

**Village of Red Hook  
Village Board Meeting  
June 6, 2005**

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

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to accept the minutes from May 2 public hearing and regular village board meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 92,205.88
WATER FUND	\$ 51,574.69
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 623.70
RESOURCE RECOVERY	\$ 673.18
PETTY CASH	\$ 25.71
VILLAGE GREEN	\$ 4,049.95

Bill to be paid: General Fund May \$ 69,280.75 - June 61,974.27, Water Fund May 58,988.79 – June 23,949.20 – Trust and Agency May 7,571.22, June 108.00, Resource Recovery – June 1,563.10. Trustee Blundell made a motion to accept these reports. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

County Legislator Marc Molinaro presented Officer Robert Latimer with an accommodation for his recent life saving activity from the American Red Cross.

**POLICE**

No report available: Mayor Cohen for the board's approval to purchase new parking tickets at a cost of \$ 1,700.00 for 2000 tickets. Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor. Also, Mayor Cohen asked the board to approve the purchase of three new police bikes. There is grant money available for the purchase of these bikes. The Village will apply for this money as soon as possible. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to purchase three new bikes. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor. Mayor Cohen made a motion to appoint Damon Filli as a part time police officer. All were in favor. Mayor Cohen stated that last month the board approved the purchase of 7 new glock guns for \$ 5400.00. Since this time it has been brought to his attention that several officers do not like this type of gun. The cost of a different and larger gun would be \$ 6900.00. Trustee Thayer made a motion to purchase new guns at a cost of \$ 6900.00. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

## HIGHWAY

Trustee Thayer stated that the brush pick up has finished. Catch basins will be cleaned in order of priority. Kyle Streib has been hired as a landfill attendant for Saturday only. Tub grinding estimates are in and are as follows: Woodland Waste \$ 6375.00 without hauling the chips away, or without fuel or an operator. Stump N Wood \$ 9000.00 plus \$ 6.00 a yard for removal. Wildwood Planter was \$ 10,000.00 including hauling, fuel, and operator. Trustee Thayer made a motion to accept the bid from Wildwood Planter. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

A letter was submitted from Rodney and Dawn Morrison from Fraleigh Street that stated that the property behind their house, which the Village owns, has trees that are falling down at a rapid rate. Trustee Thayer received three estimates for tree removal. S & S Tree Service was \$ 2250.00. Provider Tree Service was \$ 3625.00. Integral Tree Service was \$ 9860.00. Mayor Cohen would like to ask the Morrison's if they would be interested in purchasing this property. Trustee Blundell suggested that the Morrison's be offered to purchase this property for the amount that it would cost the Village to remove the trees. The Village Attorney will write the Morrison's a letter asking if they would be interested in purchasing this property. Trustee Thayer made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

Fisk Street repairs: Fiber mat – Fiber glass stone and oil on top of existing road. State Contract

Chocolate Factory water main break has been completed. 8 catch basins were installed. Mayor Cohen checked during a recent heavy rain storm and all drainage is working well. These roads should be black topped. Easements were made with Balacic and Dr. Verelli.

Mayor Cohen stated that he received an estimate from A. W. Coon for drainage on the Marsh property. (Park Avenue). The drainage will extend from the sidewalk down to the North West end of Abraham's Park. This also includes top soil, seeded, raked, and mulched for \$ 6325.00. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept this estimate. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen announced that 1.25 million dollars was received by DC Department of Planning. The clean up of the Perx property will move forward and should begin in October.

## PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Seymour read the planning and zoning report for the month of May: 5 building permits, 3 certificates of occupancy, 6 municipal searches. \$ 503.20 was collected in fees.

## VILLAGE GREEN

Trustee Seymour invited Evelyn Krueger to approach the board with achieving Tree City USA and Growth Award. This in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row for the Village to receive this award. Only 532 cities have ever received this award.

## WATER

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of May: two bacteria samples were taken and delivered to lab, locate one shut off as per request of customer, completed leak detection with New York Rural Water, attended meeting with Morris Associates at Town Hall, Dug up and repaired water leak on West Market St., two water service boxes built up, replaced partial water main on Elizabeth Street, flushed hydrants, average daily usage for may was 275,935.

Mayor Cohen proposed to the board changing the Village's insurance to NYMIR – Tim Dean from Marshall and Sterling will remain our broker. NYMIR has more to offer and will include a pollution policy. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to change the Village's insurance to NYMIR. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Pat and Richard Gordon of 7575 Old Post Rd. were present and complaining about the IGA and the banners being displayed on the fence in front of the store. (Truckload Meat Sale, Budweiser Beer etc.) These banners are illegal. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have personally asked the Tiberio's to remove the signs with no luck of removal. Mayor Cohen informed the Gordon's that the zoning enforcement officer Sam Harkins will resolve the banner problem first thing in the morning.

## RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell reported: Commingle 2.58 T \$ 51.60, Cardboard 1.77 T \$ 17.70, Newspaper 3.62 T \$ 36.20, Garbage 18.22 T \$ 1247.60. Trustee Blundell would like to purchase stickers for the highway department that would be placed on garbage bags explaining why their garbage was left. Also, recycling will be left if the resident does not purchase garbage tags.

## CELEBRATIONS

Hardscrabble has been set for September 10<sup>th</sup> - The committee will set up a non for profits Corporation. The Village of Red Hook will collect the funds for this new company. Trustee Blundell made a motion to donate \$ 1000.00 towards Hardscrabble Day. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

No Parking – 81 West Market St. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to have no parking in front of 81 West Market Street 5' west and 5' east of this address. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen announced that the July board meeting will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Elmendorph Inn @ 7:00. This will be a joint meeting with Tivoli.

Mayor Cohen brought to the attention of the board the handicap ramp and the need for it to be replaced. The Village will be seeking estimates for this new ramp.

Sub-division Moratorium – The village's master plan must be updated. This will be discussed in greater detail at a later meeting.

Mayor Cohen made motion to appoint Kelly Flood Meyer as Deputy Court Justice. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to appoint Damon Filli as a part time police officer. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to appoint Everett Pearsall to the Planning Department. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Evelyn Krueger stated that her water shut off is missing. Clerk Cole will notify Bucky.

Madeline Scott of Phillips St. has inquired about a dead tree in her front lawn which is in the Village right of way. Trustee Seymour will discuss this tree with the Village Green.

Brian Holt of Elizabeth Street complained about the conditions of the Kahl residents on the corner of Tobacco and Elizabeth. Mayor Cohen will have the Village Justice send them a citation. If things do not improve maybe the board of health can be called in. Also, there has been a dumpster in front of 14 Elizabeth St. for several years. Sam Harkins will be notified

The radar trailer, which were previously discussed are out of service for repairs.

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

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

Submitted by  
Cindi Cole