

**JANUARY 8, 2007**  
**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK**  
**BOARD MEETING**

Present: Deputy Mayor Jack Gilfeather, Trustee Blundell, Trustee Seymour

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather opened the meeting at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather made a motion to accept the minutes from December. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather has requested a blank page be submitted into the minutes in memory of Trustee Tim Thayer. Trustee Thayer had 17 years of service with the Village of Red Hook. Also, Trustee Thayer's pay will run until April 1, 2007.

Trustee Seymour stated that he has been appointed to the position of County Legislator by the Town of Red Hook board, which filled the position of Marc Molinaro. This position filled will require a run for re-election in November. Trustee Seymour also stated that he will also run for re-election as Village Trustee in April 07. Trustee Blundell congratulated Trustee Seymour and hopes this new position will help the Village of Red Hook make the right connections.

Niki Weaver and Bud Weaver of the Red Hook Rotary presented the board with a request to clean up the pond behind the Red Hook Library. They feel that this pond if cleaned up is a great asset to the Village. The Red Hook Inn is the biggest owner of the pond. Currently the pond is full of algae and attracts many insects in the spring. The Rotary would like to find out where the pond drains. Harold Fell suggested asking Sam Lore where the pond drains. He thinks many of the Village roads drain into this pond. Niki Weaver will bring this information to the Rotary for discussion in February. Mike Collins used to live above the Library and stated that several swans live in the pond and keep it clean.

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather read a letter of resignation from Officer in Charge Ryan Griffin. According to the contract the next full time officer would move into this position, which would be Officer Jarred Griffin (badge # 19). This will take effect January 1, 2007. Trustee Seymour made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor. Officer Rex Maine stated that in past practices any officer that stepped down from OIC had to go to part time.

Sam Harkins from the planning and zoning office is requesting a zoning realignment. Currently the zoning maps date back to 1967. This change will be to match property lines. This has been discussed with the Village Attorney. There will be a public hearing on March 15, 2007 @ 7:00 pm to discuss this zoning change. Sam will send letters to all homeowners that this zoning change will effect.

Mike Collins who represents Panda for the Village of Red Hook is asking for the Board to appoint Suzanne Muldoon to the Panda Board. Trustee Seymour suggested that this discussion be postponed until February and have Ms. Muldoon present. All were in favor.

Jeffrey Popp of the Red Hook School Department of Transportation has submitted a letter requesting that the crosswalk sign in front of the Post Office be removed. School buses cannot get through the intersection due to the narrowing of the road. Trustee Seymour made a motion to have this sign removed temporarily until a new crosswalk location can be agreed upon. Trustee Seymour and Trustee Blundell will walk the site and discuss at the next meeting. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Shawn Ball of the Red Hook Fire Co. has submitted a letter requesting the Village cover him on the Villages' workman's compensation policy while he participates in the urban/technical search and rescue team (UTSAR Team). This special training can take Mr. Ball anywhere in the State. Mr. Ball stated that he gave the request to Mayor Cohen back in October. Trustee Gilfeather apologized for the delay in a response. Village Attorney Jeff Martin stated that this training does not benefit the Village and feels that the Village should not pay the compensation. Mr. Martin also suggests that the Village Board contact the Town of Red Hook for their input since they pay 71 % of the workman's compensation. Mr. Martin will contact the town and this will be discussed at the February meeting. Mr. Ball stated that he can have a representative from the State at the next meeting. Mr. Ball also stated that if his request is not approved he will resign from the Red Hook Fire Department.

Trustee Gilfeather announced there will be a Village election on March 20, 2007 at the Red Hook Fire House, which is located on Firehouse Lane. The election will be from 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm. Election inspectors are Mable Sherman, Mary Kelly, Betty Franklyn, and Arlene Harkins. The Village has no registration day. There are two Trustees positions available; a Mayor's seat and a Justice seat.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

Trustee Seymour read the Treasurer's report for the month:

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| GENERAL FUND BALANCE | \$ 92,994.92 |
| WATER BALANE         | \$ 13,197.08 |
| TRUST AND AGENCY     | \$ 623.70    |
| RESOURCE RECOVERY    | \$ 3,342.09  |
| PETTY CASH           | \$ 50.00     |
| VILLAGE GREEN        | \$ 3,887.24  |

Bills to be paid: General \$ 150,404.15, Water Fund \$ 16,027.14, T & A \$ 830.02

Resource Recovery \$ 4,529.05. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

## **POLICE**

Trustee Gilfeather read the Police report for the month of December: registered complaints 101; uniform traffic tickets 38; parking tickets 11; accidents investigated 21; arrests made 5; and 5297 miles were patrolled.

### **VILLAGE GREEN**

Trustee Seymour announced a meeting scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **PLANNING AND ZONING**

Trustee Seymour reported: 4 building permits, 4 certificates of occupancy, 1 certificate of compliance, 1 municipal search and 14 inspections. \$ 1494.00 was collected for the month of December.

### **WATER**

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of December:

### **RESOURCE RECOVERY**

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of December: commingle 5.55 T @ \$ 114.06, newspaper 7.99 T @ \$ 82.10, Garbage 26.97T @ \$ 2216.94. Trustee Blundell spoke to Mayor Cortiar in Tivoli to commit to an inter-municipal agreement. Also to enter into the UCRR new license agreement this should be applied for jointly. Trustee Blundell forwarded a copy to Jeff Martin. Trustee Blundell made a motion to continue with the Village of Tivoli with the garbage agreement. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to bond \$ 350,000.00 for the Village Hall renovations. This money will be paid off on May 8<sup>th</sup> when the full amount of 2 million is bonded. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Blundell would like to have the speed trailer brought into the Village again. Everett Pearsall will try and get the speed trailer for the Village.

Officer Rex Maine stated that he is not against Jay Griffin and feels he will do a good job. Rex would also like to know why he has not worked in 18 months. Jeff Martin spoke up and stated that he was sent a letter reinstating his employment and that is all he needs. Officer Maine has requested an executive session at the next meeting.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to refer to the new sidewalks in Memorial Park as seasonal, which would allow the Village Highway Department NOT clear them of snow and ice. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Seymour made a motion to exit into executive session. All were in favor.(8:34) pm

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**IN MEMORY OF TIMOTHY THAYER**

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

Trustee Seymour made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.  
( 9:00 pm)

Submitted By,

Cynthia Cole  
Clerk/Treasurer