

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
BUDGET WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Laing, Trustee Noonan, Trustee Norris was absent.

Mayor Blundell reminded all that we are in remote mode and in compliance with Executive Order 202.1 regarding meetings.

First Item , our local election is on March 16. About 6 weeks ago the Clerk had us pass related Resolution dealing with running the election. Today she asks that we add Resolution #3-2021:

**RESOLUTION # 3- 2021
Dated: February 25, 2021
Village Election**

A meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Red Hook was convened via remotely through RingCentral on February 25, 2021. The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Edward Blundell.

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

RESOLUTION FOR MARCH 16, 2021 VILLAGE ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, as per Election Law Section 15-104(1) (b) and Section 15-104(3)(b) the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook will hold a Village Election on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 with the Polling Location being at the Village Hall, 7467 South Broadway, Red Hook NY between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, On November 19, 2020 the Village Election was published by a Legal Notice in the local newspaper advising of Three (3) Trustee Positions to be filled: Two Trustee positions with a Four (4) year term and One Trustee position with a Two (2) year term, to fill an unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, per Election Law Section 15-118(4) the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook is required to notify that the Village of Red Hook utilizes the Registered Voter's List from the County of Dutchess Board of Elections and does not hold a separate registration day.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustee of the Village of Red Hook hereby approves said Resolution #3-2021.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blundell

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik
Trustee Norris
Trustee Laing
Trustee Noonan

Mayor Blundell moved to vote for approval of Resolution #3-2021, seconded by DM Kovalchik. Votes- all in favor. Trustee Norris was absent for the vote.

Second Item , Budget - For a big picture intro, Mayor Blundell gave a few deadlines for all to log in. Dept. heads for queried for requests, what they need to buy or purchase or hire back in January. We also need to consider Highway and Police Collective Bargaining agreement renewals, which both end on May 31, 2021 this fiscal year. The rules are that the tentative budget is due to be submitted by the chief budget officer by March 20th. 2021. Any changes after that have to be done by motion and direct formal Village Board action. Must have a public hearing by April 15th 2021. So that is when we need to have the budget totally trimmed up from tentative to more formal and adopted by May 1st 2021. Mayor Blundell pointed out that the March workshop will be on March 18th 2021. The tentative budget will be submitted by then. Looking to have Public hearing on April 12th 2021 our normal monthly meeting and work to adopt the budget that night.

Mayor Blundell circulated the spreadsheet earlier and placed it up on the shared screen. He illustrated the formula and modeling capacity of the sheet. He also pointed out the 1.31% Tax Cap figure; the current assessed value from DC Real Property/Tax Office and the power of the spreadsheet to let us work ideas and immediately see the impact.

He pointed out that General Fund is where we have to be guided by the tax cap and as of now the actual levy amount we can raise is \$1,292,269.00 leaving us with \$16.709.00 to work with.

This fiscal year 2021-22 is the last year we have to make a principal interest payment for the VORH building. Saving \$270.000.00 between fiscal interest after the upcoming payment in this fiscal year but that goes away in the next fiscal year.

Fourth, Mayor Blundell through the county of tax provisions, the assessed value of our village hasn't changed much. Big question is sales tax and revenue. Material Management numbers are staying on track. More money was not offered from the Town for the police budget. They kept our budget the same this year. They are contributing to the body cameras. Court revenues dropped with Covid19 impacts.

Cell towers brought in \$87,000.00 so far and we can increase that. Solar lease from Kendall 5K lease is new revenue. Work Comp – VFBL policy is \$50,000.00 premium and we get 75% back from Town. Chips line is \$110,000. New truck coming this Spring but we have that in this fiscal year..however it will drain down surplus.

Budget increasing costs - Key Bank Fees starting to develop. CMI tech, 6 month point is \$6,400.00. A lot of the tools costs are being taken away from the garage budget not from the Highway Budget. Brent suggesting the budget line for scrap metal and tools from the Highway budget to the Central Garage. Scrap metal pulling in \$3,500. to \$4,000.00 a year.

In unallocated insurance we spent 64,000.00 when budget adjustments are made by the controller it will equalize, \$39,000.00 comes out of the water and other budgets. Fire inspections taking in more than Building permits. 30K. BWC-Body Worn Cameras , spent \$2,484.96 for a \$9,500.00 budget with 35% coming from the Town. Mayor Blundell spotting a red flag marker that Vosburgh will only take leaves and no grinding. May have to grind ourselves.

Zoning, as of February we are taking in \$18,000 in fees and expecting \$24,000 Or more. Retirement system-usually get a projection from police and fire and NYS retirement systems budget 45k and 65k for next year but now between 53k-60k.

State Retirement System 45k - 65k-projections, contributions –Water 230,000 in principal. \$7,000 Interest. Delaware Engineering Task Lists. . VRI Software-Sludge

Removal. Wastewater treatment Plant Operations. Total Operations Cost per month, - \$1,850.00.

The Board worked through the evening on the spreadsheet and felt most items are accurate and done. Work will continue by the Mayor.

Mayor moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm- second by DM Kovalchik. All in favor.

Submitted by Gregg Stolarik