

VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD
12-5-05

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

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept the minutes from the November meeting. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Seymour read the treasurer's report for the month of November. A copy is on file.

POLICE

Mayor Cohen read the police report for the month of November. A copy is on file.

Mayor Cohen also stated that the police department will start to enforce the two hour parking within the business district. Some of the local merchants have been notified of this enforcement.

- The Police Department has an estimate of \$ 21,000.00 for computers in the police cars. If the computers are put through the phone systems the cost would be \$ 5,000.00. Trustee Gilfeather would like to have the board investigate this further. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

HIGHWAY

Mayor Cohen reported on several problems with the new garbage truck. Many leaks, dust clogs with blower unit, there are problems with grill and side doors. The factory will replace the doors. Mayor Cohen would request to hold \$ 5,000.00 from the invoice. Trustee Seymour stated that the highway put in a lot of over time, which should also be deducted from this invoice. This amount will be calculated and a total will be discussed at the next meeting.

- Mayor stated that the dump truck needs new tires
- The landfill will be closed as of December 18th.
- The Village of Tivoli will help with brush pick up this week.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Seymour read the planning and zoning report for the month of November, a copy of which is on file. \$ 295.00 was collected in funds.

VILLAGE GREEN

Trustee Seymour reported on one meeting in December. The Village Green committee will resume meeting in three months. The new lighting in the Village Parking Lot requires photo cells which must be replaced. There will be an annual charge for this lighting.

WATER

Trustee Gilfeather had no report for the month of November. Also, the Village of Red Hook will provide water to the townhouse project off of Norton Rd. 15 acres of this project will be dedicated to open space. Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

- Automatic well monitors should be purchased for the wells. To do all the wells the cost would be approximately \$ 10,000.00. Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

GARBAGE

Trustee Blundell read the garbage report for the month of November. A copy is on file. Also, more recycling than garbage was being picked up.

The Chamber of Commerce planted Christmas trees last weekend. The tree lighting will be December 16th. The Chamber is in the need of volunteers, any one interested should contact Emma Coon.

- Mayor Cohen made a motion have a public hearing on January 9th, 2005 at 7:00 pm to discuss articles 18 & 19 for the zoning law.
- Clerk Cole read the tree removal bids for 2005 and they are as follows: Priority I went to Greenspace Enterprises for \$ 10,600.00, Priority II went to Intregal for \$ 7,389.00. Trustee Seymour made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.
- Mayor Cohen proposed to the board to no longer turn off water for unpaid balances. Any unpaid water balances will be relevied onto the homeowner's tax bills. This was made in the form of a resolution by Trustee Gilfeather. Seconded by Trustee Seymour. All were in favor.
- Friday December 9th there will be a dedication of the bench in front of the Village Hall. This bench was dedicated by Ben Frankel.
- Pete Girardi was present and complimented the board on how they conduct themselves as a Board. Also, that the front of the Village Hall looks great
- Harold Fell asked the board to enforce the two hour parking in the Village. Mayor Cohen stated that the police department is aware of this problem.
- A traffic study has been submitted to the board. Mayor Cohen ask that it be reviewed and is to be discussed at the next board meeting.

- Harold Fell discussed the new monument and stated that there are many names to be Added to the list. Harold asked the board if a news item can be put into the newsletter, asking residents for any names that they wish to be added to this list.

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

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

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer