

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK**  
**VILLAGE BOARD**  
**MAY 2, 2005**

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

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to accept the minutes from April 12<sup>th</sup> public hearing, special meeting and April 4<sup>th</sup> 2005 Village Board meetings.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 101,697.48
WATER FUND	116,303.54
TRUST & AGENCY	623.70
RESOURCE RECOVERY	11,678.66
PETTY CASH	25.71
VILLAGE GREEN	4,744.38

Bills to be paid: General Fund \$ 70,573.30, Water Fund \$ 14,718.53, Trust and Agency \$ 9,205.83, Resource Recovery \$ 4,369.30. Trustee Thayer made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Gilfeather. All were in favor.

**POLICE**

Mayor Cohen read the police report for the month of April: 69 registered complaints, 56 uniform traffic tickets, 3 parking tickets, 5 accidents investigated, 1 arrest, 2178 miles patrolled.

A letter was submitted from OIC Ryan Griffin requesting the village board to hire more part time police officers. Per the current contract a hiring committee of officers has interviewed several new hires. This hiring committee recommends Jared Griffin for a part time police officer. Officer Griffin abstained from voting. Trustee Thayer made a motion to appoint Officer Jared Griffin. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

**HIGHWAY**

Trustee Thayer reported that all the leaves and brush have been picked up. Road repairs and blacktop estimates will be submitted soon. Abraham's Park has been mowed and trimmed. Street sweeping will begin May 9<sup>th</sup>. The doors on the highway garage are damaged and are in need of repairs. The highway department dug the holes for the Village Green's up and coming tree planting. Catch basins will be cleaned in order of priority. Trustee Thayer made a motion to purchase 12 safety cones for a cost of \$ 396.50 (which was low bid). Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor. Trustee Thayer made a motion to purchase a new push mower. Bids were as follows: Keil Equipment \$ 279.00, Conways \$ 360.00. This motion would be to purchase a Troy Bilt from Keil Equipment. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were favor.

Trustee Thayer suggested to the board to purchase a new garbage truck. The truck will take approximately 4 month to come in. Ben Funk has state contract on garbage trucks. The cost of this garbage truck will be \$ 150,000.00. The cost of this new truck will be split between garbage and highway, since there is a leaf blower attachment. Trustee Seymour made a motion to purchase the cab and chassis. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Seymour read the planning and zoning report for the month of April: 9 building permits were issued, 2 municipal searches, 5 order to remedy. \$ 379.00 was collected in fees.

#### VILLAGE GREEN

Trustee Seymour along with 23 volunteers planted 12 trees in the Village. At this time Trustee Seymour would like to thank the highway department for their help in digging the holes for the trees. There was also a tree dedication at the Town of Red Hook. There is another tree planting scheduled for this fall.

#### WATER

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of April 2005: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, shut off was replaced at Elmendorph as requested, riser was replaced at "Pearsol" as requested, water meter pit was replaced on Bird Street as requested, riser was replaced on valve on Tower Street as requested, shut offs were replaced at Bowman's and 9 Cherry Street due to leaking, water was turned off and back on at Colburn's for customer repairs, average daily usage for April - 281,533.

Trustee Gilfeather reported on the need for the water department to purchase a generator. He started the estimate process as soon as possible. Also, there is a need for the Village to consider drilling a new well for the future.

#### RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell would like to thank the Village Green for all there hard and dedicated work in planting trees. 1.67 T commingle @ 33.40, .72 T cardboard @ \$ 7.20, 3.71 T newspaper @ \$ 37.10, 21.56 T garbage @ \$ 1724.80. Trustee Blundell and highway foremen Dan Streib met to discuss different alternatives for garbage pick up. There have been some problems of tags being torn in half. Currently the tags are the most economical to use. Mayor Cohen asked Clerk Cole to put a message in the next newsletter asking residents to put the tags flat on the bags. From this point on any bag that is not probably tagged will not be picked up. The Village will purchase four garbage receptacles to be placed on the streets.

Trustee Blundell attended a meeting with Niki Weaver of the Red Hook Rotary to discuss the continuation of Hardscrabble Day. A committee has formed a non for profit corp. This year there will be fireworks. The next meeting will be at the Town Hall.

Mayor Cohen announced permission for Apple Blossom Day (May 14<sup>th</sup>), the village will provide police protection and the highway department will put out garbage receptacles, cones, and block off Prince St. A letter was submitted from the Red Hook-Rhinebeck Lodge No. 2022 requesting a parade on Flag Day ( June 11<sup>th</sup> ). This parade will begin at the Red Hook Fire House and end at the Red Hook Lodge. They are asking for police coverage and some roads to be blocked off. Mayor Cohen made this in the form of a motion. All were in favor.

There will be no discussion on the No Parking on West Market. The resolution will be rewritten and discussed at next month's board meeting.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

Red Hook Central School – Jan Volpe and Bruce Martin presented the board with a short presentation of the next school budget. The Red Hook High School has been designated a shelter by the American Red Cross. This site would require the installation of a generator at a cost of \$ 325,000.00. This will be up for a vote on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Overall the school budget will increase 7.84 %.

Mayor Cohen presented Officer Robert Latimer with a citation for the “Home Town Hero Award”.

Traffic Calming: Trustee Blundell submitted concerns with speed and traffic flow on the side streets. Phase one would be to borrow a speed trailer from the county and place this trailer in different locations throughout the Village. Mayor Cohen would like to have more enforcement. Dutchess County Sheriff's Deputy Officer Pearsol was present and stated that the county will allow municipalities to use these speed trailers upon request. Trustee Blundell made a motion to approve these speed trailers. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen stated that the Village has been awarded \$ 3,000.00 for crosswalks. The location of these crosswalks would be at the Post Office, Village Hall, and at the Churches.

Mayor Cohen requested for the board's approval for the Red Hook Fire Co. Retirement Benefit Plan. The Village's cost of this plan would be approximately \$ 25,000.00. A letter will be sent to the Town asking for support. Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

The Red Hook Fire Company will once again hold their annual Block Party and Firemen's Parade on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

They have requested a banner, use of the Village parking and well lot and police for traffic control throughout the day. Trustee Seymour made a motion to approve the Annual Block Party. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen made a request to designate the week of May 1, 2005 as Youth Week. A copy of this resolution is attached. Trustee Seymour made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

A letter was submitted from the Red Hook/Rhinebeck Elks requesting a parade on Flag Day (June 11<sup>th</sup>). Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen asked the Board consider a jake brake law, which will be discussed in greater detail at the June meeting.

Harold Fell informed the board that in front of Church Street Nursery School on Church Street there is not enough room for a fire truck to get through. Also, why does the Loop Bus double park in front of the Medical Building on West Market. Mayor Cohen stated that the Loop Bus has a designated spot to pick up and drop off.

Mayor Cohen presented the board with resolution # 6-2005 establishing an Intermunicipal Task Force. A copy of this resolution is attached. Trustee Seymour made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Seymour asked the board's permission to have Schultz's painting do some additional painting outside on the Village Building. These charges will be \$ 1000.00. Trustee Seymour made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

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

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

Submitted by,

Cindi Cole  
Clerk

