

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP MEETING
VILLAGE HALL
MARCH 23, 2023**

Present: Mayor Karen Smythe, Deputy Mayor Brent Kovalchik, Trustee Charlie Laing (arrived at 7:45pm), Trustee Melkorka Kjarval, Trustee Declan Dwyer-McNulty, and Village Clerk Jennifer Cavanaugh

Absent: None

Meeting opened by Mayor Smythe at 7:06pm.

Trustees discussed the need for a public comment policy and what each thought it should contain.

Mayor Smythe announced the results of the recent sewer sludge pump-out and hauling bid.

Mayor Smythe made a motion to accept the low bid submitted by Superior Sanitation acknowledging Blue Diamond as impossible. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik. All in attendance in favor. Motion approved.

Trustees discussed the proposed sewer and water fund budgets.

Trustee Charlie Laing arrived at 7:45pm.

Trustees discussed the proposed general fund budget.

There were no budget adjustments.

Trustee Dwyer-McNulty made a motion to pay all Village bills after audit. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik. All in favor. Motion approved.

In general business, Trustee Dwyer-McNulty reminded the Board that the Village started the process to be a Climate Smart Community. He stated that the Village can apply for Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) assistance on this designation in July.

Mayor Smythe gave an "enormous" thank you to the Junior Trustee Declan Dwyer-McNulty for completing the final year of the Trustee term.

She thanked Deputy Mayor Brent Kovalchick for over 30 years of extraordinary service. She said that there are "not enough words" to thank him for all that he did for her and for the Village of Red Hook

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the March 23, 2023 Village Board Meeting at 9:18pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Dwyer-McNulty. All in favor. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Cavanaugh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Cavanaugh".

Jennifer Cavanaugh, Clerk