

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MAY 1, 2006**

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

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Seymour made a motion to accept the minutes from 4-3-06 village board, 4-3-06 public hearing, & 4-20-06 special meeting. Trustee Blundell has objected to the discussion of Red Hook Commons Sewage Works Corp & the Anderson Commons Sewage Works Corp. Trustee Blundell would like it clear that he is in favor of the vote, just not the sequence of it. Trustee Blundell seconded this vote. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Seymour read the treasurer's report for the month of April:

General Fund	\$ 22,776.59
Water Fund	\$ 25,791.75
T & A	\$ 623.70
Resource Recovery	\$ 11,429.08
Petty cash	\$ 50.00
Village Green	\$ 4,287.24

Bills to be paid: General \$ 67459.14, Water \$ 16,381.47, T & A 3,322.41, Resource Recovery \$ 3,796.73. Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen will proceed with agenda speakers and finish with reports after.

1. Red Hook Central School District – Bruce Martin & Don Gottley from the business office was presenting the 2006-2007 school budgets. Superintendent Jan Volpe has retired; Bruce Martin is acting interim until June 30th. May 16th is the school budget vote at the High School. Salaries are 50 % of the budget with a 5.72 increase. Health insurance has an increase of 11 %. The roof project will be up for vote in the fall. Trustee Blundell stated that the Red Hook Central School is one of the best around.
2. Draton Grant (Counselors at Law) was present. Ms. Grant had submitted a letter dated April 10, 2006 with concern in regards to the Anderson Commons Development and Other Pending Applications to the Village of Red Hook. A copy of this letter is on file. Ms. Grant represents Amy Duben of Red Hook. First, Ms. Grant feels that there should

have been a positive declaration instead of a negative declaration. Also, the Village may charge the applicant 2 % of the total project to review the planning of the project. One of the main issues is this project is being built over the aquifer. Trustee Blundell stated that the Dutchess County Department of Health has informed the public to increase the density over the aquifer. Ms. Grant stated that there is polluted drinking water within Dutchess County. Trustee Blundell stated the Clearwater study has recommended small sewer systems to be used. Ms. Grant has requested that the negative declaration be rescinded and has also asked the same of the Town of Red Hook. Another concern is having the homeowners association running the water treatment plant. Ray Jurkowski of Morris Associates stated that this project has received the approval of both the Dutchess County Board of Health and NYS DEC. Also the water treatment plant must be operated by a licensed operator. Trustee Seymour has asked the board to review these comments and to meet with Planning Chairman Jay Trapp and Zoning Chairmen Brent Kovalchik to discuss.

POLICE

Mayor Cohen read the police report for the month of April: 60 registered complaints, 63 uniform traffic tickets, 9 parking tickets, 2 accidents investigated, 5 arrests, and 3510 miles were patrolled.

HIGHWAY

Mayor Cohen reported that the streets will be swept next week, in time for Apple Blossom Day. Brush pick is now complete.

VILLAGE GREEN

Trustee Seymour reported that he Village Green Committee planted 24 trees the weekend before. A total of 120 trees in all have been planted. Trustee Seymour would like to thank Highway Foreman Dan Streib for his help in planting trees. Also, mentioned that Jim Madaugh of Northern Dutchess Landscape mulched the beds in front of the Village Building and tourist center for no charge.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Seymour read the planning and zoning report for the month of April: 4 building permits were issued, 2 certificates of occupancy. 2 certificate of compliance, 3 municipal searches, 4 orders to remedy. \$ 1209.00 was collected in fees.

WATER

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of April: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, forwarded all necessary information to Morris Associates for Annual Water Quality Report, Average daily water usage for the month was 278,333

CELEBRATIONS

Trustee Blundell announced that May 13th will be Apple Blossom Day. In the future the board may consider blocking off 199. This way there can be vendors in the street and less traffic.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of April: commingle 5.42 T @ \$ 111.37, cardboard 2.28 T @ \$ 23.64, newspaper 5 T @ \$ 51.37, garbage 24.59 T @ \$ 2021.19. Recently while pick up garbage and recycling the Village of Tivoli had only two men working while the Village of Red Hook had four. This will be billed accordingly. Trustee Blundell spoke to Trustee Cordier of Tivoli and he will keep a closer look at what goes on.

8:30 Trustee Gilfeather left the meeting.

Mayor Cohen announced that there will be a detour on Rt. 9 in front of Lennahan's and Lopez. The state is fixing a sinking drain. The traffic will be rerouted to Rt 9 G.

Also, Mayor Cohen had asked the board to consider an engine brake law. Jeff will and the Mayor will discuss this at their next meeting.

Mayor Cohen asked the boards permission to approve any changes on the police department's rules, regulations and operating procedures. These decisions will be made along with the Officer in Charge. The main purpose of this is so if there is grant money available these procedures will not stand in the way of being awarded money. The board will be notified of these changes at the next scheduled meeting. Trustee Seymour made a motion to accept this proposal. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Claire McCarther had recently been away for several months and would like to thank the police department for there security checks. Also, the village parking lot looks beautiful.

Kathleen McCarther entered a complaint that each year the highway department digs up her front lawn while plowing. Mayor Cohen will talk to Dan Streib and see if there can be another way to plow next year.

Trustee Blundell inquired about No Parking signs on West Market St. He will talk to Dan to have them installed.

Also, Trustee Blundell would like to see the speed trailer back. A call will be placed to DC Sheriff's office.

Trustee Blundell asked Village Attorney Jeff Martin to write another letter to NYS DOT in regards to the brick wall.

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

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

Submitted by

Cynthia Cole
Clerk