

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK BOARD MEETING
VIA RING CENTRAL
SEPTEMBER 14, 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 202.5. Meeting was noticed with media, website and at the Village Hall.

Mayor Blundell opened the September 14, 2020 Village Board Meeting via ring central at 7:02 pm with a moment of silence for Essential Workers / First Responders during Covid-19.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve Village Board minutes dated August 10, 2020 and Village Workshop minutes dated August 20, 2020. Motion seconded by Trustee Trapp. All were in favor.

ROLL CALL:

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik – yes

Trustee Trapp –yes

Trustee Norris – yes

Trustee Laing- yes

Motion approved.

Mayor Blundell spoke on the passing of Kathleen Triebel and asked that a blank page be left in her memory.

Mayor Blundell spoke about dedicating a tree planting and plaque in Memory of Ms. Triebel at one of the Parks.

IN
MEMORY
OF
KATHLEEN TRIEBEL

TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

GENERAL FUND	\$1,026,831.94
WATER FUND	\$ 77,195.21
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 19,749.68
PETTY CASH	\$ 57.75
VILLAGE GREEN	\$ 4,149.92
HARDSCRABBLE	\$ 3,683.11
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 3,307.99
SEWER FUND	\$ 28,760.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 00.00

RESERVE CHECKING BALANCES:

FIRE DEPARTMENT (M&T)	\$ 5,028.46
POLICE (M&T)	\$ 14,571.03
USDA (M&T)	\$ 108,912.90
HIGHWAY (M&T)	\$ 20,766.68
SNOW RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 3,278.46
TOWER RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 17,705.80
UNEMPLOYMENT (M&T)	\$ 4,542.69
COURT RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 3,297.55
OFFICE RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 972.22

MONTHLY EXPENSES:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 103,859.13
WATER FUND	\$ 63,822.28
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 19,749.68
SEWER	\$ 00.00

Mayor Blundell advised that water fund payments included Phase II Water principal and interest and budgeted properly.

Mayor Blundell advised that being 2.5 months into fiscal year (29%) and looking at expenses and revenue everything is holding in pattern.

Mayor Blundell said they discuss water repairs later and reminded that water billing goes out and that replenishes that fund

Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted by the Village Treasurer. Motion seconded by Trustee Trapp. 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: 392	250	138	4
UTT's: 98	60	38	
Arrests: 10	6	9	

Mayor Blundell spoke on the speed trailer that is placed and that it is giving nice data and will remind the Police Department to continue with placement with School starting, and to generate a digital report for future meetings.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp said there was a virtual Dutchess County Planning Board of Directors Meeting last week and they are down a couple of members and looking for folks to come in; scheduling meetings is getting easier due to being virtual and being able to schedule any time and that they have purchased an annual subscription to Zoom Video Meetings which allows up to 500 attendees and up to 100 presenters and a couple of hosts and there is no interaction with viewing only, but you can type in to the host, Heather LaVarway, whose questions will be read out. Trustee Trapp said this will be their platform and are still trying to get Ann and Ken Kearney to do affordable housing but there are still issues; and they are still working on their fall presentation schedule.

Trustee Trapp said all Members met with the Zoning Review Committee and went over revisions and had discussions with Michele Greig to put together a Neg. Dec. for SEQR to move forward. Trustee Trapp said nothing has changed just some ideas, tweaks and adding revisions to some definitions and take a lot or 2 out and put a lot in, but working well.

Trustee Trapp advised \$3,475.00 was collected in fees which is really good for these times.

Secretary Hart read the Planning/Zoning report as follows:

Building Permits:	5
Certificate of Occupancy:	1
Certificate of Compliance:	4
Municipal Searches:	4
Complaints:	1 – Eldridge Lane (property maintenance)
Order to Remedy:	0
Fire Inspections:	9

MATERIAL MANAGEMENT

Trustee Norris read the reports as follows:

For the month of July we sold \$2,106 in garbage tags and paid out \$982.62. We had 9.13 tons of garbage and 4.11 tons of recycling: 1.42 tons of newspaper; .47 tons of cardboard and 2.22 tons of comingled.

EVENTS

Trustee Norris advised that the Virtual Hardscrabble day event went well and videos will be available on YouTube and Facebook soon and thanked the Red Hook Public Library and Historic Red Hook.

Trustee Norris advised that she and the Mayor have been speaking about Halloween but cannot see any logistical way to make it safe.

Mayor Blundell said he has spoken with Highway Foreman, Dan Streib, who advised that we need to remind residents that with when recycling co-mingle that newspaper must be separate from the cardboard; and to make sure that glass, bottles and cans are not mixed with any odd items that are not accepted for recycling. These issues can financially hurt the Village in penalty when calculated at the recycling center.

Mayor Blundell spoke on Halloween and feels that the Village cannot do normal Halloween events even with safety precautions and does not feel merchants are ready yet. Mayor Blundell feels the State will also give guidance as to Halloween.

WATER

Trustee Laing read the following water report:

- During the month of July, the water treatment facility treated 9,846,100 total gallons, which is an average of 317,600 gallons per day. Trustee Laing felt there were still concerns about water leakage and use.
- 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 95 gallons of sodium hypochlorite. The average daily use was 3.06 gallons per day.

Trustee Laing read from a daily volumes report wherein one day it recorded 469,900 gallons which is huge and feels the Village still needs to research this.

Mayor Blundell did remind that the Village has hired Northeast Water who is marking out areas with sophisticated equipment. Mayor Blundell said they are working on a separate theory with commercial accounts and use of compound meters and if they are properly coded into the software billing and manual meter accounts will be worked on. Trustee Trapp asked if it was like what happened at the well field with Central Hudson and their meters. Mayor Blundell said yes he feels it is and with compound meters it must be coded correctly so this needs to be examined to look at correct volume.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read reports as follows:

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

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

• Community Beautification – Contractual Expenses (#8510.4) Balance	\$ 4,000.00
• Shade Tree – Contractual Expenses (#8560.4) Balance	\$ -
• Village Green Committee’s Checking Account Balance	\$ 4,192.82

2. A Village Green Committee Meeting was held on August 19, 2020 at the open air tent at “Eat-n-Go.” All members were socially distant and wearing face masks. David Pearson, Kathy Pearson, Dave Javsicas, Michael Johnson, Brenda Cagle, and Brent Kovalchik attended. The following items were discussed:

- 2020 Annual Fall Planting:
 - The VGC will be planting trees in the fall. A list of potential sites will be prepared and property owner permission will be obtained prior to planting. Brent Kovalchik prepared a list of potential sites. Nineteen sites were proposed.
 - Michael Johnson will prepare the annual Tree City USA Application. Submission deadline is December, 2020.
 - Arbor Day Celebration/Seedling Distribution: David Pearson discussed concerns regarding minimal acceptance of free seedlings. Alternate distribution locations, including businesses, schools, and cultural institutions were discussed for next year’s seedling program.
 - Discussed the need for many newly planted street trees to be pruned. Pruning will occur in the fall at, or near, the Annual Fall Planting Day.
 - Tree City USA Reward Grant: The grant, sponsored by the NYS Urban Forestry Council will provide funding, up to \$1,000.00, to communities that have been Tree City USA Communities for at least 5 years. The intent of the grant is to encourage and sustain Tree City USA Communities through a celebratory tree planting. Eligible projects include planting a large specimen tree in a prominent site within the community, planting a grove of medium sized trees in a prominent community site, or organizing an event to celebrate the community’s Tree City USA status. Brenda Cagle and Michael Johnson have volunteered to work on the application. Deadline for submissions is September 14, 2020.

3. Residents and businesses interested in having a tree(s) planted on their adjacent right-of-ways, volunteering for planting days, or 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 - AUGUST, 2020**

4. The Village Highway Department is picking up leaves and brush on the first Monday of the month (schedule and weather permitting).

Residents are reminded to place lawn debris and brush in separate piles, curbside, not in the road. Please limit brush piles to one pile per house per month; and 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, garbage and construction material will not be picked up. Grass clippings are no longer being picked up.

5. The Village Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a new truck (cab and chassis) for the Highway, Water, and Materials Management Departments on August 20, 2020. The new truck will replace existing truck #14. The existing truck's dump body will be re-used and installed on the new truck. The 2020 Dodge Ram 5500 truck will be purchased from Ruge's for \$37,999.00. A snowplow, lights and markings will be purchased and installed under separate transactions. Funds will be allocated from CHIPS (5110.3), Highway Capital Outlay (5110.02), Highway CD Reserve Fund, and the Water Fund. The existing truck will be declared as surplus and will be sold at Absolute Auctions. Revenue from the sale will be deposited in the Highway Reserve Fund (#9621).

6. The Village received the balances of funding from the NYSDOT (8/17/20) on 8/20/20. The current balances, available for the September, 2020 payments are as follows:

• Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) Balance	\$117,722.24
• PAVE NY Balance	\$ 0.00
• Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR) Balance	<u>\$ 21,550.44</u>
Total Funds Available as of 9/20	\$139,272.68

The amounts authorized for these programs may be subject to a reduction of 20% as a result of impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic.

7. Marker and directional signs for the Village-to-Village (V2V) are currently available and ready to be installed by the Highway Department, schedule permitting.
8. There was no revenue generated from the sale of scrap metal during the month of August, 2020. 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 Village 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 - AUGUST, 2020**

1. Red Hook Sewer Project

- a. Meetings were held on August 7, 14, and 28, 2020 via telephone conference calls. Daniel Birmingham (Hawkins, Delafield and Wood, LLP: 8/7/20 and 8/14/20), Bob Smith (Hawkins, Delafield and Wood, LLP: 8/14/20), Kathryn Serra (C.T. Male Associates: 8/7/20 and 8/14/20), Victoria Polidoro (Rodenhausen, Chale and Polidoro, LLP: 8/7/20), Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik participated. The following items were discussed:
- Remaining easements have been signed and filed with the Dutchess County Clerk. Ed Blundell signed easements on 8/11/20.
 - Final Donation Agreement and Easements from the Red Hook Sewage Works Corporation were sent on 7/31/20 and received by Roedenhausen, Chale and Polidoro, LLP on 8/4/20. Ed Blundell signed agreement and easements on 8/11/20.
 - Lueck Easement signed by Ed Blundell on 8/11/20.
 - Review discrepancy in Map, Plan and Report regarding the Red Hook Electric property.
 - Discuss permits required by NYSDOT regarding use of right-of-way for public utilities.
 - Discussed Tax Questionnaire, prepared by Hawkins, Delafield and Wood, LLP regarding Red Hook Commons capital costs and operating and maintenance fees. Kathryn Serra (C.T. Male Associates) confirmed fee appropriations as they relate to existing sewer plant and infrastructure conditions at the Red Hook Commons WWTP.
 - USDA-RD has forwarded documents of the Letters of Conditions to the Washington, D.C. Offices for final review and approval.
- b. The Village has contacted Sun Common to request connections to the Red Hook Solar CSA for the Red Hook WWTP. Sun Common responded mentioning that it does not appear that they can add another account to the CSA. Sun Common will add the Sewer WWTP to the waitlist for the next opening in the array.

2. Cell Tower (Elevated Water Storage Tank) Generator Project

- a. Advertisement for Bids were released on 8/3/20. Bids were due on 8/25/20. Lara Hart and Brent Kovalchik opened the Bids on 8/25/20 at 2:00pm in the Red Hook Village Building. The following estimates were opened and read aloud at the public opening:
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| • CPE Electric (Cairo, NY) | \$ 83,100.00 |
| • Comalli Group, Inc. (Albany, NY) | \$ 84,300.00 |
| • Kasselmann Electric Co., Inc. (Albany, NY) | \$135,716.00 |

- J&J Sass Electric, Inc. (Kingston, NY) \$104,500.00
- Stilsing Electric, Inc. (Rensselaer, NY) \$ 96,500.00
- Pantel Electric (Middletown, NY) \$ 83,000.00

C.T. Male will review bids and recommend the lowest and most qualified contractor and return their recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees for consideration and award of the construction contract.

The generator, as required by FCC Federal Regulations for cell companies, will guarantee back-up power for the four current cellular communications companies renting space on, or space adjacent to, the Village's elevated water storage tank. The costs to install, maintain and operate the generator will be shared by the four cell company vendors.

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

- a. A meeting was held on 8/7/20, via telephone conference call, to review operations of the SCADA monitoring systems, water meter discrepancies, and water distribution system leak detection. Kyle Muller (Delaware Engineering), Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik attended. The following items were discussed:
 - Water consumption and water storage levels monitored during different times of the day to determine a trending pattern in use to verify/confirm the possibility of leaks. The pumps and tank levels were monitored and the SCADA equipment determined that a consistent pattern is prevalent. Some leaks may be occurring, but use to supply indicated a normal, consistent pattern.
 - Reviewed billing software for correct application of multipliers. Some customers' meter readings are being verified and usage compared to actual amounts of water usage being billed.
- b. Northeast Water Technology began implementing the leak detection/water loss reduction program for the Village of Red Hook Water System in August, 2020 based on a not-to-exceed amount of \$4,900.00 established by the Village Board of Trustees. Testing continues and a report with recommendations is forthcoming.
- c. A new flow meter has been requested to replace the existing flow meter at the Water Treatment Plant. Fernando Dongo (RH Village Water Operator) is securing quotes to remove and replace the existing meter with a new meter.

4. Red Hook Crosswalk Signal Devices

- a. Installation of ADA compliant cross-walk ramps is complete at South Broadway/Morgans Way and at West Market Street/Benner Road intersections. Electrical contractors under contract with the NYSDOT will return to remove and repaint the crosswalks (as needed) and install the flashing beacons.
 - Two solar powered, push button activated crosswalk signal devices (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB)) will be installed at the mid-block crosswalks on South Broadway/Morgans Way (Red Hook Commons, Red Hook Emporium) and at the intersection of Benner Road and West Market Street. Push button activated perimeter lit crosswalk signs will also be installed at the mid-block crosswalks at Fraleigh Street/South Broadway and Prince Street/South Broadway. Funding for this project is being provided by the NYSDOT FAST Grant Program. The grant was awarded to the Village on 11/15/19.

5. Intermunicipal Task Force (ITF)

Charlie Laing and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representatives/Members

- a. There were no ITF Meetings held during the month of August, 2020.
- b. Documents, including correspondences from the Red Hook Town Planner, proposed use tables, Chapter 112: Short-Term Rentals: Annual Operating Permit, and Chapter 112: Short-Term Rentals: One-Time Exception Registration were sent by the Town of Red Hook to ITF members on 8/10/20. When the Red Hook Town Hall re-opens, the ITF will review and amend (if necessary) the Short-Term Rental Documents and discuss a public presentation and informational meeting to the Red Hook Town Economic Development Committee and members of the general public.

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

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

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

- a. There were no CPF Advisory Board Meetings held during the month of August, 2020.
- b. The current balance of the Community Preservation Fund, as of August 31, 2020, is \$1,521,247.54.

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

- a. There were no SKWC Meetings held during the month of August, 2020.

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

- a. A LWRP Working Group Meeting was held on August 11, 2020 via Zoom. The Working Group reviewed amended/revised maps that will be included in the amended LWRP. The maps were prepared, and revised, by Community Planning and Environmental Associates (Rick Lederer – Barnes). The final revised maps will be sent to the NYS Department of State for review and approval prior to a forthcoming Public Comment Period to be held by the Red Hook Town Board. The maps included are as follows:
 - Map 1 – Waterfront Revitalization Area
 - Map 2 – Existing Land Use
 - Map 3 – Water and Tree Resources
 - Map 4 – Habitats
 - Map 5 – Soil Resources
 - Map 6 – Historic and Cultural Features
 - Map 7 – Zoning
 - Map 8 – Recreation and Coastal Access

- Map 9 – Areas Affected by Sea Level Rise

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

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

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

- a. Meetings of the RHV – ZRC were held on August 14, 21 and 28, 2020. Michele Greig (Four Corners Planning) attended the August 14th Meeting. All meetings were held via Ring Central. The following items were discussed:
 - Reviewed comments from the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development: 239 Planning/Zoning Referral – Exemption Communities review of March 13, 2020. It was determined that the proposed Zoning Map Amendments are not in compliance with the Village of Red Hook’s Comprehensive Plan Land Use Section and Maps. The ZRC, under the advisement of the Planner, is reviewing options to maintain existing zoning district boundaries and amend use and bulk regulations in the Highway Business (HB) District and R10,000 District, until such time as funding becomes available to amend the Village of Red Hook’s Comprehensive Plan.
 - Review Use and Bulk regulations of the HB District.

Mayor Blundell spoke on Village Zoning Review Committee and spoke on the Comprehensive Plan and that he was informed that for the Town to change their Plan it could cost up to \$100,000 but for the Village to change it could cost up to \$40-60,000; and that long range plans could be discussed to consider this task.

Mayor Blundell spoke on the Generator Project and bids and advised that CT Male did review the bids and advised that although they have the 3 tenants that would share this we presumed the project would be in the area of \$40,000, so with this higher bid the Village will need to pull the recent T-Mobile lease, and AT&T and speak with all consultant and advise that if we do this project, we would need a really hard commitment from the tenants for this project. Mayor Blundell said he will review contracts in the coming weeks.

Mayor Blundell spoke on the crosswalks and nice to see them up, and he is in contact with the project engineer at DOT about only 2 being up and that all 4 need to be installed.

Mayor Blundell asked Deputy Mayor Kovalchik that during the fall planting event if a tree could be planted and plaque be made in memory of Kathleen Triebel. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik said yes.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Mayor Blundell spoke on the following:

1. **LOSAP Review and Motion to Pass** – Mayor Blundell advised that 17 people made the points for service award for the Fire Department. Blundell advised this was supposed to be given to us by March 31 of our fiscal year but was only received September 2, 2020. Mayor Blundell said there is a burden on our part to review points and that the Village is budgeted properly.

Mayor Blundell advised that since we are not meeting in person to sign the Sponsor Approval Form for the Service Award Program he advised of the option from the agreement ...“You may submit a copy of the Board Resolution adopted to approve the 2019 records listing for posting in lieu of having the Board members sign below” Mayor Blundell said he drafted a Resolution.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik asked if this Resolution was adequate. Mayor Blundell said yes.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve Resolution#18-2020

**RESOLUTION TO PROCESS LOSAP DOCUMENTS
RESOLUTION #18-2020**

WHEREAS, the Village of Red Hook administers the LOSAP program; and

WHEREAS, the Village received the requisite list of qualifying fire company members on 9/2/2020 for the 2019 year, dated May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Village also received the completed certification forms from the fire company regarding posting and certification of posting at the firehouse on the same date, 9/2/2020; and

WHEREAS, the Village has certain tasks under the program, including review and approval of the postings of point earners, as well as completing the related certification forms. One of the LOSAP steps is to affirm, by the village board members, that they have approved the records listing the qualifying members of the fire company. In normal times each board member is asked to sign the approval form in person at a meeting; and

WHEREAS, this meeting is being held in virtual / remote format per EO 202.1 and continuing and are not able to sign in person; and

Therefore be it Resolved,

The Board has reviewed in a remote meeting and approved the LOSAP records and documents submitted; and the Village will take the next set of required steps to process the papers both back to the fire company and to the service award financial company. This will include authorizing the Mayor and Treasurer to complete the next steps under the program rules.

Motion seconded by Trustee Jay Trapp

Vote:

Ed Blundell	Voting - yes
Brent Kovalchik	Voting - yes
Charles Laing	Voting - yes

Jennifer Norris Voting - yes
Jay Trapp Voting - yes
All in favor. Motion passed.

2. **IMA Review – Intermunicipal Agreement/Town/Village Building Department Shared Services:**

Mayor Blundell spoke on the Chocolate Factory location and indicated that part is Village and part is in the Town. Mayor Blundell advised the property owner through a legal process is contesting the assessment and part of this was boundaries and authorities of the Building and although nothing is settled the question was raised on who would do the fire inspections. Mayor Blundell said it would not make sense to have 2 fire inspectors, so the Town's legal people drafted the IMA, which the Village circulated to Village legal counsel (but have not had a response yet) but part the main driving part on page 6 is taking about services and fees and that if the Village did fire inspections, and the Town accepted that authority, we could bill the Town for these services, and vice versa. Mayor Blundell recommend we put \$50.00 per hour for services.

Mayor Blundell made a motion that he be authorized to sign the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town and Village regarding Municipal Shared Services/Building Department which Agreement has been forwarded to Village counsel, McCabe & Mack, for review, and said Agreement being signed so long as no substantial changes made.

Trustee Jay Trapp asked if the Town's building inspector inspects in the Village and someone got hurt is the Village covered. Mayor Blundell spoke on the indemnification clause in the Agreement (page 2) ... "each party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other parties and their respective agents and employees from any clause, claim, action, liability, fine, penalty or criminal proceeding, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising directly or indirectly, out of the negligent acts or omissions of the first part or its officers".. Trustee Trapp said that is the Town and us, but what if someone in the building gets hurt, that would be neither party of this clause. Mayor Blundell said correct. Mayor Blundell said he will ask counsel about this.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik asked in this Agreement was specific for the Chocolate Factory. Mayor Blundell said no and applies for if and when we choose to share services. Trustee Trapp recalled in days past when we had a building inspector who was a business owner we had the Town do the inspection.

Mayor Blundell advised he would not sign without counsel review.

Motion seconded by Trustee Jay Trapp.

Roll:

Ed Blundell: yes
Brent Kovalchik: yes
Jay Trapp: yes

Jennifer Norris: yes

Charlie Laing: yes

All in favor. Motion passed.

- 3. Police Redesign** – Mayor Blundell advised they are circulating the link for public session #1 with regard to NYS Requirement that we work and collaborate with different Agencies, amongst ourselves and our residents, to redesign, reinvent police operations, here, across the County and across the State. Mayor Blundell said this a very complex project and we sent down our policies for review/comment to bigger agencies within the County, and part of this is that we have our own listening session and the County Department of Human Rights Commission selected to do ours on September 26, 2020.

Link as follows:

Police Redesign - Public Session #1 - Sept. 26th - Saturday - (3-5:30pm)

<https://www.dutchessny.gov/County-Government/Police-Reform-and-Modernization-Collaborative.htm>

Mayor Blundell said this was put on the Village website, in our meeting notice and a flyer was prepared and on the Village Dorr and encouraged people watching on PANDA to get the word out and we would like input on ideas for Police Reform. Mayor Blundell said this will be a listening session and he will be present at the session. Any questions you can call the Village Hall at 758-1081. Mayor Blundell said it would be preferable if we created our own here to, but to wait for the September 26th to be completed. Mayor Blundell mentioned the Guideline from NYS – Appendix B (which the Mayor will have to sign for our Police Department)”NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan Certification Form ... asking that the Chief Executive of Local Government attest to the following pursuant to Executive Order 203 issued by Governor Cuomo on June 12, 2020”...

Mayor Blundell said the key things they will have to work are as follows:

Box #1 – Local Government has performed a comprehensive review of the current Police Force Deployments, Strategy, Policy, Procedures and Practices.

Box #2 – Local Government has developed a plan attached hereto to improve such Deployments, Strategies, Policies, Procedures and Practices (known as the “Plan”).

Box #3 - That the Local Government has consulted with stakeholders, including, but not limited to, membership and leadership of local Police Force, Members of the Community with emphasis on areas of high numbers of Police and community interactions, interested in non-profit and faith based community groups, the local office of the District Attorney, Local Public Defender and local elected officials regarding the “Plan”.

Box #4 - The local Government has offered the “Plan” in draft form for public comment to all citizens in the locality and prior to adoption of the “Plan” by the Legislative Body to consider the comments submitted.

Box #5 – The Legislative Body of local Government had ratified or adopted the “Plan” by Local Law for Resolution.

Mayor Blundell advised we are not locked into whatever the County provides for review. We will look at it and take into consideration and look at it and make our own acceptance or variations.

4. **Water/Sewer – Planning:** No discussion.
5. **Police CBA Extension with MOU in place:** Mayor Blundell said this was regarding the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Board will recall that the Village choose not renegotiate a full 3-year contract due to COVID and economic issues and the Board agreed to a flat 3% raise. The Union came back and would like the MOU to be within a one year extension of the Contract. Mayor Blundell said he forwarded to Labor counsel who saw no problem with it but one changes in the Contract is that they add the MOU as an appendix and put the year, instead of ending in 2020, changed to May 31, 2021, which means we would have to start negotiating around January, but a complicating factor is that there could be change with the redesign work. Mayor Blundell advised this was sent out to David Weise, Esq., Labor Attorney and he received an email that it was ok to sign.

Mayor Blundell made a motion that Mayor Blundell be authorized to sign the extended Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Red Hook and the United Public Services Employees Union Contract with the only change that the MOU already signed in June, 2020 giving 3% raise and no other segments of the contract have been changed or modified. Motion seconded by Trustee Norris.

Roll:

Ed Blundell: - yes

Brent Kovalchik – yes

Jay Trapp – yes

Jennifer Norris – yes

Charlie Laing – yes

All in favor. Motion passed.

6. **Mayor Blundell spoke on one other Agenda item: Highway Department – Snow Plow truck.**
The Board found a funding structure to do this without taking a bond or loan, using CHIPS money and our own internal sources from other budgets and reserve accounts, and there were two 2020 trucks in the market at State price, but a day or 2 later the trucks were no longer

available, which although disappointing, they can still get on Contract but only 2021 are an options now which are \$1700 more money – so Resolution #17-2020 needs to be amended. Mayor Blundell is asking the Board to move the CHIPS piece on #17 up \$2,000 and amend the original Resolution 17-2020. Trustee Laing asked about potential decrease in CHIPS funding. Mayor Blundell said we have only spent CHIPS money for catch basin and drainage and sees no issue. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik indicated that they got the balances from the DOT at the end of August and they had \$139,272, so even if a 20% reduction we should still have money available. Mayor Blundell said Resolution #17-2020 reads \$22,500 which will be changed to \$24,500.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to Amend Resolution #17-2020 to reflect the change of CHIPS from \$22,500 to \$24,500. Motion seconded by Trustee Trapp.

Roll:

Ed Blundell – yes

Brent Kovalchik – yes

Jay Trapp – yes

Jennifer Norris – yes

Charlie Laing – yes

All in favor. Motion approved.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik asked if there would be an amended form for Resolution #17. Mayor Blundell will amend CHIPS amounts from #22,500 to \$24,500 and call it Resolution #17-2020 Amended.

Mayor Blundell advised that the 5 year lease for the Court copier is up and that he spoke with our current representative Jeff Wexler from Bell Copier and received a quote for an updated copier, which he recommends we move ahead and lease, which lease includes delivery, setting up machine, converting software and remove wiping clear the hard drive. Mayor advised the Judge was included with conversation and that the Judge will look into any grants covering a leased product.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to remain with supplier, Bell Copier, and renew the lease for the Court copier, to include services and all related costs to copier. Motion seconded by Trustee Trapp.

Roll:

Ed Blundell – yes

Brent Kovalchik – yes

Jay Trapp – yes

Jennifer Norris – yes

Charlie Laing – yes

All in favor. Motion approved.

Mayor Blundell asked the Board for their opinion on cancelling this week's Workshop meeting scheduled for September 17, 2020.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to cancel the September 17, 2020 Workshop meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Trapp. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No further comment from the Board.

Mayor Blundell asked if anyone was present for public comment.
No persons present. No public comment.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the September 14, 2020 Village Board Meeting at 8:42pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Norris. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

Lara Hart
Clerk