

**Village of Red Hook**  
**4-3-06**  
**Village Board**

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

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept the minutes from 3-6-06. Trustee Blundell seconded.  
All were in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Trustee Seymour read the treasurer's report for the month of March as follows:

General Fund	\$ 203,925.65
Water Fund	\$ 1,875.47
T & A	\$ 623.70
Resource Rec.	\$ 16,101.28
Petty Cash	50.00
Village Green	\$ 4,313.01

Bills to be paid: General fund 90,148.38, water fund 18,850.04, T & A 26,419.50,  
Resource Recovery 3,100.56. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report,  
Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

**POLICE**

Mayor Cohen read the police report for the month of March: 67 registered complaints, 56  
uniform traffic tickets, 23 parking tickets, 8 accidents investigated, 2 arrests, 3509 miles were  
patrolled.

**HIGHWAY**

Trustee Thayer was absent:

Highway Foreman Dan Streib presented the Mayor and Village Board with a map dated back to  
1867 of the Village. Mr. Streib stated that he grew up with this map on his dining room wall.  
Since then his parents have moved and the family felt that the village would advantage by having  
this map. The landfill will open on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Foreman Streib asked for the boards approval for Northern Dutchess Landscape to clean the  
Memorial Park for \$ 590.00, this estimate is for labor only. Trustee Seymour made a motion to  
accept this proposal. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor. Recently Central Hudson  
cut down several trees and did not remove the stump. Greenspace submitted an estimate of  
\$ 780.00 to grind 8-9 stumps. Trustee Seymour made this in the form of a motion. Trustee  
Blundell seconded. All were in favor. Street cleaning from Community Custom Services

proposal was signed and submitted. The highway backhoe needs to be replaced. Brush pickup must have a backhoe. Mayor Cohen would rather rent a backhoe for brush season. Montano's has a special if you rent for three weeks the fourth week is free. Trustee Seymour made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

Trustee Seymour read the planning and zoning report for the month of March: 8 building permits issued 13 certificates of occupancy, 4 municipal searches, 1 order to remedy. \$ 479.00 was collected in fees. A letter dated 3-29-06 was submitted and read from CEO/ZEO requesting an increase in zoning fees. Minimum building permit - \$ 50.00, residential new & renovations \$ 20.00 per 100 sq. ft. (\$50.00 min.), non-residential new & renovations \$ 25.00 per 100 sq. ft. (\$ 50.00 min), fence \$ 35.00, decks – open \$ \$ 15.00 per 100 sq. ft. (\$ 50.00 min.), in ground pools \$ 100.00, above ground pools \$ 75.00, spas \$ 50.00, sheds \$ 35.00, building permit renewals \$ 50.00. Trustee Seymour made a motion to increase zoning fees effective immediately. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor. A letter was submitted and read from ZEO/CEO Sam Harkins in regards to neon signage and sandwich signs. This letter suggests that the Village allow some neon signs and sandwich. Neon signs could be regulated by size and lit only during open hours. Sandwich signs would also be regulated by size and only allowed out during certain times. These new regulations would require a public hearing. Trustee Seymour suggests looking into the proper language and to be reviewed by council. This will also be discussed at next month's board meeting.

## **VILLAGE GREEN**

Trustee Seymour allowed Brenda Cagle from the Village Green to read a letter from NYS DEC Urban and Community Forestry Project, which awarded the Village \$ 7500.00 for future tree planting. Trustee Seymour expressed how pleased and honored he was for the Village Green to receive this award. Trustee Seymour also would like to thank Mayor Cohen, Highway Foreman Dan Strieb and all the volunteers for their dedication and support.

## **WATER**

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of March: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, attended 2 water meeting with Morris Associates on the Village Water System, Relocated outside read out for customer as requested (Shanley), Average daily usage is 270,355. Trustee Gilfeather also report that Morris Associates will conduct a sewer study for the Village. The cost of this study will be in the 2006-2007 budget. Trustee Gilfeather made this proposal into a motion. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

Trustee Blundell reported that Apple Blossom Day will be May 13<sup>th</sup>. Church St Nursery School

has requested closing off Church St. to Prince for the safety of children. Trustee Blundell made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor. There will be no parade. Hardscrabble Day will be September 16<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Blundell would like the Village to donate \$ 1500.00 for this community day. Trustee Blundell made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

## **RESOURCE RECOVERY**

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of March: commingle 4.75 @ \$ 97.38, cardboard 2T @ \$ 25.13, newspaper 8.21 T @ \$ 84.35, garbage 23.1 T @ \$ 1894.06. Sharing the garbage and recycling with the Village of Tivoli is going well.

Mayor Cohen read a letter from the Red Hook Fire Co. dated 3-29-06 in regards to the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Annual Block Party which will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Friday night will host a parade. Pete Coon has requested the Village to assist in this event from police protection to the closure of Firehouse Lane. A copy of this letter is on file. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to grant the requests for the Block Party. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen submitted two letters from Gellert and Klein in regards to Red Hook Commons Sewage-Works Corp. and Anderson Commons Sewage Works Corp. These proposals are asking consent of the Village Board of the Village of Red Hook to the formation of a sewage works corporation as provided by Transportation Corporations Law of the State of New York. Trustee Blundell does not approve of this corporation. Village Attorney Jeff Martin stated that this transaction is very legal. Trustee Blundell supports the project but is against this vote. Mayor Cohen suggested two stipulations: Board of Health approval and must be reviewed by the Village Engineer. Trustee made a motion to approve this proposal for Red Hook Commons with the two stipulations. Trustee Seymour seconded. Mayor Cohen – yes. Trustee Blundell –no. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to approve this proposal for Anderson Commons with the two stipulations. Trustee Seymour seconded. Mayor Cohen –yes. Trustee Blundell-no.

Clerk Cole read the appointment list for the year 2006-2007, a copy of which is attached hereto. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept this appointment list. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to hire Janet Miller for school crossing guard providing the background check is completed. Trustee Seymour made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Harold Fell inquired as to when water hook up would be installed in Abraham's Park. Mayor Cohen stated within the next month. Also, Harold asked the board what their feelings were about a cannon in the Memorial Park. Mayor Cohen is not in favor of this idea. The walking path in Abraham's Park needs to be sealed. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personal matter. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

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

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

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole