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Workshop Meeting

April 26, 2021 – 7pm

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Present: Mayor Ed Blundell, DM Brent Kovalchick, Trustee Charlie Laing, Trustee William Noonan, and Trustee Melkorka Kjarvel.

1. Red Hook Fire Company. Present contract still has the Village and the Town sharing the cost of worker's compensation. Fire Co. is still under a 50 year lease with the Village. The Fire Co. is looking to acquire the property where the Fire Co. resides and make it their own. The cost of running the Fire Co. roughly \$400,00.00 a year and that cost is being split by the Town and the Village. There is still 15 years left on the lease between the Town and the Village. The Town wants to own the property so they can increase the amount of events they hold there, such as weddings, private parties as well as fund raisers and recruitment events for more volunteer fire fighters. They are also seeking to pave property near the water well fields for more parking. They are also looking to erect LED signs which is not looking favorable by the Trustees. All that being said, when they do finally acquire the land it will be with DEED constrictions. The Village will meet with their Grant Writers to make this happen when the time comes.
2. Town of Red Hook LOSAP and the Ambulance Emergency Service. Not for the general public, only for the town firefighters who get hurt. Again, acquisition for an LED sign on land they don't even own, (South Broadway) not looking favorable by the Village Trustee members and will have several Zoning Issues.
3. A 5 year bond for \$45,000.00 from Salisbury Bank at 2.5 % interest will be paying it's first payment in the next fiscal year starting June 1st, 2021. Trustee Laing supporting the decision to have an all terrain vehicle/truck for the Police department. Trustee Kjarvel bringing up the possibility of a hybrid truck?
4. CHIPS and the Highway Dept.'s truck is ready and waiting at the dealer with a line of credit which will be reimbursed from CHIPS to pay us back. All we have now is the actual plow waiting to be mounted on the new Highway Dept's truck. Very difficult at this time with the Police Dept.'s acquisition of their new truck and the Village will bring that up with the Bond Council at a special Workshop meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2021. Deciding to send a letter of intent to Ford for the new Police truck.
5. Mayor Blundell parting ways and retiring after 10+ years with the Village of Red Hook. He is very proud of the work he's done and May 10, 2021 will be his last Board Meeting. Ideas being circulated amongst remaining board members who gets to choose who is going to be the next interim Mayor. Again May 10, 2021 will be Mayor Blundell's last Board Meeting since he will no longer be living in Red Hook. A motion to hold a special transition meeting on May 29 2021 motioned by Mayor Blundell, seconded by Trustee Noonan, DM Kovalchick, Trustee Laing, Trustee Melkorka all in favor vote yes for the meeting to be held at 7pm on May 29, 2021.
6. Implementation of the Police Body Cameras and a chart of some sort to show statistics as in how many incidents the body cameras being used and length of time on an average stop or incident with the Police last and or how many stops and incidents results in an arrest. Not determined yet what information has to be highlighted in this chart.

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7. Saturday, April 24, 2021 the Village Green Committee planting big trees with the help of the new Highway Dept. truck. Looking to decommission the old truck to sell.

8. LED Street Light Program (Power Authority) moved to executive Session-Closed

9. Mayor and Trustees returned from Executive Session at 8:50pm. Trustee Melkorka briefly touched on the subject of dispensaries of legal marijuana in the Village of Red Hook. There is many different thoughts about it and special training the police would need to have. The Village can always opt out. More on that at the May 10th meeting at 7pm.

10. The Mayor moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm and it was seconded by DM Kovalchick. Meeting adjourned.