encouraged to schedule an appointment with National Metering as soon as possible.

3. Red Hook Village Comprehensive Plan Amendments

The Village Board of Trustees agreed to amend the Village's Comprehensive Plan to include the Pattern Book and Architectural Design Guidelines and three (3) Illustrative Sketch Plans (proposed North Village TND, GBD Infill Development Plan, and overall Village Illustrative Sketch Plan) at the Red Hook Trustees' Workshop on June 20, 2013. George Rodenhausen (Rapport and Meyers, LLP) will be performing the work based on his proposal of May 23, 2013. The legal work will include:

- Preparation of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments;
- Preparation of Notices for Public Hearings;
- Seek referrals from DC Department of Planning and Development and the Red Hook Village Planning Board;
- Preparation of resolutions for a SEQR Determination; and
- Attendance at Public Hearings.

The Red Hook Village Comprehensive Plan was prepared in the 1970s and has been amended in the recent past to include the Chocolate Factory and NMU Districts.

The Comprehensive Plan: establishes the vision for future land-use in the Village and can be used as a guide for future zoning revisions; used during the SEQR process (i.e. if a project is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the Planning Board can propose changes to the Project for compliance) and; authorizes discretionary decisions by the Planning Board to require a project complies with the vision set forth in the Comprehensive Plan.

Work is anticipated to be complete for presentation to the Village Boards in mid-July, 2013.

The estimated cost to amend the Comprehensive Plan is \$2,145.00.

The total project cost including preliminary draft printing, twenty copies of the final draft, legal review, comprehensive plan amendments and architectural fees is approximately \$25,575.00. Total grant awards from Furthermore, HRV Greenway and NYSCA is \$24,071.30. The total obligation from the Village is approximately \$1,500.00. This obligation (approximately 6% of the total project cost) will be deducted from the General Fund Zoning – Contractual Budget Line (# 8010.4).

4. **Intermunicipal Task Force (ITF)**

The ITF met on June 7, 14 and 28, 2013 at the Red Hook Town Building.

The ITF is currently reviewing the recent recommendations of the CPF/Farmland Protection Advisory Board for PDR/CPF funding for proposed Conservation Easements and Red Hook Town Highway/Road Specifications. Road specifications are being reviewed with standards from Pace University, DC Greenway Compact and Context Sensitive Streets for the Red Hook Town TND District.

EDC/CPF-FPAC/ZRC/RHSSC/GBC-CSCC/RHLCLGC/RMS/RHT

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly reports as follows:

Red Hook Town Economic Development Committee (EDC) – Monthly Report
June, 2013 – Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RHV Liaisons

There were no EDC Meetings held during the month of June, 2013.

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

June, 2013 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

There were no CPF/FPAC Meetings held during the month of June, 2013.

Red Hook Town Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) – Monthly Report
June, 2013 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

There were no ZRC Meetings held during the month of June, 2013.

Red Hook Town/Villages of Tivoli and Red Hook Shared Services Committee – Monthly Report

June, 2013 – Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representatives/Members

The Town of Red Hook submitted an application for the Dutchess County Municipal Consolidation and Services Grant on June 27, 2013. The Town of Red Hook is the lead applicant with the Villages of Red Hook and Tivoli as co-applicants. Supervisor Sue

Crane, Red Hook Mayor Ed Blundell and Tivoli Mayor Bryan Cranna assisted in the preparation of this grant application. The \$129,000.00 grant request, if awarded, will fund a consultant to prepare a Development and Implementation of a Three Municipality Highway Shared Services Program. The Program will produce Intermunicipal Agreements for shared highway department, personal and bulk material purchases. The grant application also requests funding for the purchase of a mini-excavator to be used by all three municipalities.

Grant Award Announcements are expected on October 1, 2013.

Red Hook Green Business Challenge/Climate Smart Communities Committee – Monthly Report

June, 2013 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

There were no Climate Smart Communities Committee Meetings held during the month of June, 2013.

Red Hook Library Children’s Learning Garden Committee – Monthly Report
June, 2013 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

A Children’s Learning Garden Committee Meeting was held on June 11, 2013 at the Red Hook Library. Items discussed included:

Fund Raising – Of the \$17,000.00 cost to provide this Garden, a balance of approximately \$1,500.00 remains to be acquired. Residents or businesses interested in donating can contact Loretta Campagna or the Red Hook Library.

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| * Landscaping/Plantings | * Tables/Garden Furniture |
| * Mural | * Promotion/Marketing |
| * Use/Programming of the Garden | * Security |

The Children’s Garden Committee attended the Red Hook Village Planning Board on June 13, 2013. The Planning Board approved the Site Plan Application for the Garden.

Repaint Main Street – Promotion

The Village of Red Hook was contacted by a marketing firm representing Benjamin Moore Paint Company, for inclusion in a national competition to provide funding for Benjamin Moore paint, from a local vendor, and local contractors to repaint the General Business District of the Village. The Village agreed to participate. The Village was to be included, but the marketing team included Red Hook (Brooklyn) instead due to the severe damage they received during Hurricane Sandy. Due to the response and substitution, the Village of Red Hook (Dutchess County) will be considered for next year’s contest.

Red Hook Together – Monthly Report

June, 2013 – Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representatives/Members

A Red Hook Together Meeting was held on June 6, 2013 at the Red Hook Village Building. NYS Assemblyman Kevin Cahill attended. The following items were discussed:

RHCAN – Sculpture Expo 2013 booked an opening reception at the Elmendorph Inn on June 15, 2013. RHCAN member Rita Gentile organized and curated the exposition with assistance from Kim Gomez and Kari Feuer. The Expo will run through November, 2013.

“Exploring the Third Dimension”, a small scale sculpture exhibit at the RHCAN Gallery and Artists’ Collection opened on June 15, 2013.

Bard College Center for Civic Engagement – Maple Lane Project and Farmer/Science Summer Camp were discussed.

Red Hook Town Board – Multi-Use Trails (Bicycles/Pedestrian) were discussed.

Red Hook Town Conservation Advisory Committee – Discussed PV Panels for Bard College and improving connectivity between the Bard Campus, Red Hook Town and Red Hook Village.

Red Hook Middle School – Discussed collaborative projects with Bard College.

Red Hook Community Garden – Discussed local food/gardens programs and possible working relations with the City of Kingston, NY.

Red Hook Library – Discussed the Children’s Learning Garden and a \$50,000.00 Capital Grant Award sponsored by Assemblyman Kevin Cahill for improvements to the Red Hook Library.

Assemblyman Kevin Cahill (Assembly District 103) – Discussed possible grant programs to assist with funding various capital improvement projects including RHV Sewer Project, RHV Parking Lot, RHCAN, RH Library, etc.

Commended Red Hook Together for encouraging and providing a communications platform for all the various representative members.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mayor Blundell announced the death of long time Village resident Glenn Goldstein. Glenn had owned the Red Hook Inn several years ago, was long-time co-chair of the local Democratic Party and was an active member of the Red Hook Rotary.

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Also, of the sudden the death of Theodore (Ted) Schacklinsky – Ted was the Mayor of Red Hook for several years (1995-1999). A page will also be left blank in honor of Ted Schacklinsky.

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Mayor Blundell announced on July 2nd a movie company (Van Wormer) used the Village Hall for filming an episode of a German family show. The Village collected \$2,500.00 for the use of parts the Village Hall. They brought about 40 people with the crew and created an active economic burst for the village.

Mayor Blundell promoted and set the first meeting to create a Merchants Association – new businesses are moving into the Village and older ones exist– the goal is to develop a new entity to move toward a business improvement district where the merchants discuss and set common hours, common windows at holiday season, façade and sidewalk cleaning, joint advertising, among others. The Mayor invited print, radio and web designers to attend. A second meeting is scheduled for July 25th at 5:00 to discuss the retail businesses next steps.

Meter Replacement – Mayor Blundell stated there are 80 meters remaining to be replaced. A letter will be finalized and sent to the remaining customers. The letter states residents must respond by July 26th or further steps will be taken. A cost of \$30.00 will be added to each quarter billed to pay the increased cost of manual reads. Also, a charge will incur of \$300-400 for meter installation. Trustee Zacharzuk feels the monthly charge should be \$50.00 for residents and \$100.00 for businesses. Mayor Blundell agrees. Trustee Trapp made a motion to approve the letter with the above charge changes. Trustee Zacharzuk seconded. All were in favor.

Bids for Water Operator were reviewed by the Village Engineer – must be a 2B Operator – not all have proper credentials. CT Male will remain the Village's Water Operator until a replacement can be found.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Beekman asked if the Village funded the study from Bard Center for Environmental Policy. He does not see relevancy and feels it is a scare tactic for residents to approve Village sewer system. DM Kovalchik stated it is in the best interest of the Village to see if there is ever any contaminates in the Village water supply. Also, this study was a research project, the Village did not pay for such study. DM Kovalchik also stated that he feels it was a good will gesture for the Village. Village grants are National grants and DM Kovalchik feels the tax dollars should come back to the Village. Mr. Beekman feels that it still comes from the taxpayers. Mr. Beekman stated the Village recently dumped what was in the catch basins at the abandoned brush pile, therefore possibly affecting that area. DM Kovalchik stated the water is to be treated with an onsite treatment plant that will be funded from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Trustee Trapp asked George Beekman why if he is so concerned about Village contamination that he questions a sewer system. Trapp indicated both should have equal concerns. Mayor Blundell once again addressed the first question which is that the Village did not contribute to the cost of the village waste water study by the presenter. Also, village business owners, in particular the restaurants, cannot grow or increase business size because there is no sewer. This also limits the types of new businesses the village can attract. At this point the Village is looking at reports and

studies that will lead the Village in the proper direction of positive growth. Most all of what the Village does in the form of studies comes through grants.

Mr. Beekman stated all grant money comes from the taxpayers and it costs more because we have to pay prevailing wage. He was advised that prevailing wage does not apply to studies. DM Kovalchik stated that if the Village of Red Hook does not use the grant money it will just go to another municipality. Also all non-professional work done for the Village must be done at prevailing wage, that is the law. Mayor Blundell reiterated that grant money is the best option and stated that the Board is trying to be proactive in keeping up the water system so that it is able to deliver the safe, clean water consistent with NYS and County DOH standards.

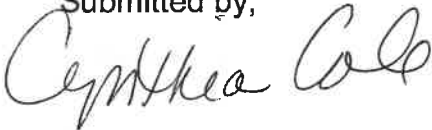
Trustee Trapp pointed out that Ariadne's study was very careful to point out the study had inadequacies and the testing was not scientific.

Mayor Blundell re-announced on July 19th the Village will show the movie Back to the Future with a large screen donated by Rhinebeck Rentals.

Trustee Trapp made a motion to pay bills after audit. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,



Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer