

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD
MARCH 7, 2005**

Present: Mayor Cohen, Trustee Seymour, Trustee Thayer, Trustee Gilfeather

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to accept the minutes from February 7, 2005. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Seymour read the treasurer's report for the month of February:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 168,919.60
WATER FUND	\$ 112,208.32
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 623.70
RESOURCE RECOVERY	\$ 8,902.49
VILLAGE GREEN	\$ 6,667.62

Bills to be paid: General fund: \$ 55,095.16 – water fund – \$ 37,152.60 – T & A \$ 9,874.54 – Resource recovery \$ 1,745.34.

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Cohen read the police report for the month of Feb. 05: 51 registered complaints, 61 uniform traffic tickets, 17 parking tickets, 5 parking tickets, 5 accidents investigated, 3 arrests, 2510 miles patrolled.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Thayer read the planning and zoning report for the month of February 05: 2 building permits, 1 certificates of occupancy, 5 municipal searches. \$ 224.00 was collected for this month.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Seymour reported on 17 T of waste, 1.18 T commingle, 2 T cardboard, 3.34 T newspaper.

VILLAGE GREEN

Trustee Seymour reported on the village green meeting. There will be more trees planted this spring. This information will be on the website.

WATER

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of February: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, 4 water collections notices were hand delivered, water line was located at Corner of East market and Thompson St. and at 23 Fraleigh St as requested by customer. Average daily use for February was 256,536.

Mayor Cohen asked the board to vote on wind power in the Village. He feels that voting for wind power now would open up the Village for grants for energy conservation. Trustee Seymour is not in favor of wind power. It should go up for referendum. He would like to see it come up again this time next year when there should be more information available. Trustee Gilfeather is in favor of wind power and would like to vote on it now. Trustee Gilfeather proposed a three year contract with 50 % total wind power. Mayor Cohen would prefer to start out with 25 %. Mayor Cohen made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Gilfeather – yes Trustee Thayer – yes Trustee Seymour –no.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to apply for the Dutchess County Community Block Grant for \$ 120,000.00 for sidewalks and an engineering study. 2004 funds have not been used yet due to the delay in the clean up of the Senior Housing. Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen stated that if any one had a problem with their assessment they should contact the MJW.

Mayor Cohen would like to congratulate Red Hook Central School sports for doing so well in the winter sports.

Mayor Cohen read a resignation letter from Officer Brad Moore. This resignation will take effect on February 27, 2005. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept this resignation. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to appoint Ryan Griffin as Officer in Charge of the Red Hook Police Department. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Office Maine of the Red Hook Police Department stated that he did not vote on the current contract and he will file a grievance with the Village. Mayor Cohen stated that Ralph Perdy, who is the police attorney, said it had been voted on by the police department. Trustee Gilfeather stated that the contract had been discussed with OIC Moore and he had reviewed the changes. Once again Officer Maine stated that the police department did not know of the changes. All board members have a signed copy of the latest contract.

Mayor Cohen read a letter of support for the Ciampaglione/Urban Meade

Trustee Gilfeather stated that on March 4th at 5:00 pm he attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at Roasted Garlic @ The Red Hook Inn. Pat Nelson owner of the Red Hook Inn was present to thank Trustee Gilfeather for his kind words of support. They hope to make this wine tasting an annual event.

Kathleen Macarther asked the board why there is not fluoride in our water system. Trustee Gilfeather will have some answers at the next board meeting.

A letter from JoAnn Flachs a representative from the Red Hook Chamber of Commerce was read which explains why Hardscrabble Day will no longer be sponsored by the Chamber. The main reason is due to lack of volunteers.

Harold Fell asked the board why the cable bill went up \$ 4.00 per month. Mayor Cohen stated that at this time there is no contract with Time Warner.

8:00 the board convened into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Trustee Thayer made a motion to pay bills after audit. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

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

Submitted by,

Cindi Cole
Clerk/Treasure

