

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK BOARD MEETING
VIA RING CENTRAL
JULY 13, 2020**

Present: Mayor Ed Blundell, Deputy Mayor Bent Kovalchik, Trustee Jay Trapp, Trustee Jennifer Norris, Trustee Charles Laing and Village Clerk, Lara Hart

Mayor Blundell stated the Village is in compliance with remote meetings per Executive Order 202.1 and 202.48. Meeting was noticed with media, website and at the Village Hall.

Mayor Blundell opened the July 13, 2020 Board Meeting via ring central at 7 pm with a moment of silence for First Responders and Essential Workers during Covid-19.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve Village Board minutes dated June 8, 2020 and Village Workshop minutes June 18, 2020. Motion seconded by Trustee Trapp. All were in favor. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

GENERAL FUND	\$1,356,655.91
WATER FUND	\$ 70,693.84
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 19,152.65
PETTY CASH	\$ 71.36
VILLAGE GREEN	\$ 4,149.92
HARDSCRABBLE	\$ 4,243.11
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 7,470.41
SEWER FUND	\$ 30,260.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 00.00

RESERVE CHECKING BALANCES:

FIRE DEPARTMENT (M&T)	\$ 5,025.92
POLICE (M&T)	\$ 14,436.67
USDA (M&T)	\$ 110,593.91
HIGHWAY (M&T)	\$ 20,756.19
SNOW RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 3,229.80
TOWER RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 17,702.81
UNEMPLOYMENT (M&T)	\$ 5,516.71
COURT RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 3,271.47
OFFICE RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 945.96

MONTHLY EXPENSES:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 308,481.92
WATER FUND	\$ 26,703.76
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 19,152.65
SEWER	\$ 00.00

Mayor Blundell advised that general fund payments included the Fire Department/Fire Service Protection Contract and property/liability insurance. Those are set for payment early in the fiscal year and large amounts, but budgeted properly.

Mayor Blundell reported that the vouchers had been signed by three Trustees. He advised Trustees that the usual voucher top sheet was now prepared and would require their signature.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as submitted by the Village Treasurer.

ROLL CALL:

- Member Trapp – yes**
- Member Norris - yes**
- Deputy Mayor Kovalichik – yes**
- Member Laing - yes**

All in favor. Motion approved.

POLICE

Mayor Blundell read the Police Report as follows:

	<i>Village of Red Hook</i>	<i>Town of Red Hook</i>	<i>Tivoli</i>
Incidents: 498	345	148	5
UTT’s: 62	44	14	
Arrests: 7	4	3	

Mayor Blundell stated Police Department incidents are high due to security checks being completed during COVID.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp advised that the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development will hold their next Planning Federation Presentation – Skills That Make Great Board Members, to be held virtually, on Thursday, July 16, 2020 from 6-8pm. Link can be found at Dutchess County Planning and Development website. Secretary Hart advised that she received the link and forwarded to PB/ZBA Members.

Trustee Trapp read the Planning/Zoning report as follows:

Building Permits:	9
Certificate of Occupancy:	1
Certificate of Compliance:	5
Complaints:	1

\$1,262.40 was collected in fees.

Trustee Trapp advised there will be meeting this Thursday for Police Department Reform and Reinvention Coalition in line with Governor and NYS. Mayor Blundell confirmed and advised that they will be working with the County and that the first meeting will be via Zoom.

MATERIAL MANAGEMENT

Trustee Norris read the reports as follows:

For the month of June we sold \$3,348 in garbage tags and paid out \$1,077.50. We had 9.64 tons of garbage and 3.88 tons of recycling: 1.63 tons of newspaper, .97 tons of cardboard and 1.28 tons of comingled.

EVENTS

Due to COVID Hardscrabble has been postponed until 2021.

Trustee Norris advised that the Historic Red Hook, The Red Hook Community Center and the Red Hook Library are working towards creating a virtual event to be held on Saturday, September 12th. Ideas can be emailed to: media@historicredhook.org

Trustee Trapp asked if the funds in the Hardscrabble line would be carried over to next year. Mayor Blundell advised that they can be used for pop-up events to be held at a later date possibly in October, November of this year.

Mayor Blundell encouraged residents to purchase Village garbage/recycling tags and be part of our system.

WATER

Trustee Laing read the following water report:

- During the month of June, the water treatment facility treated 9,316,100 total gallons, which is an average of 310,500 gallons per day. Trustee Laing felt this number was high and that the chart is showing it is not going in the right direction.
- All bacteriological samples for the month were collected and transported to Smith Environmental Laboratory, Hyde Park NY.
- During the month of June, the water treatment plant used 94 gallons of sodium hypochlorite. The average daily use was 3.13 gallons per day.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read reports as follows:

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK -VILLAGE GREEN COMMITTEE (VGC)
MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE, 2020**

1. The current balances of the Village Green Committee’s related budget accounts, as of May 31, 2020, are as follows:

- Community Beautification – Contractual Expenses (#8510.4)
Balance \$ 4,000.00
- Shade Tree – Contractual Expenses (#8560.4)
Balance \$10,500.00

2. The Village will be removing trees along street right-of-ways beginning July, 2020. The Village Highway Department received estimates from Dave’s Tree Service and Craig Kurkela Arborist, Inc. The trees were evaluated by a certified arborist. Eleven trees were considered extremely dangerous and should be considered a high priority due to their lack of structural integrity. Dave’s Tree Service was awarded the contract for tree removal. The estimated cost of \$8,900.00 will be deducted from the Shade Tree – Contractual Expenses (#8560.4) General Fund budget line. Trees on the following properties are scheduled for removal:

- * 19 Fisk Street
- * 4 Bassett Lane
- * 16 Phillips Street
- * 32 Phillips Street
- * 22 Fraleigh Street
- * 36 Church Street
- * 3 Cambridge Drive
- * Red Hook Storage

3. There were no Village Green Committee Meetings held during the Month of June, 2020.

4. Residents and businesses interested in having a tree(s) planted on their adjacent right-of-ways, volunteering for planting days, making a donation to support the VGC’s various community beautification projects, may contact David Pearson, Brent Kovalchik or the Village Clerk.

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK -HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE, 2020**

The Village Highway Department is picking up leaves and brush every first Monday of the month.

Residents are reminded to place lawn debris and brush, in separate piles, curbside and not in the road. Please limit the size of brush piles to 6’ x 6’ x 6’ with tree branches no larger than 6” in diameter. Brush that includes tree trunks, stumps, grass clippings, garbage and construction material will not be picked up. Grass clippings are no longer accepted.

The Village Board is considering purchasing a new truck (cab and chassis) for the Highway, Water, and Material Maintenance Departments to replace existing truck #14. The existing truck’s dump body will be re-used and installed on the new truck. The estimated cost of \$44,431.80 for a 2020 Dodge Ram

5500 with a gas-fueled engine was received from Robert Green Truck Division (State Contractor) on March 3, 2020. The Village Board is considering the allocation of funds from the Highway Reserve Account, Maintenance of Streets – Capital Outlay (5510.02), CHIPS (5110.03), Water Fund (E8340.2), the Snow Equipment Reserve Account, and revenue from the sale of the existing truck to pay for the new truck. A small loan is also being considered to supplement the funding package.

The Village received the NYS Department of Transportation’s Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) allocation for FY2020-2021 (6/11/20) on June 16, 2020. According to the memo, the amounts authorized by the State for these programs, however, may be subject to a reduction of up to 20% as a result of impacts from the COVID-19 Pandemic. The following amounts have been allocated to the Village of Red Hook from the State of New York:

CHIPS	
2020-2021 Apportionment	\$ 40,223.32
Cumulative Rollover Balance	<u>\$ 93,244.35</u>
Total Balance	\$133,467.67

PAVE NY	
2020-2021 Apportionment	\$ 9,181.38
Cumulative Rollover Balance	<u>\$ 27,563.33</u>
Total Balance	\$ 36,744.71

Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR)	
2020-2021 Apportionment	\$ 7,183.48
Cumulative Rollover Balance	<u>\$ 14,366.96</u>
Total Balance	\$ 21,550.44

Estimates to repair catch basins and street intersections were received from Frank Vosburgh and Sons, Inc. on May 31, 2020. The following projects to be considered include:

Install one dry well ring at the intersection of Prince and Phillips Street	\$ 1,550.00
Install two dry well rings and repair blacktop at the end of Moul Drive	\$ 3,500.00
Cut out and blacktop the intersection of Park Avenue and Church Street Extension	\$ 2,400.00
Dig out, prepare area, and blacktop three car parking spaces at Richard Abrahams Memorial Park on Park Avenue	<u>\$ 3,800.00</u>
Total	\$11,250.00

Funds for these improvements will be deducted from the FY2020-2021 CHIPS (#5110.03) and Maintenance of Streets – Contractual Expenses – Street Maintenance (#5110.42) General Fund Budget Lines.

Deputy Mayor Kovalichik asked Mayor Blundell if Trustee approval was needed on these expenditures and feels funds are available for both the truck and road repair.

Mayor Blundell advised discussions were had with the truck and is significant and they are still monitoring CHIPS with a possible 25% reduction and can revisit this issue later but wants to be secure with allocating; but the Vosburgh bill can be paid as this needs to be done and was in the plan and budget.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a Motion to approve the estimate from Frank Vosburgh & Sons in the amount of \$11,250.00 for the repair of various dry wells, blacktop and 3 new blacktop parking spaces at Abrahams Memorial Park. Motion seconded by Mayor Blundell.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Laing- yes

Trustee Norris – yes

Trustee Trapp – yes

Trustee Kovalchik – yes

Mayor Blundell - yes

All in favor. Motion approved.

1. Revenue from the sale of scrap metal was received on June 15, 2020, in the amounts of \$322.40 and \$695.00 (total \$1,017.40). Total revenue generated in FY2020-2021 is \$1,017.40. Since inception of the Scrap Metal Recycling Program in September, 2007, \$32,519.52 has been generated.

Proceeds from this program go toward the purchase of tools and equipment for the Highway, Water and Materials Management Departments. Residents or businesses interested in donating scrap metal may contact the Highway Department (845-758-8600) or the Village Clerk (845-758-1081). Highway Department personnel will assist property owners by picking up scrap metal upon request.

**INTERMUNICIPAL TASK FORCE (ITF)
RED HOOK INFRASTRUCTURE
MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE, 2020**

1. Red Hook Sewer Project

- a. Meetings were held, via telephone conference calls, on June 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2020. Kathryn Serra (C.T. Male Associates), Victoria Polidoro (Rodenhausen, Chale and Polidoro, LLP), Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik participated. The following items were discussed:
 - Easements for the property located at 34 East Market Street have been signed by the property owner.
 - The Acquisition Map, for the property located at 64-66 East Market Street has been filed with the Dutchess County Clerk's Office pursuant to a Decision and Order (5/13/20) by the Dutchess County Supreme Court and pursuant to the Eminent Domain Procedure Law.
 - An agreement has been reached with the property owners of 23 East Market Street. Final signatures are forthcoming.

- Easements, once finalized, need to be filed with Dutchess County, the final terms of the Letter of Conditions need to be finalized and approved by USDA-RD.
- Bidding documents have been approved by USDA-RD.
- The Donation Agreement between Red Hook Commons Sewage Works Corporation and the Village of Red Hook was approved by the Board of Trustees on June 18, 2020.
- Construction Schedule – The Village of Red Hook anticipates advertising for bids in July, 2020. A 60 day bid period will be followed by reviewing and awarding the construction contracts/agreements. Once the contracts have been awarded, an eighteen month construction period is anticipated. Substantial completion is expected by the end of December, 2021.

2. Route 9/Old Farm Road Water Loop Project

- a. The Village Board of Trustees approved Resolution #15 on June 18, 2020 authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute various easements and contracts.

The Water Loop Project will connect “dead end” water mains to provide more efficient, safe and easily maintained municipal water distribution to properties along Old Farm Road (Traditions, Red Hook Land Corporation) and properties on the east side of Route 9 (Baright Realty) north of the M&T Bank. The costs associated with the project, including engineering services and construction, will be paid by private property owners in the project area benefitting from Village municipal water connections. Costs for permitting and construction oversight by RH Village Engineers will be paid by the Village of Red Hook.

3. Village of Red Hook Water/Sewer Administrative Improvement Project

- a. A conference call with C3ND Environmental Consulting was held on June 12, 2020. Fernando Dongo, Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik participated. The following items were discussed:
 - C3ND Environmental Consulting and Rural Water discussed water leaks in several areas of the Village, including Knollwood Commons, Red Hook Estates (Cambridge/Hamilton Drive) and the Red Hook Community Center. C3ND prepared a list of potential problems, pinpointed leaks and recommended actions of recourse.
 - The Village will be flushing fire hydrants in July. During flushing, there may be a brief reduction in water pressure and slight discoloration in the water. Official notifications of flushing locations and times will be posted in the Kingston Daily Freeman and on the Village’s website and Twitter account.
 - The Red Hook Village/Red Hook Town water system interconnection will be tested during the week of July 6, 2020. A slight reduction in water pressure may be noticed by residents and businesses.

4. Intermunicipal Task Force (ITF)

Charlie Laing and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representatives/Members

- a. There were no ITF Meetings held during the month of June, 2020.

Town of Red Hook Zoning Review Committee (RHT – ZRC) – Monthly Report
June, 2020 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

- a. There were no RHT – ZRC Meetings held during the month of June, 2020.

Community Preservation Fund (CPF) Advisory Board – Monthly Report
June, 2020 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

- a. There were no CPF Advisory Board Meetings held during the month of June, 2020.
- b. The current balance of the Community Preservation Fund, as of June 30, 2020, is \$1,418,653.24.

Saw Kill Watershed Community (SKWC) – Monthly Report
June, 2020 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Board of Trustees Representative

- a. There were no SKWC Meetings held during the month of June, 2020.
- b. Issue 8 (June 12, 2020) of the SKWC Newsletter was circulated. Articles include:
 - “A Continuing Battle for Clean Water” – Karen Schneller-McDonald
- c. Issue 9 (June 24, 2020) of the SKWC Newsletter was circulated. Articles include:
 - “Connected Through Flora: Montgomery Place” – Grace Carter
 - “The Season for a Safe Yard and Clean Water” – Karen Schneller-McDonald
 - “Staying Cool in the Time of Coronavirus” – Julia Gloninger

Town of Red Hook Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Working Group – Monthly Report
June, 2020 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

- a. The LWRP Working Group held virtual meetings (via Zoom) on June 11, 16, 23 and 30, 2020. The following are amended sections of the Red Hook Town LWRP: Section 2: Inventory and Analysis including:
 - A. Overview
 - B. Existing Land Uses
 - C. Physical Features
 - D. Historic and Scenic Features
 - E. Zoning
 - F. Recreation and Open Space Areas
 - G. Coastal Access Points
 - H. Utilities
 - I. Transportation
 - J. Sea Level Rise

Northern Dutchess Alliance (NDA) Executive Committee – Monthly Report
June, 2020 – Brent Kovalchik – Local Government Representative

- a. There were no NDA Executive Committee Meetings held during the month of June, 2020.

Village of Red Hook Zoning Review Committee (RHV – ZRC) – Monthly Report
June, 2020 – Ray Towle, Larissa Delango, Jay Trapp and Brent Kovalchik – Members

- a. There were no RHV – ZRC Meetings held during the month of June, 2020.
- b.

Mayor Blundell spoke about a County 239-m review of the ZRC's recommendation and said guests were present tonight on this issue.

Mayor Blundell reminded all of the ZRC recommendations to the Village Board including SEQR and 239 - m review for the GB District to be extended out on East Market Street which would eliminate the Highway Business District (HB), which the Board felt was in the best interest of the Village, and re-shape the NMU District bringing it up more on South Broadway. Mayor Blundell spoke about 239-m rejection and comments from the County and had asked the ZRC to review again. This included hiring a planner to help with County's suggestions/issues.

Mayor Blundell said one problem at the County level is that we are not trying to change the overall comprehensive plan but to look at a piece of our Zoning. Mayor Blundell asked for comments from Trustee Trapp and/or Deputy Mayor Kovalchik who are on the ZRC.

Mayor Kovalchik said when the ZRC meet they were clear on what they wanted to do; and acknowledges comments were received from the County, but they feel this was a good opportunity to expand the business district and they will be meeting with a Planner.

Trustee Trapp advised that he felt the comments that were of the most interest were for the expansion of general business district and the question of if demographic studies were done and as a Board we understand there is limited space for general business and quoted John Clarke "you have to set the framework in place and allow it to grow" and they are trying to set the framework in place for when the sewer expands and to help the Village to be vibrant and stronger.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik said they are trying to follow the comprehensive plan and make a more walkable community and keep the small town rural character.

Mayor Blundell said the process we began with our ZRC had led to a Package type change which included the text of the change and related public hearings. The County had concerns with the GB change and that the NMU issue was intertwined so the NMU is part of the same effort and cannot be independently worked on.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Mayor Blundell spoke on the following:

1. He reminded all that our meeting is held in accordance with Executive Orders.
2. ZBA/PB Vacancies. Mayor Blundell said they have been recruiting candidates and have some strong candidates lined up. There is one vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Upon appointment of Ray Towle to Treasurer, it has been the underlying stance that he would leave his position on the Planning Board. Blundell asked that present Planning Board member Ray Towle, who is now the Village Treasurer formally resign from the PB so there is an opening. Mayor Blundell said there is no ethical issue with him serving on the PB but we'd prefer not to do that. Mayor Blundell said this will be discussed at Workshop meeting on Thursday, July 16th. Mr. Towle asked if he should resign prior to next PB Meeting to be held on August 13th. Mayor Blundell said yes so as to time it out and appoint someone at the Workshop meeting so we continue to have a full Boards.
3. Water - Mayor Blundell revisited Trustee Laing's report and comment regarding water consumption graphs/data and gallons per day being pumped. He advised that Village operators and the highway crew did look for obvious reasons and felt they have come to some conclusions. We used Rural Water for leak detect and found a few suspect hydrants but they are replaced or repaired. Consumption is being pushed by people being home from COVID and using more water than if the families were in normal routines., billing info confirms more consumption. Mayor Blundell feels we are in a drought condition but there is no indication of dry wells, but would ask that something be posted to residents on water restrictions. Our water operator and engineers have advised that well condition data is not flowing to the automated controls. Mayor Blundell did express concerns about the automation not telling us the well levels and has tasked the department to correct that immediately.

Mayor Blundell said the restrictions notice can be added to the Village website and felt that they should put off the hydrant flushing on July 13th.

Mayor Blundell did advise that the School does use a private well for field watering.

Deputy Kovalchik felt this was a combination of a lot of things including consumption increases and irrigating.

Trustee Laing felt one thing that stands out about usage report is the variability. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik advised this was due to the SCADA system on the wells. Mayor Blundell feels there is lot of non-logical answers, and that the operators are ruling out major faults in the infrastructure and that it is something technical, we need solutions - the Board does not want to revisit this every month. Trustee Trapp advised the Village spend a great deal of money to provide this access to data and if it not working someone needs to repair to get the product that was paid for. Mayor Blundell agreed.

Mayor Blundell spoke on the interconnect system and that they are still working on that.

Mayor Blundell said they should have more data on Thursday and if necessary we can get notice out on Panda and Website.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik asked if they made any comparison as to how much water we are selling vs. what is being pumped. Mayor Blundell said it supports that COVID has had an impact, but indicated we sold 14,043,000 gallons and the last quarter was 11.1 million- which indicates roughly 3 million more gallons SOLD (which means it went through a meter and was priced and no in ground leaks) which is a 33% increase, which indicates during COVID people are using more water. Consumption was discussed.

Trustee Trapp said he is aware of more gardens this year and people staying at home and watering more.

Mayor Blundell said a final call will be made at Thursday's workshop meeting.

4. Redesign news - Mayor Blundell discussed new office hours 11-4 – posted on door; looking at a reduced revenue and remaining remote; website being reviewed to make more modern;
5. Police Requirements – Exec Order 203 – Mayor Blundell advised this will begin this Thursday and they will be working with the County and will discuss community dialogue type meetings.
6. Court Study Update – Mayor Blundell advised they are looking at a court shared services program but is not looking to consolidate court operations but need to look at staffing, hours, how to best get service to court customers and work with the Town.
7. Mural – Mayor Blundell said there have been 2 sessions held – 1st session they utilized the Dutchess County Human Rights Commission as facilitator to include the artists, Bard historian, County historian and the property owner. Mural is located on Route 199- Rt. 9 corner - where Yum Yum is located and owned by Baright which mural was painted by a local artist. Mural was painted over which was an independent decision of the property owner and everything in the case showed owner's plan to redesign and reformat overall look of his building and reached out to Historic Red Hook who was offered to do photo archiving before being painted over. Mayor Blundell said this was privately owned and no public, Village or Town money used to do painting and funds came from local businesses. 2nd session included the activists and the parties named above; it went well and they did express direct personal encounters they had in Red Hook with racism. It seemed that most happened in or around school settings, which happened in their adolescent school years, and many did get reported to school officials back then. The incidents clearly had deep and lasting impact on the victims. Now, and under this Administration in the Village, incidents reported to us are taken very seriously and dealt with, and that we are allies in the fight against racism and we are not adversaries. Mayor Blundell said another session be held next week and possibly with some sort of continuing dialog.

8. Executive Session – Mayor Blundell advised this will be addressed at the July 16th Workshop Meeting.

Mayor Blundell said they will hold a Workshop on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

#1. Dennis and Lisa Griffin.

Ms. Griffin spoke about her concerns with the zoning changes delay at the NMU on So. Broadway. This affects her business plans, Griff's Deli, that operates in the R Zone. Going back last year they were led to believe by the Board that this change to NMU was not going to be a big deal. She feels expanding the District in the initial change a decade ago should have included them because there are 5 parcels in the middle in the NMU Zone, 4 of which are businesses right now. Ms. Griffin feels that they based a lot of decisions on what this Board was leading them to believe which was what in a couple of months this issue should be resolved. Ms. Griffin said then they find out this was included with the change on East Market and asked why they cannot be separate, because they feel the big issue is the GB change. Ms. Griffin asked why such a hold up and feels this should have been concluded a long time ago.

Deputy Kovalchik clarified that at the original zoning change years ago, the boundaries of the current NMU Zone replaced the old M Zone which was manufacturing, so they were never excluded, but never were included in the old manufacturing zone and therefore those properties were not left out.

Mr. Griffen said he was looking at the Zoning map and said those 5 properties are fronted by Route 9 and are bounded north and south by the NMU so seems logical to make the whole frontage on Route 9 NMU and asked who has the final decision. Trustee Trapp said we do. Trustee Trapp said with the cautionary language that came from County Planning it would then give rise to a greater possibility of overturning their decision should we move forward and override their concerns without having a planner review and make a stronger case, they could decide to vote in, with a super majority vote, and saw no problem with a super majority, but if someone filed an Article 78 down the line it would make it a lot easier saying the County didn't want it and no planner looked at it, so then we spent all this time moving forward and all this money moving through this process and then we get 6-8 months and possibly it overturned we need to make sure we dot our i's & cross our t's in this process.

Mayor Blundell explained that when the negative 239m review comments came back it was lengthy and detailed and really unexpected. Ms. Griffin said they have been patient and based a lot of decision on this and now that it is lumped in they are out in the cold with no recourse and would have appreciated being told there were problems. Ms. Griffin feels the County would not have a problem with that southern part of the Village and are asking the Board to separate the two. Mayor Blundell said the Village moved through a lot of details with them combined, and if separated now, it involves starting from the beginning with new the public hearings, SEQR, etc needing to be redone and we never expected these negative 239m review comments.

Ms. Griffin said this has been a year and they are in limbo and they were trying to sell and put off listing and lost 2 sales based on what this Board has been telling us for one year. Mayor Blundell said it was lumped and that is what it is. Mr. Griffen asked if it could un-lumped. Trustee Trapp said that would be starting all over again and lengthier than sitting it out as is.

Mr. Griffen asked if they could see a copy of the report. Mayor Blundell felt it was public information and to submit a FOIL request. Mr. Griffen asked if they can have access to the Planner when hired. Mayor Blundell felt no real need or basis for that. Trustee Trapp advised they could contract Heather LaVarway, Senior Planner, at Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development.

#2. Melkorka Kjarval:

Ms. Kjarval spoke on the mural issue and advised the Town committed to 2 people on the Committee, and asked if the Village planned on any commitment to investigate issues. Mayor Blundell said the Town Committee is to look at internal, institutional processes for racial bias and not a mural review committee. We are in communication on that project and getting more details. The Village will move further into more dialog with the mural petitioners, but it's not solely a Village governmental effort. We are taking an active interest and role to eradicate racism and its impact on the Village and its residents or visitors. Facebook comments on racism in Red Hook. Mayor Blundell said he does not see this rising to a formal separate committee.

Police issues in Tivoli were discussed. Ms. Kjarval said there were things about the Red Hook Police in Tivoli and feels there is an issue. Trustee Trapp said the Red Hook Police have not been in Tivoli for a while now.

Mayor Blundell spoke on the recent zoom dialog in Tivoli regarding the Police issues there. It was monitored by us. Blundell advised that the Village does not patrol or contract with the Village of Tivoli and it is covered by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department, and the Village can end up there under 911 polling.

Mayor Blundell reminded Trustees to stop in Village Hall to sign the top sheet for vouchers.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to pay bills after audit. Motion seconded by Trustee Trapp. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the July 13, 2020 Village Board Meeting at 8:44pm. Motion seconded by Mayor Blundell. All in favor. Motion approved.

Submitted by,

Lara Hart
Clerk