

Village of Red Hook
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 22, 2018 7 PM

Clerk Chiarella had posted and noticed an announcement for a Special Board Meeting so the tentative budget could be distributed to Board Members by 3-31-18.

PRESENT : Mayor Blundell; DM Kovalchik, Tr. Trapp and Tr Norris. Absent was Tr. Laing. Clerk Chiarella not present due to other schedule demand.

Mayor Blundell opened the meeting at 7 pm, explain that he had made minor modifications to the tentative budget work done together on March 15, 2018. In particular the Sewer Admin line was increased in General and some more details added in the new Sewer Budget. This budget was then turned in, per rules, to the Clerk on 3-29-18. Secondary task is for Clerk to distribute to the Board by 3-31-18. Since the final week of March has a lot of people traveling and out of town we called the Special Meeting, to distribute the budget documents.

Mayor Blundell indicated that we will soon need to start union talks with the Highway Dept. since that contract expires at end of May 2018. Meeting dates are set with union.

In line with that, Blundell indicated need to review wage status of non-union staff and make steps to keep competitive. Some Board members expressed concern that staff raises need to consider value of health care and increased costs. Blundell indicated new budget has both in consideration.

Dep. Mayor Kovalchik indicated he will need to revise the roster of Village Green volunteers before the re-org meeting in April..

Mayor Blundell advised Board that Key Bank wants to address us about handicap parking needs at their location and in particular a street based option. They are currently in front of the Planning board with an idea to pave part of the "green lot" and make a third access lane near the drive-thru teller section. Street idea is to dedicate handicap parking on the curb area of Rt. 199, a state road and make sidewalk and curb changes. Tr. Trapp pulled some info from the web that indicated this is no easy task and we will need DOT involved as well.

Mayor Blundell reminded Board that April meeting will be busy with re-org and budget public hearing; plus regular business. We will suggest that Key Bank meet us in a workshop format.

Meeting adjourned by motion of Kovalchik.
Minutes taken by Mayor Blundell