

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 13, 2026

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened in public session at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook at 7:30pm.

Present: Supervisor Robert McKeon
Councilmember William Hamel
Councilmember Kristina Dousharm
Councilmember Kenneth Migliorelli
Councilmember Jacob Testa
Town Clerk Deanna Cochran
Also Present: Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke
Via Videoconference: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale, Esq.

Supervisor McKeon opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and reviewed the agenda.

Supervisor’s Report: The Supervisor’s Report for the period of December 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 was read as follows: Opening Balance – \$9,302,074.65; Receipts - \$3,971,301.08; Disbursed - \$2,444,630.11; Balance - \$10,828,745.62. Supervisor McKeon stated the Board would not be voting to accept the report, as he had not been able to submit it in its entirety before the meeting.

Town Clerk’s Report: The Town Clerk’s Report for the period December 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 was read as follows: Total Local Shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$8,379.47; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. and Markets for spay/neuter program - \$36.00; Amount remitted to NYS Department of Health for Marriage License’s - \$45.00; Amount remitted to NYS Department of Racing and Wagering – \$15.00; Amount remitted to NYS Environmental Conservation: \$68.03; Total State, County, and Local revenues \$8,543.50. Abstracts reported and approved for payment with vouchers 34,236-34,386 totaling \$757,194.04 were processed in the month of December, 2025.

On a motion by Councilmember Hamel seconded by Councilmember Testa to accept the Town Clerk’s Report

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Dousharm, Migliorelli, Testa
	Nays	0	

Announcements:

The Town has received \$2,563,200.00 in 2025 Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grant funding for the Town/Village sewer treatment facility expansion project.

The Red Hook Repair Café, organized by the Conservation Advisory Council and hosted by the Red Hook Community Center, will be providing free fixes for many household items on January 24th, 2026 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at 59 Fisk Street, Red Hook, New York 12571.

Dutchess County Department of Public Works will be holding a public information session regarding the replacement of an Annandale Road bridge at the Town Hall on Wednesday, January 21st, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

The Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) is updating their long range transportation plan, Moving Dutchess Forward. The Plan serves as the guiding vision for improving transportation in Dutchess County over the next 25 years. For more information, visit movingdutchessforward.com. An anonymous survey can be taken for a chance to win a \$25 Visa gift card.

Public Hearing – regarding a Proposal for an Increase and Improvement of Water District Facilities for Red Hook Water District No. 1

On a motion by Councilmember Dousharm seconded by Councilmember Hamel to open the public hearing

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Dousharm, Migliorelli, Testa
	Nays	0	

Water Board Chair Hank Van Parys reviewed the plans to rehabilitate the Kelly Road water storage site. Water Board Chair Hank Van Parys stated the rehabilitation of the storage site is

preferable to replacement because of pending expenses in the near future, such as replacing the water main lines and potential well repairs.

The following persons appeared in favor of the proposed increase and improvement of facilities of said Water District No. 1:

Hank Van Parys, Ablen Amrod

The following persons appeared in opposition to said proposed increase and improvement of facilities:

Rich Rhynders

Councilmember Dousharm stated she does not want to close the public hearing until they have heard from Bard College regarding the 25% contribution to the project requested by the Board. Supervisor McKeon stated the Town would need to go out to bid for the project before the cost of the project can be determined and closing the public hearing does not lock in the Town into beginning the project.

On a motion by Councilmember Hamel seconded by Supervisor McKeon to close the public hearing

Adopted	Ayes	4	McKeon, Hamel, Migliorelli, Testa
	Nays	1	Dousharm

Public Hearing – regarding an Amendment to the Fire protection District Fire Service Agreement between the Town of Red Hook and the Village of Tivoli for 2025-2026

On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Testa to open the public hearing

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Dousharm, Migliorelli, Testa
	Nays	0	

The following individuals spoke in favor of the amendment:

Bill Shilling, Sarah Imboden

On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Hamel to close the public hearing

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Dousharm, Migliorelli, Testa
	Nays	0	

Resolution and Order after a Public Hearing Approving a Water Facilities Improvement Project for Water District No. 1 in the Town of Red hook, in the County of Dutchess, State of New York, Pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law

Supervisor McKeon reviewed the resolution.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 1
DATED JANUARY 13, 2026**

RESOLUTION AND ORDER AFTER PUBLIC HEARING APPROVING A WATER FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, IN THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, STATE OF NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO SECTION 202-b OF THE TOWN LAW

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook (herein called "Town Board" and "Town", respectively), in the County of Dutchess, New York, on behalf of Water District No. 1, in the Town (herein called "District"), requested that T&B Engineering and Landscape Architecture, P.C., engineers duly licensed by the State of New York (herein called "Engineer"), prepare a report assessing alternatives for the improvement of facilities of the District including the rehabilitation or replacement of the existing water tank; and

WHEREAS the Engineer prepared an Engineering Report dated as of August 24, 2022, updated June 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, following completion of a 2024 tank inspection and sediment removal project in 2024, at the request of the Water Board, the Engineer has prepared a further report update dated March 10, 2025 describing the rehabilitation project and providing an opinion of probable cost for the rehabilitation option and the tank replacement option (such report update, together with the Engineering Report, the “Preliminary Report”, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk); and

WHEREAS, the cost of the rehabilitation of the tank is estimated not to exceed \$1,672,600;

WHEREAS, the Engineer completed such engineer’s report and filed the same with the Town Board, and the Town Board thereafter adopted an order describing in general terms the proposed improvement of facilities, specifying the estimated total cost thereof and stating that the Town Board would meet to hear all persons interested in said improvement of facilities on January 13, 2026 at 7:35 o'clock p.m. (Prevailing Time) at the Town Hall in the Town; and

WHEREAS, notice of such order, was published and posted pursuant to the applicable provisions of Article 12 of the Town Law; and

WHEREAS, such public hearing was duly held by the Town Board on this 13th day of January, 2026 at 7:35 o'clock p.m. (Prevailing Time), and considerable discussion on the matter having been had and all persons desiring to be heard having been heard, including those in favor of and those in opposition to said improvement of the facilities; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the aforesaid purpose constitutes a Type II Action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQR not to have a significant impact on the environment.

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the Town have complied in every respect with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding environmental matters including compliance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, comprising Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook as follows:

1. On the basis of the information given at such hearing, it is hereby determined that it is in the public interest to improve the facilities of the District as hereinabove described and referred to at the estimated total cost of \$1,672,600.
2. It is hereby ordered that the facilities of the District shall be so improved.
3. Definite plans, specifications, and a careful estimate of the expense of the improvement are hereby directed to be prepared and the Attorneys for the Town are hereby directed to assist in the preparation of a proposed contract and to submit the same to this Town Board for examination and approval.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Hamel, seconded by Councilmember Testa, to wit;

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 1
DATED JANUARY 13, 2026**

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER AFTER PUBLIC HEARING APPROVING A
WATER FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR WATER
DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, IN THE COUNTY OF
DUTCHESS, STATE OF NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO SECTION 202-b OF
THE TOWN LAW**

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kristina Dousharm	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Migliorelli	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution Authorizing Increase and Improvement of Water District Facilities for Water District No. 1 at an Estimated Maximum Cost of \$1,672,600, and Authorizing the Issuance of Serial Bonds of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York in an Aggregate Principle Amount not to Exceed \$1,272,600 Pursuant to the Local Finance Law to Finance such Cost, and Delegating Certain Powers in Connection therewith to the Town Supervisor
Supervisor McKeon reviewed the resolution.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 2 of 2026**

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 13, 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF WATER DISTRICT FACILITIES FOR WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$1,672,600, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,272,600 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE SUCH COST, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York (the "Town") (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

SECTION 1. Improvement of the facilities of Town of Red Hook Water District No. 1 consisting of the rehabilitation of the existing standpipe at the Kelly Road water storage site, and including original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required therefor, is hereby authorized at an estimated maximum cost of \$1,672,600, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 1 of paragraph a of Section 11 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is forty years.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the aforesaid purpose constitutes a Type II action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQRA not to have a significant impact on the environment.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the proposed maturity of the obligations authorized by this resolution will be in excess of five years from the original date of issuance of such obligation.

SECTION 4. The Town Board plans to finance a portion of the total cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$1,272,600, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. A portion of such cost in the estimated amount of \$400,000 is to be paid from the Water District's existing SW Reserve Fund as authorized by Resolution No. 79 dated November 5, 2025.

SECTION 5. Current funds are not required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds.

SECTION 6. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations.

SECTION 7. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 8. Subject to the terms and contents of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of said Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewals of said notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said serial bonds and said bond anticipation notes (including without limitation the date, denominations, maturities, interest payment dates, consolidation with other issues, and redemption rights), the power to determine to issue said bonds providing for substantially level or declining debt service, and the power to sell and deliver said serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, and the power to issue bonds as statutory installment bonds, is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said serial bonds, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of the Town to any of said serial bonds or any bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal.

SECTION 9. The Town Supervisor is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(I) of the Code.

SECTION 10. The Supervisor is further authorized, in his discretion, to execute a note purchase agreement, project financing and loan agreement and any other agreements with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and/or the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Department of Health, and amendments thereto, and to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to provide for the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose set forth herein, or a portion thereof, by a serial bond and/or bond anticipation note issue of the Town and the sale of such issue or issues to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation or its designee.

SECTION 11. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

(1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money; or

(2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with; and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or

(3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SECTION 12. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in the Poughkeepsie Journal, being a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication.

SECTION 13. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Hamel, seconded by Supervisor McKeon, to wit;

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 2 of 2026**

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 13, 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF WATER DISTRICT FACILITIES FOR WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$1,672,600, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,272,600 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE SUCH COST, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kristina Dousharm	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Migliorelli	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to Town of Red Hook Fire Protection District Fire Service Agreement between the Town of Red Hook and the Village of Tivoli for 2025 and 2026

On a motion Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Testa to amend the budget and move \$7,000 from the Tivoli Contract line to Tivoli Capital

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Dousharm, Migliorelli, Testa
	Nays	0	

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 3
DATED JANUARY 13, 2026**

APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO TOWN OF RED HOOK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND THE VILLAGE OF TIVOLI FOR 2025 AND 2026

WHEREAS, proposed terms of an amendment entitled “TOWN OF RED HOOK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT--VILLAGE OF TIVOLI”, dated as of January 1, 2026 (“Amendment”), have been submitted to the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook;

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been duly called, noticed and held regarding the proposed amendment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook (by the favorable vote of not less than a majority of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

1. The Amendment between the Town of Red Hook and the Village of Tivoli regarding the Fire Service Agreement for 2025 and 2026 for fire protection services is hereby approved.
2. The Supervisor of the Town is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Amendment and such other documents necessary in connection with such Amendment. Such Amendment shall be in substantially the form on file with the Clerk, with such insubstantial changes as may be approved by the Supervisor.

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor McKeon, seconded by Councilmember Migliorelli, to wit;

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 3
DATED JANUARY 13, 2026**

APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO TOWN OF RED HOOK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND THE VILLAGE OF TIVOLI FOR 2025 AND 2026

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kristina Dousharm	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Migliorelli	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Public Comment:

Roxanne Fischer, Barrytown resident, welcomed the new Board members, stating they ran on a platform of opposing the use of eminent domain on the Red Hook Boat Club and the need for transparency with the community. Roxanne Fischer stated she has filed a third supplement to her complaint to the State Comptroller regarding financial concerns about the eminent domain proceedings. Roxanne Fischer reminded the Board that those who voted yes to the eminent domain proceedings can still rescind their vote and halt to costly proceedings.

Cary Kittner, Barrytown resident, welcomed the new Board members and stated she is still interested in the Town Board holding a forum to address the public's questions surrounding the Red Hook Boat Club. Cary Kittner asked if another public hearing would be held regarding the water storage site rehabilitation. Supervisor McKeon stated the Board would not be moving forward without more information about project price, grant funding and Bard College's contribution.

Susan Quasha stated the Board should be practicing good governance, making decisions that bring the Town together.

Lisa Pullaro stated Supervisor McKeon and Councilmember Testa have been stating the eminent domain proceedings have widespread support without evidence. Lisa Pullaro stated the rising cost of the proceeds are not merely a "short-term discomfort," as they have been described. Lisa Pullaro asked Councilmembers Dousharm and Migliorelli do not let one person make binding, expensive decisions for the Town. Lisa Pullaro stated Councilmembers Hamel & Testa have the opportunity to rewrite the eminent domain proceedings, and redirect taxpayer dollars to more critical issues.

Linda Stoddard asked if liaisons would be assigned tonight during reorganization, stating the boards and committees should be evenly distributed between the Board members, as they are not currently.

Resolution to approve 2026 Highway Expenditures

Supervisor McKeon reviewed the resolution.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 4
DATED JANUARY 13, 2026**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2026 HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended for repairs of certain town highways as provided in an agreement with the Highway Superintendent approved by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, attached hereto and on file with the Town Clerk is a proposed form of 2026 Agreement for the expenditure of certain Highway moneys;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to expend highway funds in an amount not to exceed \$62,000 to be set aside to be expended for materials for primary work and general repairs upon Town highways, as more specifically provided in the attached Agreement.
2. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to expend highway funds in an amount not to exceed \$323,000.00 for permanent improvement of the following Town Highway(s) as more specifically provided in the attached Agreement:
 - On Starbarrack Road, starting at Old Post Road, ending at Williams Road;
 - On Vosburgh Road, starting at Starbarrack Road, ending at the dead end;
3. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to expend highway funds in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 for permanent improvement of the following Town Highway(s) as more specifically provided in the attached Agreement:
 - On Middle Road, starting at Rhinebeck Town line and ending at Rokeby Road;
 - On Stonybrook Road starting at Tivoli Village line and ending at State Route 9G;
 - On Sengstack Lane, starting at Woods Road and ending at Stonybrook Road;
 - On Kidd Lane, starting at NY 9G and ending at Tivoli Village line.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor McKeon, seconded by Councilmember Dousharm, to wit;

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 4
DATED JANUARY 13, 2026**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2026 HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kristina Dousharm	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Migliorelli	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution Authorizing Procurement of Bids for EV Cargo Van for Highway Department Purposes

Supervisor McKeon reviewed the resolution.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 5
DATED JANUARY 13, 2026**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROCUREMENT OF BIDS FOR EV CARGO VAN FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Town of Red Hook Highway Superintendent has recommended the purchase of a utility van for highway department purposes and the Town Board requested the consideration of an electric vehicle in accordance with the Town's Purchasing and Procurement Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has identified a type of vehicle with the specifications determined to be necessary for highway department use, being a Dodge Ram Promaster Electric Cargo Van (the "Equipment"), available through NYS OGS State Contract No. 23166, to be acquired through the OGS mini-bid procedure in accordance with the terms and conditions of such OGS contract and the Town's Purchasing and Procurement Policy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook as follows:

1. The Highway Superintendent is authorized to proceed with procurement of bids for the Equipment pursuant to the OGS mini-bid procedure in accordance with the specified OGS contract terms and conditions, with an estimated cost not to exceed \$78,000.
2. The Supervisor and the Town's other officers, employees and agents are hereby authorized and directed for, and in the name and on behalf of the Town, to do all acts and things necessary or convenient in furtherance of this resolution.

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Testa, seconded by Supervisor McKeon, to wit;

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 5
DATED JANUARY 13, 2026**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROCUREMENT OF BIDS FOR EV CARGO VAN FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURPOSES

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kristina Dousharm	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Migliorelli	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution relating to Annual Reorganization

Supervisor McKeon reviewed the resolution. Councilmember Dousharm proposed the Board look into alternate meeting dates and times, stating 7:30 pm is late to be starting a meeting and may be confusing for the public. Councilmember Migliorelli agreed. Supervisor McKeon stated the Board would review schedules and consider the issue at a later meeting.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 6
DATED JANUARY 13, 2026
RELATING TO ANNUAL REORGANIZATION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook as follows:

1. (Meeting Dates): Regular meetings of the Board will take place throughout the year 2026 on the following days in each month, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall: Second Tuesday and Fourth Wednesday. (Additional Special Meetings may be scheduled and announced by posting the announcement at the Town Hall as required by Chapter 22 of the Town Code, and with notification to the press as required by the Public Officers Law.)

2. (Official Newspaper): The Official Newspaper of the Town for 2026 shall be the Poughkeepsie Journal.

3. (Depositories): The following financial institutions shall be Official Depositories of the Town for all Town monies for 2026:

M&T Bank
The Bank of Greene County
Key Bank National Association

In addition, the Town is a member of NYCLASS pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 14, 2014.

4. (Petty Cash): Pursuant to Section 64 of the Town Law, the following offices are authorized to maintain a petty cash fund in the following amounts (not to exceed \$500 per officer or \$1000 for receiver):

Town Clerk/Receiver \$500.00

5. (Salaries): The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook does hereby establish the following salaries for elected officials for 2026:

Supervisor	\$64,196
Town Board Members (each)	\$10,342
Town Clerk	\$66,948
Town Justices (each)	\$21,269
Highway Superintendent	\$78,096

6. (Mileage Reimbursement Rate): The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook does hereby establish the mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.725 per mile for those Town officials and employees who incur official mileage when they are obligated to drive their own vehicles on Town business or when a Town vehicle is not available. For the year 2026, said payment is to be made only after submission, review and approval of the appropriate voucher in accordance with the Town Board audit procedures. The rate is subject to adjustment by the Town Board from time to time so as to be consistent with the IRS rates.

7. (Undertaking): The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook does hereby authorize the execution of a blanket bond in lieu of individual undertaking pursuant to Section 11(2) of the Public Officers Law, for the purpose of covering all officers and employees who collect money, including the Supervisor, Town Clerk/Receiver of Taxes, Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Receiver of

Taxes, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor, Justices, Justice Court Clerks, Superintendent of Highways, Building Inspector, Recycling Station Operator and Planning Secretary and ZBA Secretary.

8. (Check Signing): The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook does hereby authorize the following to sign bank checks for all Town business: (i) Supervisor Robert McKeon; (ii) in his absence Deputy Supervisor William Hamel; and (iii) in the absence of the Supervisor and the Deputy Supervisor, any of the Board Members Kristina Dousharm, Kenneth Migliorelli or Jacob Testa.

9. (Annual Financial Report): The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to submit to the Town Clerk within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year, or such later date as may be required for such filing with the State Comptroller, a copy of the Supervisor's report to the State Comptroller; and the Town Clerk shall cause a summary of such report to be published within 10 days of filing in the official newspaper of the Town.

10. (Procurement Policy): The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook hereby approves the Procurement Policy as recommended by the Purchasing Officer in the form last revised 9/24/25 and on file with the Town Clerk.

11. (Investment Policy): The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook hereby approves the Investment Policy in the form last revised 3/12/2019 and on file with the Town Clerk.

12. (Ethics Policy): The Code of Ethics of the Town of Red Hook is set forth in Article III of the Town Code.

13. (Fund Balance Policy). The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook hereby approves the Fund Balance Policy in the form last revised 3/27/2019 and on file with the Town Clerk.

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Testa, seconded by Councilmember Hamel, to wit;

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 6
DATED JANUARY 13, 2026
RELATING TO ANNUAL REORGANIZATION**

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kristina Dousharm	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Migliorelli	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Hamel to reappoint Deanna Cochran as the Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term ending December 31st, 2028

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Dousharm, Migliorelli, Testa
	Nays	0	

Association of Towns Delegate Designation:

Supervisor McKeon reviewed correspondence from the New York State Association of Towns and stated the Board needed to assign their voting delegate.

On a motion by Councilmember Hamel seconded by Councilmember Testa to designate Supervisor McKeon as the person to conduct voting on behalf of the Town and have Councilmember Dousharm as an alternate.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Dousharm, Migliorelli, Testa
	Nays	0	

Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP)	William Hamel
Planning Board	William Hamel
Recreation Commission	Robert McKeon
Red Church Cemetery Committee	Robert McKeon
Tree Preservation Commission	Jacob Testa
Water District #1 Advisory Board	William Hamel
Zoning Board of Appeals	William Hamel

Correspondence:

Supervisor McKeon reviewed a petition requesting the reduction of the speed limit on Elm Street from 35 MPH to 25 MPH. Supervisor McKeon stated the Town is in the process of a Townwide engineering study regarding speed limits, the findings of which will be presented to State Department of Transportation for determinations. Supervisor McKeon stated the Town should expect the Board to have a document ready by summer, with a letter to the State in late fall, and they hope for a decision in 2027.

Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Article 7 Proceeding Susan Kirchoff and Alain Younes

Supervisor McKeon reviewed the resolution.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 7
DATED: JANUARY 13, 2026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF ARTICLE 7 PROCEEDING
SUSAN KIRCHHOFF AND ALAIN YOUNES**

WHEREAS, Susan Kirchoff and Alain Younes (“Petitioners”), with real property located in the Town of Red Hook, commenced proceedings pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law challenging the assessment on property located in the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York and designated as 134889-6372-04-767017-0000 on the Official Assessment Map of the Town of Red Hook for the 2025 assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the parties have proposed to settle the proceedings whereby the assessment on the parcels which are the subject of the proceedings will be reduced, corrected and fixed for the 2025 tax assessment rolls; and

WHEREAS, proposed terms of a stipulated final judgment have been presented to the Town of Red Hook for reduction of the assessment, as follows:

Tax Map No. 134889-6372-04-767017-0000

Assessment Roll	Assessment	Reduced Assessment	Amount of Reduction
2025	\$560,500	\$515,000	\$45,500

which consent order and judgement shall provide that tax refunds are waived for the amount, if any, paid by Petitioners as Town and Town special district taxes and assessments based on the original 2025 assessment roll; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook as follows:

1. The Town Board does hereby agree to the settlement and to the entry of the stipulated final judgment for reduction of assessment for Petitioners on the terms and conditions set forth herein.
2. The Assessor, the Receiver of Taxes, and the Town’s other officers, employees and agents are hereby authorized and directed for, and in the name and on behalf of the Town, to carry out the provisions of the consent judgment.

3. Rodenhausen Chale & Polidoro LLP as Attorneys for the Town are authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effectuate this resolution.

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Migliorelli, seconded by Councilmember Hamel, to wit;

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 7
DATED: JANUARY 13, 2026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF ARTICLE 7 PROCEEDING
SUSAN KIRCHHOFF AND ALAIN YOUNES**

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kristina Dousharm	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Migliorelli	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Article 7 Proceeding Luke Sullivan and Jennifer R. Mumm

Supervisor McKeon reviewed the resolution.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 8
DATED: JANUARY 13, 2026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF ARTICLE 7 PROCEEDING
LUKE SULLIVAN AND JENNIFER R. MUMM**

WHEREAS, Luke Sullivan and Jennifer R. Mumm (“Petitioners”), with real property located in the Town of Red Hook, commenced proceedings pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law challenging the assessment on property located in the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York and designated as 134889-6372-00-215250-0000 on the Official Assessment Map of the Town of Red Hook for the 2025 assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the parties have proposed to settle the proceedings whereby the assessment on the parcels which are the subject of the proceedings will be reduced, corrected and fixed for the 2025 tax assessment rolls; and

WHEREAS, proposed terms of a stipulated final judgment have been presented to the Town of Red Hook for reduction of the assessment, as follows:

Tax Map No. 134889-6372-00-215250-0000

Assessment Roll	Assessment	Reduced Assessment	Amount of Reduction
2025	\$2,185,100	\$1,965,000	\$220,100

which consent order and judgement shall provide that tax refunds are waived for the amount, if any, paid by Petitioners as Town and Town special district taxes and assessments based on the original 2025 assessment roll; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook as follows:

1. The Town Board does hereby agree to the settlement and to the entry of the stipulated final judgment for reduction of assessment for Petitioners on the terms and conditions set forth herein.
2. The Assessor, the Receiver of Taxes, and the Town's other officers, employees and agents are hereby authorized and directed for, and in the name and on behalf of the Town, to carry out the provisions of the consent judgment.
3. Rodenhausen Chale & Polidoro LLP as Attorneys for the Town are authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effectuate this resolution.

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Migliorelli, seconded by Councilmember Hamel, to wit;

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 8
DATED: JANUARY 13, 2026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF ARTICLE 7 PROCEEDING
LUKE SULLIVAN AND JENNIFER R. MUMM**

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kristina Dousharm	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Migliorelli	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Hamel to adjourn the meeting

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Dousharm, Migliorelli, Testa
	Nays	0	

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Cochran, Town Clerk