

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES EMERGENCY MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL  
OCTOBER 19, 2023**

Present: Mayor Karen Smythe, Deputy Mayor Melkorka Kjarval, Trustee Charlie Laing Trustee Kym Bradley-Rickard, Trustee Steven Appenzeller, and Village Clerk Jennifer Cavanaugh

Absent: None

Meeting opened by Mayor Smythe at 7:31pm.

**Mayor Smythe made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the hiring of personnel. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bradley-Rickard. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Executive session began at 7:33pm.

No actions taken in executive session.

**Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to reopen the public portion of the Board of Trustees emergency meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Appenzeller and seconded by Trustee Laing. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Public meeting reopened at 7:50pm

**Mayor Smythe made a motion to accept the recommendation of Lieutenant Hildenbrand and hire Jacob Hikade as a part-time police officer within the Village of Red Hook Police Department effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Trustee Laing. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Mayor Smythe stated that the Village of Red Hook has reviewed his background and qualifications and feel he will be a strong and positive addition to the Police Department. His approach to policing is community policing where one gets respect by giving respect.

**Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to adjourn the October 19, 2023 Board of Trustees emergency meeting at 7:51pm. Trustee Bradley-Rickard made the motion and it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kjarval. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Cavanaugh, Clerk