

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE HALL
MARCH 9, 2026**

Present: Mayor Karen Smythe, Deputy Mayor Melkorka Kjarval, Trustee Anthony Maccarini, and Village Clerk Jen Cavanaugh

Mayor Smythe began the Village Board meeting at 6:13pm for voucher review.

Trustee Amy Smith joined the meeting at 6:19pm.

Trustee Frances Uku joined the meeting at 6:30pm.

General board business started at 6:30pm.

Officials in Attendance: Treasurer Marybeth De Filippis, Bonnie Fransen, Village Land Use Planner, Victoria Polidoro, Village Land Use Attorney.

Mayor Smythe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Uku asked for an edit to the minutes of the February 9, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting & Public Hearing changing “didn’t like the use of 150 gal/day = 1 BU” to “stated the use of 150 gal/day = 1 BU.”

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to accept the minutes as amended from the February 9, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting & Public Hearing. The motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Maccarini. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Kjarval and seconded by Trustee Smith. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to open the continuation of the second public hearing on the North Broadway Corridor Land Use & Zoning Study (an amendment to the Village of Red Hook Comprehensive Plan). The motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kjarval. All in favor. Motion approved.

Public hearing opened at 6:36pm

George Beekman, Village resident, stated that he is opposed to the land use study and affordable housing. He does not believe the Village is obligated to supply housing. He stated that renters don't pay taxes but they will pay higher rent. He believes the Village won't need additional housing as current homeowners and renters will leave. Forty years ago, when he moved into the Village, there were no sidewalks, streetlights, and crosswalks – he liked that better. He would rather see the Village take the land by eminent domain and build a park that the Village does not need. He believed that the proposed affordable housing would receive tax abatement meaning current residents will be paying their taxes. He believes the future development will be a big problem and will be a big mistake like the sewer system. He's concerned about mortgage companies not writing mortgages on Village properties.

Rick East, Village resident, thanked the Board and Trustee Uku for their work on the study. He liked the table Trustee Uku prepared on historic properties.

Mayor Smythe stated comments from Dutchess County Planning are still pending but that indications are that they are favorable and not substantive.

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to close the second public hearing on the North Broadway Corridor Land Use & Zoning Study (an amendment to the Village of Red Hook Comprehensive Plan). The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Kjarval and seconded by Trustee Smith.

The foregoing motion was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

Mayor Smythe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Recuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent/Excused
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Vote Total	4	1			
Result	Motion: Passed				

Public hearing closed 6:47pm

Bonnie Fransen and Victoria Polidoro reviewed proposed alterations to the land use study submitted by Trustee Uku.

Deputy Mayor Kjarval made a motion to replace Table 10 in Section D, Historic Resources and text up to Methodist Church Cemetery with a revised table proposed by Trustee Uku to include authorship, source citation, notation of use of A.I. and A.I. platform used. Additionally, the removed text will be placed in an appendix to Land Use Study. The motion was seconded by Mayor Smythe.

The foregoing motion was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

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Vote Total	4		1		
Result	Motion: Passed				

Trustees discussed the topics of traditional neighborhood scale, the west side of North Broadway, limited mixed use, and affordable housing.

Mayor Smythe read a letter submitted by Elizabeth Pagano, Village resident and Planning Board Chair. She is in favor of allowing for more housing and incentive zoning.

Trustees, Ms. Fransen, and Ms. Polidoro reviewed State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 1, 2, 3, and attached narrative for the North Broadway Corridor Land Use & Zoning Study.

Ms. Polidoro reviewed a resolution on the adoption of the North Broadway Corridor Land Use & Zoning Study (an amendment to the Village of Red Hook Comprehensive Plan). The resolution was tabled until a future meeting.

In public comment, Wendy Smith, Village resident, is concerned about traffic and visual impacts on Margaret Street.

Mayor Smythe introduced two versions of an artificial intelligence (A.I.) policy. Trustees discussed their opinions on the topic.

Mayor Smythe provided a review of Sewer Fund financials. Trustees discussed the approved temporary interfund advance from the General Fund and plan (of Mayor Smythe) to obtain an external loan to payback the General Fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marybeth De Filippis read the Treasurer's report and provided financial year to date budget statements to the Board of Trustees for review.

ACCOUNT BALANCES (2/28/2025)

General Fund	\$ 183,185.65
NYCLASS General Fund	\$ 524,012.03
Water Fund	\$ 137,007.07
NYCLASS Water Fund	\$ 153,517.09
Sewer Fund	\$ 23,264.68
Payroll Clearing Account	\$ 79,520.43
Hardscrabble Account	\$ 42.76
Village Green	\$ 5,156.35
Health Insurance Deductible Account	\$ 6,787.37

RESERVE SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCES

Fire Department (M&T)	\$ 10,688.44
Police Department (M&T)	\$ 18,366.26
NYCLASS USDA Water Reserve	\$ 150,682.39
USDA Water Reserve (M&T)	\$ 7.93
Highway Reserve (M&T)	\$ 613.29
Snow Reserve (M&T)	\$ 3,529.03
Tower Reserve (M&T)	\$ 19,059.18
Unemployment Reserve (M&T)	\$ 7,560.01
Court Reserve (M&T)	\$ 3,549.60
Office Reserve (M&T)	\$ 1,046.52

MONTHLY EXPENSES (February)

General Fund	\$ 196,229.02
Water Fund	\$ 96,929.05
Payroll Clearing Account	\$ 3,418.96
Sewer Fund	\$ 36,613.79

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Smith made the motion and it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kjarval. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mayor Smythe read the Police report:

February 2026	Total	Village of Red Hook	Town of Red Hook	Tivoli
Incidents (i.e., lock outs, SRO, traffic control, drug take backs, finger printing)	272	156	106	11
Water Tower Security Checks		90 (inc. in above)		
Uniform Traffic Tickets	63	25 (inc. 0 parking tickets)	27 (inc. 0 parking ticket)	11 (inc. 9 parking tickets)
Arrests	9	4	5	0

Mayor Smythe summarized the Fire Department’s Reports for February 2026.

Mayor Smythe read reports including the Sewer Operations, Water Operations, Village Hall, Saw Kill Watershed Community Advisory Council, Climate Smart Community Task Force, Public Spaces/Abrahams Park, Dutchess County Transportation Council, and Communication/Community Engagement (on-file).

Deputy Mayor Kjarval read reports including Red Hook Together, Town of Red Hook Comprehensive Plan Committee, Town of Red Hook Community Preservation Fund, Communication Committee, Village and Zoning Review, Building Department, and Zoning & Planning Department (on-file).

Trustee Uku read reports on Village Green, Materials Management, Department of Public Works, and Village Food Waste Collection Program (on-file).

Trustee Smith read reports on Water Department (including utility billing report), Personnel Policy, Grants, Events, and School Speed Zone (on-file).

Trustee Maccarini read a report on the Red Hook Public Library (on-file).

RESOLUTION #8 – 2026

RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TO VILLAGE GENERAL, WATER, SEWER FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to amend the General, Water, & Sewer Fund budgets to reflect current information and expenses,

WHEREAS, The Village Board has reviewed the following schedule of budget adjustments:

For the GENERAL FUND:

Account No.	Account Name	Current Budget	Adjustment	Revised Budget	Notes
REVENUE:					
A2033	Snow Removal (VORH)	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,500.00	
A2401	Interest & Earnings	\$ 3,650.00	\$ (3,650.00)	\$ -	Moved to specific accts
A2402	NYCLASS Accounts - Interest & Earnings	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 22,300.00	
A2403	M&T Accts - Int & Earn (Reserve Accts)	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 540.00	To be returned to Reserves
A2404	KeyBank Accounts - Interest & Earnings	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 4,150.00	
A24114	Rental of Equipment & Labor	\$ -	\$ 2,731.00	\$ 2,731.00	Aide to Rbk - leaf season
A2610d	Fines - Bus Patrol	\$ 800.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 945.00	
A2706	Grants from Local Gov't	\$ -	\$ 75,873.30	\$ 75,873.30	EV Police Car grant receipt
A5031	Interfund Transfers (Fund Balance)	\$ 25,899.85	\$ (15,694.30)	\$ 10,205.55	
EXPENSE:					
A1110.42	Court - Supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,340.00	
A1110.45	Court - Miscellaneous	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 6,750.00	
A1320.4	Comptroller - Cont Exp.	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 22,500.00	additional audit
A13320.4	Auditor - Cont Exp.	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	2024-25 Audit
A1620.42	Buildings - Service Contracts	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	Generator Service, Elevator
A1640.42	Central Garage - Fuel/Utilities	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	
A3120.49	Police - Software & Tech Support	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	
A5142.1	Snow Removal - Per Serv	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 27,500.00	Too much snow!
A5142.41	Snow - Materials	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 27,100.00	
A5142.42	Snow Removal - Equipment Repair	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 8,500.00	
A5142.43	Snow Removal - GBD Clearing	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	
A8010.43	Zoning - Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,100.00	notices & data set
A8160.11	Tivoli Garbage	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	pay roll & tipping fees
A8160.41	EZ Pass	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	Cleaning up accts
A8160.42	Fuel	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 4,600.00	
A8160.44	Tipping Fees	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 9,175.00	
A8989.4	Home & Community Service (Compost)	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 3,230.00	
A9055.8	Disability	\$ 3,701.00	\$ -	\$ 3,701.00	
TOTAL			\$ -		

For the WATER FUND:

Account No.	Account Name	Current Budget	Adjustment	Revised Budget	Notes
REVENUE:					
EW2144	Water Service Charge	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 785.00	\$ 3,285.00	
EW2401.1	Interest & Earnings (Key Bank)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (4,500.00)	\$ 3,500.00	
EW2401.2	Interest & Earnings (NYCLASS)	\$ -	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00	
EW2401.3	Interest & Earnings (M&T)	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	
EXPENSE:					
EW1320.4	Auditor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	
EW8310.41	Water Admin - Contr	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 31,500.00	
EW8310.42	Extras	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	Chlorine supplies
EW8320.42	Fuel	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	
EW8320.43	Generator Contractual	\$ 830.00	\$ 351.00	\$ 1,181.00	
EW8320.2	Capital Outlay	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (6,000.00)	\$ -	
EW9710.63	WIIA Debt Principal	\$ -	\$ 7,530.26	\$ 7,530.26	
TOTAL			\$ (20,596.26)		
REVENUE - WIIA GRANT:					
EW6260	WIIA Grant - Bond Antic. Note	\$ 22,770.00	\$ 29,406.73	\$ 52,176.73	
TOTAL			\$ 8,810.47		

For the SEWER FUND:

Account No.	Account Name	Current Budget	Adjustment	Revised Budget	Notes
REVENUE:					
ES2100	Special Assessments	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (12,000.00)	\$ -	Not shown separately
ES2120	Sewer O&M	\$ 112,259.00	\$ 23,557.00	\$ 135,816.00	Above & rate increase
EXPENSE (O&M):					
ES1710.4	Admin Contractual	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 29,750.00	H2O added day-to-day
ES1710.41	Admin - Extras	\$ -	\$ 3,444.00	\$ 3,444.00	H2O Extras pre Jan 1
ES1710.42	Lab Sampling	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	More required
ES8120.1	Sanitary Sewer - Per Srv	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 53,000.00	More than expected
ES8120.40	Fuel	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 4,260.00	
ES8120.41	Electrical Costs	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 16,600.00	\$ 36,600.00	
ES8120.42	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 34,400.00	\$ 45,400.00	Significant work done
ES8120.44	Supplies	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 20,650.00	to make process work
ES8130.41	Grease Trap Pumping	\$ 4,996.00	\$ 5,789.00	\$ 10,785.00	
ES8130.43	WWTP Sludge Removal	\$ 18,900.00	\$ 36,980.00	\$ 55,880.00	Needed for plant repairs
ES8130.45	Septic Tank Pumping	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 18,440.00	\$ 26,940.00	Winter freezes
ES9030.8	Social Security	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,700.00	
SUB TOTAL			\$ (142,956.00)		
General Fund Advance		\$ -	\$ 205,430.00	\$ 205,430.00	
TOTAL			\$ 62,474.00		

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Red Hook amends the General, Water, & Sewer Fund budgets as shown in the schedule above.

Motion by: Deputy Mayor Kjarval

Seconded by: Trustee Smith

The foregoing motion was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

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Trustee Maccarini	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Recuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent/Excused
Vote Total	5				
Result	Motion: Passed				

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation against the Village. Trustee Smith made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Maccarini. All in favor. Motion approved.

Public session paused at 9:56pm

No action taken in Executive Session

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to return to public session. Trustee Uku made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Smith. All in favor. Motion approved.

Public session resumed at 10:01pm

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 Uku. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to adjourn the March 9, 2026 Village Board Meeting at 10:02pm. Trustee Maccarini made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Smith. 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" and the last name "Cavanaugh" clearly distinguishable.

Jennifer Cavanaugh, Clerk

Committee Reports

(Not Part of the Official Meeting Minutes)

Village of Red Hook
SEWER OPERATIONS REPORT
Late January/February 2026

We had operational meetings on Jan. 22, Feb. 5, Feb. 19 where we reviewed sewer operations. Present were Village Engineer Robert Flores, Sewer Operator Les Coon, DPW Foreman Jake Smith, Sewer Clerk Jen Cavanaugh, and Mayor Karen Smythe

SEWER OPERATIONS:

ODORS – Throughout February we had a series of odor complaints Feb. 5, 13 & 20 from Red Hook Estates, Feb. 15, 27 (2) from Smith Street. One from Kent Rd. appears to have been a private septic system issue; all the others appear to have come from our EQ tank. Last March 2025, a system to pull the air from the EQ tank into the odor control system was installed. On Monday, March 2, it was discovered that the blower fan that operated this system had failed. The operator thought they had confirmed it was working but it turns out it was not. A replacement fan was installed Monday (3/2/26) afternoon.

NY ALERT NOTIFICATIONS/NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

On Feb. 20 & 24 there were NY Alerts and Noncompliance Reports submitted to DEC regarding partially treated discharge. 2/20 was both Plant 1A & 1B. 2/24 was Plant 1B. In both cases solids were lost through the clarifier causing the sand filter to clog and overflow into the clearwell – meaning that the full treatment didn't happen prior to discharge. DEC issued a Notice of Violation, attached. To simplify, the flow into the WWTPs was too much for the plants to handle. The design of the plant called for an EQ tank that is too small for proper operations. When the influent comes in all at once, without the extra EQ tank capacity, there is nowhere else for the influent wastewater to go. It is impossible to predict when these extra flows are going to occur. The interim solution prior to the expansion of our EQ tank capacity, is to set up a remote high-level event alarm system so the operator is alerted immediately to a high-level situation. A modem with cell service that will allow for internet access has been purchased and programmed. The full system with floats and sensors is scheduled to be installed and operational by 3/5&6. Once the ground thaws, Archtop will install underground fiber to supply the internet for the future. There is also a second temporary, above ground EQ tank waiting for back-ordered parts. Once these parts arrive, there will be additional temporary EQ capacity to help mitigate the extra flows.

Until we are able to permanently add additional EQ tank capacity, we are operating with several temporary solutions. The alarm system should help to catch these overflow events faster, thus preventing partially treated discharges to occur. This plant design has little if any margin for error.

In late February, we discovered that NYS's NY Alert system was not distributing all our submitted alerts. We reached out to NY Alert and they did discover that DEC had made an error. From NY Alert:

- *After a lot of digging, we have determined DEC made an error when creating the security role that had an incorrect setting preventing you from issuing alerts to the required group despite the template being set up properly. The setting has been corrected, and it should work properly going forward. **NY Alert Support***

COLLECTION SYSTEM – FROZEN PIPES

With the unusually extended period of temperatures below freezing this winter, we found that some of the pipes from the septic tanks connecting to the forcemains have frozen – the majority of these are tanks in parking lots leaving less insulation from the ground to protect the pipes from freezing. Unfortunately, the

design did not call for adequate insulation or depth to ensure these pipes wouldn't freeze. When the system called for the pump to come on, the wastewater was not able to go through the pipe, causing the alarm to go off. These tanks must be pumped out by the Village waste hauler until the thaw. We are looking forward to the warmer weather and will be considering options for solutions for next winter.

REMAINING REPAIRS NEEDED

There are some repairs that still need to be made including replacing the return activated sludge valve in plant 1B (old plant) on the West side. When an attempt was made to replace the valve, the surrounding pipe broke. So further work needs to be done to replace the pipe as well as the valve. The UVs have been repaired. There is one sensor that is not reading correctly that needs to be fixed. One of the generators needs a new switch.

ENGINEERING AUDIT

Delaware Engineering has conducted an audit of sewer operations. We are waiting for the report.

WEBSITE UPDATE

The WWTP page under the Sewer Department on the Village's website is updated regularly. There is a lot of information and documents on this page. Deputy Mayor Kjarval has completed a refresh of the page, reorganizing the data, making it easier to navigate and find information.

Village of Red Hook
WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT
Late January/February 2026

We had operational meetings on Jan. 22, Feb. 5 & Feb. 19 where we reviewed water operations. Present were Village Engineer Robert Flores, Water Operator Les Coon, DPW Foreman Jake Smith, Water Clerk Jen Cavanaugh, Mayor Karen Smythe

WATER OPERATIONS

During the recent power outage, the generator at the Water Treatment Plant did not go on. The new generator inspector has been out to look at the generator to see what is needed to ensure this won't happen again. The remote monitoring will also help.

The SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system that controls the water operation had a broken fiber. That has been fixed.

As reported at our Feb. 23rd workshop meeting, there was a significant water leak on Willow Brook Lane. The DPW crew discovered that the leak was in the service line for 65 Willow Brook Lane – a line that was probably installed when the water main was installed up Route 9 - @ 1930s. The service line is 1600 ft long and likely leaking in more places than just what was found. The owner has been notified. The curb stop has been turned off – so there is currently no water going to this house. The plan is to create a new connection off the water main near the house.

Total Coliform was inadvertently not tested in the month of January. A test was conducted February 5. Results were negative.

**Village of Red Hook
Mayor's Report
February 2026**

VILLAGE HALL

Internet: Archtop Fiber made the fiber connection to Village Hall in mid-February. All seems to be operating well. Next step is installation at the Water Treatment Plant. For the Sewer Plant, fiber needs to be installed in the ground which won't happen until the ground has thawed.

Parking Lot Lights: The lights in the municipal parking lot are not working. There is a problem with the wiring that is planned to be fixed once the ground thaws and the electrician can make the repairs.

SAWKILL WATERSHED COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (SKWC)

The SKWC had a very busy month! The SKWC met on Feb. 18th at 6:30pm in Village Hall to review the upcoming presentation by Eli Drueker of Bard College. Attendees were Karen Schnelling-McDonald, Sheila Buff, Jen Adams, Henry Woods, Ruth Ford, Amanda Sandor, Karen Smythe, Eli Drueker & Jordan Ayala from Bard College.

Eli & Jordan presented their database that was developed with funding from the Hudson River Foundation and includes all manner of data that goes back to the 1920s. The database will be housed on Bard College servers. The plan is for continued input of new data. There is a link on the [SKWC website](#). Data regarding the water testing from the site at Benner Road, downstream of the WWTP discharge starts in 1975. I have a meeting with Eli later in March to discuss how to access this data correctly so we can see the impacts from the plants over time.

Details of the February 24th event were discussed. The Town of Stanford requested information about the well testing program that SKWC has done in the past. Additional water quality testing and funding was also discussed.

At the February 24th event at the Elmendorph Inn, the SKWC in collaboration with the Hudson River Watershed Alliance & Bard College, Eli Drueker & Jordan Ayala presented the database and Karen Schnelling-McDonald shared the activities of the SKWC over the last 10 years with a view toward what's next. At the end of the program, Karen Schnelling-McDonald was honored for her 10 years at the helm of the SKWC as she is stepping down as Chair. I was honored to be able to present a Proclamation to Karen for her work and leadership.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wed. March 4th at 5:30pm in Village Hall to discuss 2026 priorities and a funding request from the Town. The next meeting after that is scheduled for Wed. March 25th at 6:30pm at Village Hall.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

The meeting scheduled for Feb. 26th had to be cancelled as the majority of the team couldn't make it.

Betsy Brauer has resigned from this committee.

Next meeting is being scheduled.

PUBLIC SPACES/ABRAHAMS PARK

The Public Spaces Committee has not met since my last report. Due to the holiday schedules, the next meeting is March 16th at 7pm in Village Hall.

Barbara Westermann has resigned from this committee.

I did meet with Betsy Brauer on Feb. 25th in preparation for the next meeting. We discussed possible funding sources and approaches. We also discussed a possible summer internship for the Bard Student working on the Park. We discussed the need for a document reflecting the goals and objectives for the project.

DUTCHESS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (DCTC)

The DCTC Planning Committee met virtually on February 25th. They shared announcements about upcoming reviews, reports and funding opportunities. The team shared the process for updating the County Long Term Transportation Plan for 2026 – Moving Dutchess Forward. We discussed the classification of roads in the County. The Safety Action Plan is in the final stages, the final draft should be available soon. The Annual Traffic Count program will be starting soon. 2025 counts will be added to the DCTC website in March.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Feb. 5th, I attended an open house at Professional Computer Associates (PCA) located at 7401 S. Broadway for their celebration of their new owners and new name – Synagex.

Feb. 7th I attended the Red Hook Fire Company Installation Dinner where Justice Jonah Treibwasser swore in the new officers for 2026.

Feb. 15th I attended the State of the Hudson Valley speech by Congressmember Pat Ryan at the Family Partnership Center in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Feb. 24th I attended the Sawkill Watershed Community event at the Elmendorph and presented Karen Schnelling-McDonald a proclamation for her service to the SKWC and the whole community.

Red Hook Together

The group meeting is organized by [Bard Center for Civic Engagement](#) & meets every first Thursday of the month. On Thurs, March 5th the group of Red Hook Together met in-person at The Grove, A newly renovated restaurant & bar at Red Hook Golf Club.

The conversation focused on hearing about attendees upcoming events and programs as well as discussing funding opportunities, such as celebrating the Community Center’s recent NY BRICKS grant and Dutchess County MIG grant. Kris Munn from the County Legislator, District 20 talked about the County Budget and the upcoming discussions.

PANDA tv is looking for furnishing donations for its nearly completed studio. If you have Club chairs, rugs or other furnishings in good condition, consider giving them a new career in show business. Also exciting, PANDA tv now has a 24-7 programming available on its livestream app, through Spectrum cable channel 1303, or through your internet browser at:

panda-ny.cablecast.tv/cablecastapi/live?channel_id=1&use_cdn=true

Visit: <https://panda-ny.cablecast.tv/internetchannel/schedule> for the full schedule of programs.

Town of Red Hook Comprehensive Plan:

The Town committee meets monthly from 7:30pm to 9pm on the fourth Tuesday at Town Hall. The last meeting was February 24th. The Consultants are working with the Committee to close out the Visioning process and are beginning to gather the key goals/topics raised during those sessions. Those larger goals will be presented with strategies/policies for further engagement at the upcoming second workshop in the spring.

Below is a list of some of the programming & metrics of the Public Visioning Sessions:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tabling at Hardscrabble Day 2025 ● Visioning Workshop: 70+ participants ● Visioning Survey (mostly online, some paper surveys): 170 respondents ● Kitchen Table Conversations: 21 ● Tabling and engagement at the Community Center (Teen time, Community Closet, Senior Friends Lunch) ● Pop-up boards at Bard ● Pop-up boards at Red Hook High School (next week) ● In-class workshop with ~200 7th and 8th graders (later this month) 	
Comp Plan Site:	redhookny.gov/578/Town-of-Red-Hook-Comprehensive-Plan
What is a Comp Plan?	redhookny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4933/
Community Engagement	https://www.redhookny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4931/

Town of Red Hook Community Preservation Fund:

		Balance
M&T Consolidated Account	Cm C'munity Pres 0102	234,683.02
NYclass Master Account	Cm Community Pres. 0203	1,500,533.97
	Green CPF 0204.100 Investment	1845703.47
	Greene (CPF Funds) 0204	111,102.20
Town of Red Hook CPF Total Balance as of 2/10/2026		3,692,022.66
Source: Town Board Packet: https://www.redhookny.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/1112?fileID=20477 From the Monthly Statement of the Red Hook Town Supervisor		

Village of Red Hook Communications:

This month the Mayor and I made progress on a few ongoing projects:

- The Communication Survey online has been posted to the [home page](#) under “Government News”. Questions range from what methods of communications work well, which could be improved, which improvements should be budget priorities.
- The Updated [Waste Water Treatment Plant Operations Page](#) was relaunched on Wed March, 4th. The aim was to streamline information and add contextualizing information to the reports and updates listed on the page. We also improved the layout, implementing a “jump link” index at the top of the page so users are able to navigate directly to each heading.
- I also posted a sign-up tutorial to the [NY Alert system](#), which was first created by Sewer Clerk Jen Cavanaugh, and shared by Mayor Karen Smythe via email. You can locate the page under the Stay Informed heading on the website.

Village and Zoning Review:

On February 9th, the Village Board voted to send the North Broadway Corridor Land Use & Zoning Study Draft to Dutchess County Department of Planning, Village of Red Hook Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, to be reviewed for comments within 30 days. The Public Comment period was also extended to March 9th.

Links to Video Recordings:

Draft Study Information Sessions: [Mar 13, 2025](#) , [Oct 13, 2025](#).

Public Hearings : [Dec 8, 2025](#) , [Jan 12, 2026](#) , [February 9th](#)

The Proposed Study can be accessed here: redhookvillage.gov/360

Planning/Zoning & Building Department:

This past month, with the permission of the Mayor, I have been working with the Planning Clerk, Lara Hart to prepare a guide for businesses that are opening a Village location. It was a concept that the Mayor and I discussed years ago with business owner Lauren Cunningham-Housman, and was seconded recently by Chamber of Commerce director Colin Stark. The guide will attempt to explain common requirements and processes (fire inspections, ‘Change of Use’ etc).

See attached Reports

Village of Red Hook Building Department

Monthly Trustee's Report

MONTH OF: FEBRUARY 2026

DATE	PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS	TYPE OF APPLICATION	CHECK AMOUNT	Check #	Notes:
1/29/2026	VFW	30 Elizabeth Street	Building Permit	150.00	1584	Pd. By Autonomous Energies
2/11/2026	Haddad	65-67 E. Market Street	CO Search	300.00	20420	Pd. By Integrity
2/19/2026	Baldwin	7432 S. Broadway	CO Search	100.00	1732	Pd. By Hudson Vly Land Srvs.
2/26/2026	Pujol	15 Church Street	Building Permit	146.72	19094	Pd. By Empire Solar
2/24/2026	Eccles	7449 S. Broadway	Zoning Variance Appl	200.00	1314	Pfd. By C.W.B. Architect

TOTAL

896.72

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK BUILDING DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY TRUSTEE REPORT
ZONING & PLANNING
FEBRUARY, 2026**

Building Permits Issued: 2

Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 0

Temporary Certificates of Occupancy: 0

Certificate of Compliance: 2

Municipal Searches: 2

Orders to Remedy: 0

Stop Work Orders: 0

Do Not Occupy Notice: 0

Court Appearances: 0

Complaints: 1 – Open Sign blinking at 31-35 W. Market St. – remedied
2 – Propane tank/snow complaint – Senior Housing - remedied

Fire Inspections: 1. 7550 N. Broadway
2, 7444 South Broadway
3. 7582 N. Broadway (re-inspect)
4. 31-35 W. Market St. (re-inspect)

Planning Board Actions:

February 12, 2026 Planning Board Meeting:

Signage approval granted to HV Chiropractic at 35 Firehouse Lane
Site Plan & Public Hearing for 87 E. Market Street tabled to March 12, 2026
Site Plan for 31 E. Market Street tabled to March 12, 2026
Site Plan/Lighting Proposal for RHCS D tabled to March 12, 2026

Zoning Board of Appeals:

No February meeting due to no agenda,

VILLAGE OF RED HOOK RESOURCE RECOVERY DATA/REPORT

2024/2025	June*	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	Average	YTD
TONS														
Commingled	0.82	1.2	0.9	0.84	0.75	1.01	1.66	1.06	1.11	0.85	0.93	0.9	1.00	12.03
Cardboard	0.47	0.46	0.43	0.57	0.37	0.41	0.42	0.51	0.2	0.73	0.33	0.51	0.45	5.41
Paper	0.83	0.61	0.65	1	0.79	0.83	0.75	0.84	0.58	1.19	0.75	0.71	0.79	9.53
Total Recycling	2.12	2.27	1.98	2.41	1.91	2.25	2.83	2.41	1.89	2.77	2.01	2.12	2.25	26.97
Garbage Dumpster	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	5	5	5	5	5	5		
Garbage - UCRRA	8.13	4.37	5.62	7.03	1.72	3	2.38	3.21	0	5.33	0.53	7.07	8.18	98.19
REVENUE														
Tags Sold	\$2,820.00	\$2,927.00	\$ 2,480.00	\$2,696.00	\$3,592.00	\$2,748.00	\$2,517.00	\$3,507.00	\$1,545.00	\$2,979.00	\$2,490.00	\$2,078.00	\$2,698.25	\$32,379.00
COSTS														
Garbage @ \$135/ton	\$939.95	\$502.55	\$646.30	\$808.45	\$197.80	\$355.00	\$288.70	\$433.35	\$0.00	\$719.55	\$81.55	\$964.45	\$494.80	\$5,937.65
Fuel Surcharge	\$65.85	\$33.92	\$43.63	\$50.53	\$11.86	\$21.30	\$17.33	\$24.92	\$0.00	\$44.97	\$5.10	\$57.87	\$31.44	\$377.28
Contaminated Recycling	\$6.10	\$2.44	\$0.00	\$2.43	\$4.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.32	\$15.81
Welsh/Royal Dumpster	\$246.63	\$246.63	\$246.63	\$246.63	\$246.63	\$246.63	\$218.51	\$218.51	\$218.51	\$218.51	\$218.51	\$218.51	\$232.57	\$2,790.84
TOTAL COSTS	\$1,258.53	\$785.54	\$936.56	\$1,108.04	\$461.13	\$622.93	\$524.54	\$676.78	\$218.51	\$983.03	\$305.16	\$1,240.83	\$760.13	\$9,121.58
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,820.00	\$2,927.00	\$2,480.00	\$2,696.00	\$3,592.00	\$2,748.00	\$2,517.00	\$3,507.00	\$1,545.00	\$2,979.00	\$2,490.00	\$2,078.00	\$2,698.25	\$32,379.00
2025/2026	June*	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	Average	YTD
TONS														
Commingled	1.29	0.78	0.85	0.83	1.02	1.68	2.3	1.43	1.5				1.30	11.68
Cardboard	0.65	0.44	0.52	0.64	0.52	0.90	0.91	0.76	0.57				0.66	5.91
Paper	0.68	0.65	0.62	1.08	0.77	1.17	1.63	1.18	1.11				0.99	8.89
Total Recycling	2.62	1.87	1.99	2.55	2.31	3.75	4.84	3.37	3.18				2.94	26.48
Garbage - Dumpster	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5					
Garbage - UCRRA	5.83	9.89	6.62	9.98	13.39	9.19	11.69	8.99	8.91					
Garbage - Total	10.83	14.89	11.62	14.98	18.39	14.19	16.69	13.99	13.91				14.39	129.49
REVENUE														
Tags Sold	\$2,383.00	\$2,848.00	\$ 2,289.00	\$2,985.00	\$3,318.00	\$1,813.00	\$2,975.00	\$3,093.00	\$1,742.00				\$2,605.11	\$23,446.00
Tivoli Service @ \$682.50/wk						\$2,730.00	\$2,730.00	\$2,730.00	\$2,730.00					\$10,920.00
COSTS														
Garbage @ \$135/ton	\$807.05	\$1,402.75	\$893.70	\$1,357.30	\$1,807.65	\$1,250.65	\$1,578.15	\$1,432.78	\$1,336.50				\$1,318.50	\$11,866.53
Fuel Surcharge	\$48.54	\$87.81	\$55.86	\$84.83	\$112.98	\$78.18	\$102.58	\$84.28	\$83.53				\$82.07	\$738.59
Garbage - Total	\$855.59	\$1,490.56	\$949.56	\$1,442.13	\$1,920.63	\$1,328.83	\$1,680.73	\$1,517.06	\$1,420.03					
Contaminated Recycling	\$2.70	\$2.70	\$7.06	\$0.00	\$1.41	\$2.83	\$0.00	\$23.44	\$3.13				\$4.81	\$43.27
Welsh/Royal Dumpster	\$218.51	\$218.51	\$218.51	\$218.51	\$218.51	\$218.51	\$218.51	\$218.51	\$218.51				\$218.51	\$1,966.59
TOTAL COSTS	\$1,076.80	\$1,711.77	\$1,175.13	\$1,660.64	\$2,140.55	\$1,550.17	\$1,899.24	\$1,759.01	\$1,641.67				\$1,623.89	\$14,614.98
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,383.00	\$2,848.00	\$2,289.00	\$2,985.00	\$3,318.00	\$4,543.00	\$5,705.00	\$5,823.00	\$4,472.00				\$3,818.44	\$34,366.00
inc. Tivoli garbage (started 6/24/25)														

6 yd dumpster start Dec 2024

Highway Department:

<p><u>Materials Management</u></p> <p>Here are this month’s costs and expenses. Please refer to the attached Resource Recovery Data Report.</p>
<p><u>Trash & Recycling Pickup</u></p> <p>Trash & recycling must be out before 5am on Monday mornings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cardboard bundles should be bound together with string or tape. 2. Paper recycling should be placed loose within a lidded tub or bin. <p>Recycling pickup alternates between Yellow (paper & cardboard) & Blue (metal, plastic & glass).</p> <p>Bulk Waste disposal (of mattresses, large furniture, etc.) is available to Village residents and businesses at a very affordable rate.</p> <p>Please contact the Clerk to purchase tags for any Village disposal services: (845) 758-1081 – info@redhookvillage.gov - or in person M-F, 11AM- 4PM</p>
<p>The Dual-Stream Recycling Calendar and Guide is available at Village Hall, and at redhookvillage.org/recycle</p>
<p><u>Food Waste Dropoff</u></p> <p>Residents are welcome to join the Village’s Food Waste Collection Program, made possible in part by a composting grant from Dutchess County. To sign up, contact the Clerk or visit redhookvillage.gov/compost</p>
<p><u>Brush / Yard Waste Pickup</u></p> <p>Concluded for the season. Commence the countdown to spring!</p>

Scrap Metal Program:

Revenue received since the last report (1/31/26) was	\$478.50
Total revenue for this Fiscal Year (Jun 2025- May 2026) to date is	\$3955.60
Since the Program’s inception, in Sep 2007, donations have yielded a total of	\$59472.84
<p>Proceeds from the program go towards the purchase of tools & equipment for the Public Works Dept. Residents & businesses interested in donating metal may contact the Village Clerk’s office to schedule a pickup.</p>	

Snow Removal & Seasonal Parking Rules:

No all-night street parking is permitted in the Village from November 1st - March 31st . Vehicles parked on the streets between 11 PM - 6 AM may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.
Property owners are reminded to remove athletic equipment, garbage receptacles and/or any other temporary obstacles from the side of streets to prevent their damage during snow removal operations.
The owner and/or occupant of every building/lot in the village with an adjoining sidewalk, is required to remove snow and ice within 24 hrs of the end of a snowstorm . The Village Highway Department may remove uncleared snow/ice , at cost to the property owner.

Foreman Appreciation, or, “Giving Jake his Flowers”:

Always grateful to Jake and Team DPW for all their hard work keeping our roads clear and safe throughout this punishing winter. Also, thank you for this thrilling photo.



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Street Light Complaints:

If you notice a street light out in the Village: You may notify Central Hudson directly by going to: cenhud.com/en/outages, selecting '*Report a Street Light*' and filling out their online form.

Potholes:

You can notify the Village of potholes on Village roads by calling the Village Clerk's office or filling out the '*Report a Concern*' form at: redhookvillage.org/concern. You can also submit your complaint directly to the NYS DOT by calling 1.800.POTHOLE (1.800.768.4653).

The Village Food Waste Collection Program is now live. Village residents are invited to sign up at redhookvillage.gov/compost, in person, or by phone/email to the clerk.

Our hauler, Ray Silverman of Laughing Fox Farm, has provided our latest collection data:

CODE
746725

RED HOOK VILLAGE COMPOST PROGRAM VOLUME TRACKING

Dates 12/4/25 -

PICKUP DATE	VOLUME (32GAL BINS)	APPROX WEIGHT (170LBS PER FULL BIN)	NOTES
12/4/25	.25 bin	42lbs	
12/11/25	.5 bin	85lbs	
12/18/25	.5 bin	85lbs	
12/24/25	.5 bin	85lbs	
1/2/26	.5 bin	85lbs	
1/8/26	.75 bin	127lbs	
1/22/26	NO PICKUP		
1/29/26	1.25 bins	212lbs	
2/5	1 bin	170lbs	
2/12	1 bin	170lbs	
2/19	1.25 bins	212lbs	
2/26	1 bin	170lbs	
3/5			

Our hauler was excited to note **an uptick in use** since the mayor hosted the Kickoff Event in January. Great job, residents! Partnering with the Village helps us all achieve our sustainability goals.

Volume of food waste collected since last report (1/31/26):	722 lbs
Estimated total volume diverted from landfill since Sept 1, 2025:	2,606 lbs

The Village Green Committee held no meetings in the month of February.

However, committee members are already in the planning process for Spring Planting - Arbor Day 2026. This includes trawling through the tree nursery catalog, canvassing for locations, and updating their content for communications.

Here is the current draft of their updated mission statement:

The Red Hook Village Green Committee is proud to serve as steward of the Village's Community Forestry Program, enhancing the natural beauty and biodiversity of our urban canopy. We maintain the tree inventory, host public events to maintain the Village's Tree City USA membership, and create a third space where people and plants unite. We act as a bridge between residents and the Board of Trustees, overseeing public bench donations, educational outreach, and beautification projects that enrich our walkable village. Annually, we host four public meetings, two planting days, one big Arbor Day observance in the spring, and provide plenty of volunteer and educational opportunities year-round. Since our founding in 2002, we have cultivated a resilient, welcoming Village landscape, and hope to serve generations of Red Hook residents (like you!) for years to come.

The committee members express their thanks for the updated page on the Village website. They also respectfully request a listing of the current VGC meeting schedule. **Their next public meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6 PM in the Village Courtroom.**

Finally, the design of their canvassing postcard is forthcoming for your approval.

Reminders:

- **I have set up a [Village Street Tree Request Form](#).** Ask your Clerk (or a neighbor) if a complimentary street tree is right for you. The form can also be accessed from the Village Green Committee page at <https://www.redhookvillage.gov/200/Village-Green-Committee>.
- If you have a little free time and want to meet fun neighbors, the Village Green might be just the place for you. Please contact the Clerk, or email **VGC Chair Tara Barrett** - hilbarr@gmail.com

As always, it's my pleasure to serve this hardworking team.

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Amy Smith
February Reports

Water & Utility Billing

In the month of February, the Village Water Department treated a total of 6,290,437 gallons with an average of 209,681 gallons per day. The average residual free chlorine level at the point of entry was 1.26 milligrams per liter of water.

Two samples were taken for testing on February 5, 2026 and all came back clear of both e.coli and fecal coliform. A third sample was taken on February 19 and that also came back negative for e.coli and fecal coliform.

Project Reports

I participated in a **Personnel Policy Development** meeting with the mayor and Payroll Clerk Irene Holsapple. My assignment is to draft two policies: one about the use of municipal computers, internet and tech security; and the second on personnel files and archival requirements as set by laws of the NYS Library and Archives.

The **School Speed Zone**, I submitted the packet to the email address supplied by Mr. LaRose and I received an initial reply that the request was submitted to the Regional Traffic and Safety Group. I emailed and then called to follow up. The Village's request is in the pile.

Grants

Tighe and Bond was able to edit the proposal for a prioritized plan to improve pedestrian experience in the Village center to fit a smaller budget. As a reminder this change was necessary since the Greenway Compact Grant committee requested the Village reapply but limit the project to planning only. This means that the Village's match needs to be in cash, not labor.

In keeping with the Board vote to have Karen submit the Greenway Compact Grant for this project, I have been doing the light editing required of our original application. The portal opens on March 23. The committee will notify recipients in June.

Finally, I wrote the Language Access Grant extension explanation as requested by the mayor who submitted it to the Community Investment Officer for their consideration. The extension would allow the Village to use the balance of the Language Access Grant funds to improve the signage at the Prince St entrance and establish a public notice board as well.

Events

With the mayor and Lieutenant Hildenbrand, I met with the Chamber of Commerce for discussion of their plan to be the sponsoring organization for the Celebration of Lights parade in December.

The mayor and I also met with a group of youth who shared their enterprising ideas on raising money to help animals. I connected them with the coordinator of Apple Blossom Day and also the Methodist Church Food Pantry to support their plans. I hope everyone looks for their table at Apple Blossom and buys lemonade or some youth-made animal-themed art. You won't regret it.

Finally, I reached out to Dave Wright the coordinator for Red Hook Rotary's Apple Blossom Day to schedule a meeting.

Utility Billing Report
Water/Sewer Department
February 2026

Utility Bills Issued	\$303.52
Penalties/Finance Charges Issued	\$930.66
Utility Payments Received	\$75,887.47
Accounts Receivable Outstanding to the Village as of 3/2/2026	\$35,594.89

Bill Adjustments¹

- None

Submitted by,

Jennifer Cavanaugh, Water/Sewer Clerk

¹ All adjustments must be approved by Water Department and Mayor and reviewed by Board of Trustees. One adjustment allowed per 5-year period.

MEMORANDUM OF FEBRUARY 19, 2026, RED HOOK LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to an appointment of Mayor Smythe, I attended a meeting of the Red Hook Library Board.

Eight Board members were present and were quite welcoming.

Following approval of the prior, January 15th meeting minutes, the Board discussed the Sustainable Library Certification status, which included improvements to the library structure, Board diversity, analysis of the Library's financial position and controls, continuing education opportunities and outreach to minorities.

The Board unanimously approved a resolution to increase the current tax levy, to be voted on at the May 2026 School District election.

The Board then reviewed the comparative use of Library programs January 2025 to January 2026.

Among the programs/activities discussed were the "wonderbooks" collection, sensory counting tiles, Birth Center Library Launches (at Northern Dutchess Hospital), future "bushcraft" workshops, and a "Bingosize" proposal.

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. and ended at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting is March 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted
Anthony Maccarini