

**Village of Red Hook  
Village Board Meeting  
December 6, 2004**

**Present:** Mayor Cohen, Trustee Seymour & Trustee Gilfeather

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 1, 2004 Village Board Meeting. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Seymour read the:

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 373,159.07
WATER FUND	73,798.33
T & A	623.70
RESOURCE REC.	12,526.50
PETTY CASH	25.71
VILLAGE GREEN	5,906.75

**Bills to be paid:** General fund, \$ 113,049.20 – Water fund \$11,507.83 – T & A \$6,639.78 - Resource Recovery \$4,586.54. Mayor Cohen made a motion to accept this report. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Christensen spoke at this time with regard to Windpower and the benefits to the environment. Mr. Christensen presented a written usage sheet to all members with regard to current electricity usage and the new wind energy pricing.

Trustee Seymour stated he was “not buying into it” and against this idea because this was an increase not a decrease. Trustee Seymour said we want to save money not increase. He further stated that Central Hudson, starting April 1, 2005, will be fully regulated, which means that you can go out and buy electric at market and we should wait on this.

Trustee Gilfeather disagreed 100% with Trustee Seymour – stating this was an environmental issue and should be looked into.

Mayor Cohen recommended that it be tabled to the next meeting.

**POLICE**

Mayor Cohen read the police report for the month of November 2004.

84 registered complaints; 46 uniform traffic tickets; 18 parking tickets; 13 accidents investigated; 6 arrests made; miles patrolled: 112-1537; 113-550; 114-823

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

Mayor Cohen read the Monthly Trustee Report – 7 building permits, 2 certificates of occupancy - 1 municipal search – 1 Zoning Board of Appeals Action. \$ 692.60 was collected for the month.

## **HIGHWAY**

Mayor Cohen stated that the leaf and brush pick-up was completed and a “job well done”.

Trustee Seymour stated that he received a letter from Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency that as of January 1, 2005 the following fees will be increased:

commercial packers - \$68.00/ton - \$80.00/ton

commercial roll-off - \$70.00/ton - \$80.00/ton

business foil residences - \$70.00/ton - \$85.00/ton

## **NOVEMBER ACTIVITY:**

Commerical Waste - 4.7 tons @ \$68.00/ton

Cardboard - .77 tons @ \$7.70

Commerical Waste – 5.08 tons @ \$345.44

Commerical Waste – 6.34 tons @ \$31.12

Newspapers – 4.51 tons @ \$45.10

Commerical Waste – 5.02 tons @ \$341.36

Co-Mingle – 1.32 tons @ \$26.40

## **VILLAGE GREEN**

No Activity for Village Greene

## **WATER**

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of November. 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to the lab – new water meter installed at firehouse productions (Greig's Cold Storage) and one in Innishannon Estates. Turned off and back on water for 5 customers for non-payment of water bills. Average Daily Usage for November: 252,633 gallons.

Trustee Gilfeather showed material on “Opflow” as a good recourse for water security and homeland security and asked that it be kept on file with the Clerk’s Office.

Mayor Cohen stated it was that time of the year to start working on your budgets.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to appoint Stephen Cole as Deputy CEO/ZEO. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen stated that everyone should have a copy of the Fire Prevention Code, which is to be looked over for next month's meeting to be adopted.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED-USE**

Mayor Cohen read Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ of 2004.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was properly held by the Village Board of Trustees on October 12, 2004, at which time all interested parties were given the opportunity to be heard concerning a proposed local law to add definitions to Section 200-2 "Definitions", amend Section 200-12 "Neighborhood Mixed Use" District which replaces the existing section 200-12 "Industrial District M", and add a new section 200-16(e) "Design Guidelines", and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees is the lead agency for purposes of environmental review, there being no other involved agencies in the legislative action of adopting the proposed local law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed the annexed environmental Assessment Form (EAF) assessing the environmental effects of the proposed local law and the annexed notice of negative declaration; and

WHEREAS, the proposed local law has been duly referred to the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development, who responded to letter of December 1, 2004, stating that the Board should rely upon its own study of the facts in the case with due consideration of comments provided.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

1. Pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), the Village Board of Trustees has determined that adoption of said proposed Local Law is a Type I action and that for the reasons set forth in the AF it will not have a significant effect upon the environment.
2. Proposed Local Law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the year 2004, of the Village of Red Hook, annexed hereto and made a part of this resolution, is hereby adopted.

3. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file and distribute certified copies of Local Law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2004, as required by Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and to publish notice of the negative declaration in the Environmental Notice Bulletin as required by Section 617.12©(1) of the SEQRA regulations.

Motion was made by Trustee Gilfeather. Seconded by Trustee Seymour.  
All were in favor.

Roll Call taken by Lara Hart –  
Trustee Gilfeather voted “Affirmative”  
Trustee Seymour voted “yes”  
Mayor Cohen voted “yes”

Mayor Cohen acknowledged resignation submitted by Wayne Helsley. A new trustee shall be appointed to replace Mr. Helsley at next months meeting.

Mayor Cohen mentioned the problem at the Village Garage where the police vehicles are stored in an unsecure building. Proposal submitted by Jason Lawson to install doors on the building at a cost of \$3,395.00. Mayor Cohen said this needed to be done and motioned.

So Moved – Seconded – All in Favor.

#### MEMBERS WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

(entered at 7:54 pm – out at 8:12 pm)

Trustee Seymour moved to pay bills. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Lara Hart,  
Secretary