

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP MEETING
VILLAGE HALL
NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

Present: Mayor Karen Smythe, Deputy Mayor Melkorka Kjarval, Trustee Kym Bradley-Rickard, Trustee Steven Appenzeller, Village Clerk Jen Cavanaugh

Absent: Trustee Charlie Laing

Mayor Smythe opened the Village Board workshop meeting at 7:00PM.

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the November 4, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting. Trustee Appenzeller made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Bradley-Rickard. All in attendance in favor. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION 41– 2024
RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM SPECIAL PROSECUTOR APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor must appoint, with Board approval, the office of Special Prosecutor, and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Board approves the Mayor’s appointment of:

Special Prosecutor: Christopher Montalto, Esq. for a term ending April 7, 2025.

Motion by: Deputy Mayor Kjarval

Seconded by: Trustee Bradley-Rickard

Vote:

Mayor Smythe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Recuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent/Excused
Deputy Mayor Kjarval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Recuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent/Excused
Trustee Laing	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Recuse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent/Excused
Trustee Bradley-Rickard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Recuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent/Excused
Trustee Appenzeller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Recuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent/Excused
Vote Total	4				1
Result	Motion: Passed				

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to certify that the unpaid 2024-2025 Village property taxes being referred to Dutchess County for collection is \$23,103.11 as compared and confirmed with the Village’s tax collection records. Trustee Appenzeller made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Bradley-Rickard. All in attendance in favor. Motion approved.

Trustees discussed the Village’s Bond Counsel, Robert Smith.

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to authorize her to sign the engagement letter with Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP. Deputy Mayor Kjarval made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Bradley-Rickard. Trustee Bradley-Rickard asked that the Mayor confirm that the Village will have access to all of Village documents. All in attendance in favor. Motion approved.

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to authorize her to sign the Dutchess County Crisis Intervention Team and the Behavioral Evaluation & Assessment Patrols Agreement. Deputy Mayor Kjarval made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Appenzeller. All in attendance in favor. Motion approved.

Trustees discussed the Climate Smart Community Assessment Report prepared by Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Trustees discussed options for the replacement of the Prince Street entry door. The Trustees agreed to keep the current 2-door configuration. Mayor Smythe will obtain proposals.

Trustees discussed the proposal from Heather Bruegl for an Indigenous History project. Trustee Appenzeller agreed to contact Bard College to determine if funds and/or staff are available for the project. The proposal was tabled to the December 9, 2024 meeting.

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to authorize her to renew the Dutchess County shared services procurement assistance program contract. Trustee Appenzeller made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Bradley-Rickard. All in attendance in favor. Motion approved.

Trustees reviewed the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU), Department of Public Works, Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for a new contract.

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to authorize her to sign the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU), Department of Public Works Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Contract. Trustee Bradley-Rickard made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Appenzeller. All in attendance in favor. Motion approved.

Trustees reviewed the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU), Police Department. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for a new contract.

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to authorize her to sign the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) – Police Department Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Contract. Trustee Appenzeller made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Bradley-Rickard. All in attendance in favor. Motion approved.

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to pay all Village bills after audit. Deputy Mayor Kjarval made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Bradley-Rickard. All in attendance in favor. Motion approved.

Village Treasurer provided Trustees with year to date, income received and expenses incurred as related to approved 2024-2025 budgets (general, water, sewer)(on file).

In general business, the Trustees discussed upcoming community events including Historic Red Hook's Annual Auction (online), the Red Hook Chamber of Commerce/Baright tree lighting, and The Parade of Lights.

Mayor Smythe announced that she is in communications with a new general counsel for the Village of Red Hook.

No public comment.

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to adjourn the November 21, 2024 Village Board Workshop Meeting at 9:08pm. Trustee Bradley-Rickard made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Appenzeller. All in attendance in favor. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Cavanaugh, Clerk