

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL  
MAY 26, 2026**

Present: Mayor Karen Smythe, Deputy Mayor Melkorka Kjarval, Trustee Frances Uku, Trustee Perry Allen, Trustee Craig Rothstein, and Village Deputy Clerk Diana Devens

Mayor Smythe began the meeting at 6:30pm.

**Trustee Uku make a motion to table the acceptance of the April 27, 2026 Board of Trustees Workshop. The motion was seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor. Motion approved.**

**Trustee Uku make a motion to table the acceptance of the May 11, 2026 Board of Trustee Meeting and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Rothstein. All in favor. Motion approved.**

**Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to accept the agenda as revised to add a discussion of ‘School Lighting’. Trustee Rothstein made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Town Supervisor Robert McKeon spoke in public comment about the Town’s Community Preservation Fund, Community Preservation Plan, the land in and near the Village preserved using the fund, and how the Village might be able to apply for funds for a future project.

Mayor Smythe reviewed the Clerk’s report regarding the expenses from the March 18, 2026 general election.

RESOLUTION 24 – 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF USDA-RD SHORT TERM ASSET RESERVE FUND TO THE WATER FUND TO COVER EMERGENCY REPAIR COSTS FOR WELL 12

WHEREAS, on Monday, April 20, 2026, a low-level alarm was triggered at the water tanks, caused by the wells not producing enough water to keep up with demand; and

WHEREAS, Smith Well Drilling, Inc., responded to our emergency request to assist with the investigation of the wells and well pumps and motors to determine the problem; and

WHEREAS, Smith Well Drilling, Inc., lifted the pump and motor from Well 12 and discovered a hole in the pump at the connection of the pipe. Replacing the pipe did not fix the problem so a new pump and motor was purchased and installed the same day; and

WHEREAS, the expenses for Well 12 related to this emergency are as follows:

- Smith Well Drilling, Inc. \$2,851.23
- D&S Pump & Supply Co. \$2,075.45

WHEREAS, the Village of Red Hook maintains a USDA-RD Short Term Asset Reserve Fund in line with requirements of the USDA-RD loan to ensure there are funds on hand for short term asset repair or replacement such as these; and

WHEREAS, this fund is maintained as a separate account, funded by the Water Budget at \$25,000 each year; and has approximately \$151,570 as a balance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees approves the use of funds from the USDA-RD Short Term Asset Reserve Fund to pay for these expenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is directed to transfer \$4,926.68 from the USDA-RD Reserve account and pay these two invoices.

Motion by: Deputy Mayor Kjarval

Seconded by: Trustee Allen

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
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 Uku	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Recuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent/Excused
Trustee Allen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Recuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent/Excused
Trustee Rothstein	<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				

RESOLUTION 25 – 2026

RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Public Spaces Committee was duly formed by Resolution #27-2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village seeks to confirm members appointed by the mayor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT; the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the following mayoral appointments to the Public Spaces Committee each for a two-year term, ending April 3, 2028:

- Perry Allen – Committee Chair (one year term) and Board Liaison
- Ash Bradley-Rickard
- Betsy Brauer
- Linda DiGasper
- Camille Norvell
- David Pearson
- David Sokol
- Karen Smythe, Mayor

Motion by: Trustee Rothstein

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Kjarval

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
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
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Trustee Rothstein	<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				

Amy Smith, Events Committee, reviewed the Hardscrabble 2026 (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary) event application with the Board.

**Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to accept the Hardscrabble 2026 application. Trustee Rothstein made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor. Motion approved.**

**Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to fly the Pride flag on the Village’s municipal flagpole (Prince Street entrance) for the month of June. Trustee Allen made the motion and it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kjarval.**

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
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
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Trustee Rothstein	<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				

Establishing a Wetland Rehabilitation Task Force or Committee tabled to a future meeting.

**Trustee Uku made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$150.00 for the printing of a Village Green postcard (reviewed by Board of Trustees). The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kjarval. All in favor. Motion approved.**

No Executive Session.

**Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to ratify the bills paid in advance of audit since the last meeting, as detailed in the Treasurer’s May 26, 2026 Workshop Report in the following amounts: General Fund \$2,480.75 and Water Fund \$833.78. Additionally, to approve the Audited Vouchers as presented by the Treasurer to be paid in the following amounts: General Fund \$10,437.77, Water Fund \$5,257.95, and Sewer Fund \$16,749.67. Trustee Rothstein made the motion and it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kjarval. All in favor. Motion approved.**

**Mayor Smythe asked for a motion to adjourn the May 26, 2026 Village Board Workshop Meeting at 9:08pm. Deputy Mayor Kjarval made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Rothstein. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Cavanaugh, Clerk