

VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2020
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Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Norris and Clerk/Treasurer Chiarella.

Mayor Blundell started the meeting with a discussion in regards expenses for the CEO/ZEO being over budget. One reason is we are enforcing two major violations that are billed separately from the retainer. Currently this department is contracted out and under the supervision of Gary Beck (Z3). We are looking to re-design in some fashion by using Fire Inspector Clark Kimble and Secretary Lara Hart with an associate who would be on our payroll. Blundell met with a replacement candidate. This search will continue.

Mayor Blundell stated in February 2016 a resolution was passed for a Negative Declaration to dispense 35,000 gallons of wastewater a day. In the course of project design the size of the service area was further confirmed and will need 50,000 gpd discharge and that data has been submitted to DEC for the SPDES permit. We had our engineers and lawyers look at the matter and we need to amend the initial Neg Dec. Today's submitted resolution increases the 35,000 to 50,000 of wastewater daily. That is the only change in the Neg. Dec. Board reviewed items and concept.

RESOLUTION 3-2020 - Adopt And Amended Negative Declaration (SEQR)

A meeting of the Village of Red Hook was convened in public session at the Village Hall, 7467 South Broadway, Red Hook, New York on January 16, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blundell and, upon roll being called, the following were present:

The following Resolution was offered by _____, seconded by _____, to wit:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AN AMENDED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

RESOLUTION # 3- 2020

Whereas the Village of Red Hook sits over a valuable aquifer that provides water to village residents, town residents, business owners and farmers; and

Whereas a vibrant village requires a modern infrastructure and the Village of Red Hook desires to promote ecological and economic sustainability; and

Whereas the Village of Red Hook is pursuing the construction of a municipal sewer system in the general business district and contiguous areas as defined in the map of proposed sewer service area available at Village Hall (the “Project”); and

Whereas, on November 9, 2015, the Village Board of Trustees classified the project as a Type I action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), and declared its intent to serve as lead agency in a coordinated review of the action, to which no other agency objected; and

Whereas, on February 8, 2016, the Village Board of Trustees adopted a negative declaration, finding that the Project would not result in any significant adverse impacts and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (“DEIS”) would not be prepared; and

Whereas, the Project has been modified to increase the potential discharge from the wastewater treatment plant to a maximum of 50,000 gallons per day from a maximum of 35,000 gallons per day (the “Amended Project”); and

Whereas, the design change would allow the system to accommodate future growth; and
Whereas, the Village’s consulting engineer, C.T. Male Associates, has provided the Village with a letter dated December 19, 2019 addressing potential environmental impacts associated with the Amended Project; and

Whereas, the Village Board of Trustees has considered the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7 and thoroughly analyzed all identified relevant areas of environmental concern.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook as follows:

1. The Board of Trustees hereby determines that the Amended Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, reaffirms its negative declaration adopted on February 8, 2016 and adopts the attached Amended Notice of Determination of Significance.
2. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide copies of the attached Amended Notice of Determination of Significance to the Mayor, all involved and interested agencies, and to the Environmental Notice Bulletin for publication.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve Resolution 3-2020 as submitted. DM Kovalchik seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Water Rates – Senior Rate Discussion

Mayor Blundell indicated our Senior Water rate qualification process is handled by the Town Assessor when they do the Senior tax exemption paper work. We need to update our code on this but it will require more than a motion since it embodied in the code. We will continue to work on it and in that regard, set a Public Hearing for the next board meeting as well. Clerk will notice out to the Freeman. Blundell will work with counsel and others to research next steps. Blundell moved to set the PH for 2-10-20, after the Zoning PH. Trustee Trapp seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to begin 2020-2021 budget meetings February 20, 2020 and extend 4 weeks. DM Kovalchik seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Blundell began discussions on moving forward in finding replacements for the position of Clerk and Treasurer. The position of Clerk/Treasurer will most likely be split up. Craig's List will be an option and a mention on the Village Web site too. Discussions will continue.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:25 to discuss personnel. DM Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor. Clerk Chiarella left the meeting.

8:45 Mayor Blundell made a motion to reconvene into regular session. DM Kovalchik seconded this motion. All were in favor.

DM Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Chiarella