

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL  
MAY 22, 2025**

Present: Mayor Karen Smythe, Deputy Mayor Melkorka Kjarval, Trustee Frances Uku, Trustee Amy Smith, and Village Clerk Jen Cavanaugh

Absent: None (Vacant Trustee Seat)

Mayor Smythe opened the Village Board workshop meeting at 7:05PM.

Trustees discussed the possibility of having a vending machine that dispenses narcan and fentanyl testing strips located in the Village, possibly somewhere near the Information Building (municipal lot). This placement would be in collaboration with Dutchess County Department of Health and MATTER (non-profit).

**Mayor Smythe made a motion to proceed with the next step to host a narcan vending machine in the Village. The motion was seconded by Trustee Uku. All in favor.**

Trustees discussed the Language Access grant. The initial grant proposal was to pay a local consultant to draft a report on language access and barriers. This consultant is no longer able to complete the report. Trustees discussed a budget adjustment from plan preparation to language access equipment. Ideas included chrome books and headsets to allow for translation at village meetings and a loop system in the courtroom for hearing impaired and those needing translation.

Resolution to transfer Hardscrabble sponsorship assets to Red Hook Hardscrabble Events Corp tabled.

Trustees reviewed a proposed resolution to establish a Climate Smart Taskforce. The resolution was tabled for revisions.

Trustees discussed the Events Committee, history of Hardscrabble, and Neighbor's Night. They discussed the plans to transition this committee to a facilitator of public events administered and planned by others but occur on Village property. Trustees reviewed a proposed resolution to establish an Events Committee. The resolution was tabled for revisions.

Trustees reviewed a proposed resolution to authorize a Village Green Committee. The resolution was tabled for revisions.

Trustees discussed flying various flags on the flagpole near back door to celebrate or acknowledge different holidays or groups as part of government speech. Trustee Smith and Trustee Uku will discuss further and report to the Board.

Mayor Smythe updated Trustees on activities and repairs at the wastewater treatment plants. She discussed the upcoming CFA grant application deadline to request funding for Phase II Sewer Expansion.

**Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to authorize her to submit an application for CFA funding to expand the Village Sewer System. Trustee Smith made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Uku. All in favor. Motion approved.**

No budget adjustments.

Trustees discussed single audit vouchers.

**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 Smith. 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 public comment.

No general business.

No executive session.

**Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to adjourn the May 22, 2025 Village Board Workshop Meeting at 9:07pm. Trustee Smith made the motion and it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kjarval. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Cavanaugh, Clerk