

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP MEETING
VILLAGE HALL
DECEMBER 19, 2024**

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

Absent: None

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

Acceptance of December 9, 2024 Board of Trustee Meeting minutes was tabled to a future meeting due to the need for corrections.

Trustees discussed the current Animal Husbandry law and a possible amendment. Trustee Appenzeller asked the number of properties in the Village over 1.5 acres of “available land” threshold. Deputy Mayor Kjarval noted that these larger properties are within residential neighborhoods. Trustee Bradley-Rickard and Trustee Laing felt it was appropriate to prorate the number of animals allowed over the 1.5 acre of available land threshold. Trustee Laing stated that there would need to be a significant reason to change the law since it has only been a year since it was adopted and revising laws are costly and time consuming.

Mayor Smythe made a motion to continue the discussion of amending §200-18.1 Animal husbandry, hens and honeybees. Trustee Bradley-Rickard seconded the motion.

Vote:

Mayor Smythe	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Recuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent/Excused
Deputy Mayor Kjarval	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Recuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent/Excused
Trustee Laing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Recuse	<input 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	3	2			
Result	Motion: Passed				

Trustee Bradley-Rickard updated the Trustees on the grant that was submitted to Dutchess County for funds to start a compost collection program. The Village won the grant and is now moving into the planning process for the 18-month pilot program. The program must start prior to December 31, 2026 and the goal is to have up to 80 Village households participate.

Mayor Smythe described Change Order No. 1 to the Cherry and Graves Street Water Upgrades project and updated the Trustees on the overall budget.

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to authorize her to sign Change Order No. 1 to the Cherry & Graves Street Water System Upgrade contract. Trustee Appenzeller made the motion and it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kjarval. All in favor. Motion approved.

The Trustees discussed activities planned for the first quarter of 2025 including drafting the 2025-2026 Village budget, meeting with the new Village Attorney, drafting an events permit law, northeast quadrant planning & zoning updates, finalizing the Union contracts (Memorandum of Agreement already signed), climate smart community activities, and thinking about an Abrahams Park Master Plan.

Trustee Laing announced that the Sawkill Watershed Community is interested in completing a stream walk from the Village Wastewater Treatment Plants to Benner Road. He stated that the walkers would need to obtain approval from adjacent property owners prior to conducting this walk.

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

No general business.

No public comment.

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to adjourn the December 19, 2024 Village Board Workshop Meeting at 8:05pm. Trustee Bradley-Rickard made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Appenzeller. All in favor. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Cavanaugh, Clerk