

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2005**

Present: Mayor Cohen, Trustee Seymour, Trustee Thayer, Trustee Gilfeather, Trustee Blundell
Mayor Cohen opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to accept the minutes from August 1, 2005. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Seymour read the financial report for the month of August:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 361,313.58
WATER FUND	43,269.56
T & A	623.70
RESOURCE RECOVERY	1,690.83
PETTY CASH	50.00
VILLAGE GREEN	4,049.95

Bills to be paid: General \$ 171,842.02 – Water \$ 76,610.16 – T&A \$ 6,382.99 - Resource Recovery \$ 8,809.23

POLICE

No Police Report was available this month

HIGHWAY

Trustee Thayer reported on the new garbage truck that will be in towards the end of September. Leaf pick up will begin after the first heavy frost.

Landfill problems will be addressed in the next newsletter.

Foreman Dan Streib is requesting the purchase of a street vacuum- rental for this is \$ 45.00 daily. Conway's is the lowest with a price of \$ 650.00. Mayor Cohen would prefer to discuss the purchase of this vacuum in the spring.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Seymour read the planning and zoning report for the month of August: 7 building permits were issued – 4 certificates of occupancy – 5 municipal searches - 1 order to remedy \$ 579.72 was collected in fees.

VILLAGE GREEN

Trustee Seymour reported \$ 75.00 was collected for the Village Green on Hardscrabble Day. The Village Green will plant trees along the north side of Park Avenue next to the new sidewalks. Trustee Seymour made a motion to pass a resolution (# 8 – 2005) for the Village Green to apply to the New York State DEC for \$ 7500.00. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

WATER

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of September: take water samples and deliver to lab – lead and copper water samples taken and delivered to lab (results not received yet) – addressed two low water reports - average daily usage for August 2005, 282,839. Trustee Gilfeather asked Bucky to submit monthly monitoring of the wells.

Trustee Gilfeather stated that he feels that the Police Department Chief should attend all Village Board meetings.

CELEBRATIONS

Trustee Blundell reported on a very successful Hardscrabble Day. Thank you to all for a job well done. The Red Hook Fire Department collected over \$ 4600.00 with a boot drop which will be donated to a fire company in Louisiana due to the devastation from hurricane Katrina.

GARBAGE

Trustee Blundell read the garbage and recycling report for the month of August: commingle 3.95 T, cardboard .78 T, newspaper 3.94 T, garbage 17.55 T - Tags sold - \$ 4626.00.

Trustee Seymour made a motion to schedule a public hearing on October 3, 2005 at 7:00 pm to discuss raising the income requirements for senior citizens tax reductions. Trustee Thayer seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to approve Resolution # 9-2005 Local Law No. _____ 2005. "Townhouses"

A local law to amend Section 200-12 to amend Section 200-12 (I) (1)c "Townhouses".

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook as follows:

Section 1.

Section 200-12 (I)(1)c "Townhouses" of the Code of the Village of Red Hook is hereby Amended to read as follows:

The minimum unit size shall be 750 square feet or floor space, and the average size of townhouses in any group shall be a minimum of 1,000 square feet of floor space

Section 2.

All ordinance, local laws, and parts there of inconsistent with this local law are hereby repealed.

Section 3 Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effective immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Trustee Thayer seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion for the Village of Red Hook to apply to the Dutchess County Community Block Grant for \$ 150,000.00. These funds will be used for handicap renovations on the Village Hall. (Elevator, handicap ramp and bathroom upstairs). Trustee Seymour seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Trustee Thayer made a motion to make October 2, 2005 Crop Walk Day. A copy of the proclamation is attached. Trustee Seymour seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen is concerned with Senior Citizens this winter with the cost of fuel oil. Senior's should contact Dutchess County Community Action which offers a fuel program.

Trustee Blundell inquired on the Village getting back the speed trailers. Also, would it be possible for the Village to purchase their own speed trailer? Trustee Blundell will look more into this and discuss at a later time.

Trustee Gilfeather read a letter from J Paul Vosburgh, Architect P.C. in regards to the Village Hall Expansion. The Village is seeking DCBG funding 2006 for this project.

An estimate was submitted from Milligan's Landscaping to the construction of planter boxes in front of the Village Hall. The cost of this project will be \$ 19,343.96. Several other contractors and landscapers were contacted and were either to busy or not interested in the work. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept this proposal. Trustee Thayer seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Trustee Blundell reported on the restoration of the brick wall along West Market St. The estimated cost would be \$ 200,000.00. Next it must be determined who owns the wall. Trustee Blundell will contact the New York State Department of Transportation and call Mike Cotton.

Some residents are concerned about the pond behind the Red Hook Inn. This pond is owned by the surrounding residents and nothing can be done until they all agree.

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

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

Submitted by,

Cindi Cole
Clerk