

**FEBRUARY 5, 2007**  
**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK**  
**VILLAGE BOARD**

Present: Mayor Cohen, Trustee Gilfeather, Trustee Blundell, Trustee Seymour

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting. Trustee Blundell made a correction in reference to the pond behind the Red Hook Inn. The Rotary would contact the Hudsonia for a fee of \$ 150.00 for information on the pond. Trustee Seymour seconded this motion. All were in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Trustee Seymour read the Treasurer's report for the month of January

GENERAL	\$ 8,661.68
WATER	\$ 16,726.68
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 623.70
RESOURCE RECOVERY	\$ 7,938.14
PETTY CASH	\$ 50.00
VILLAGE GREEN	\$ 3,887.24

Bills to be paid: General fund \$ 81,563.27, Water fund \$ 27,035.51, T & A \$ 5,109.80, Resource Recovery \$ 7,684.64. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept this report. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

VILLAGE HALL RENOVATIONS Paul Vosburgh architect for the Village renovations presented the board with a new schedule for completion. Also, some structural damage was found in the rear deck which was removed and replaced. Some additional supports were installed. Four dry wells were found which were filled and compacted. An updated budget was also submitted, the cost is up \$ 46,213.29. A response was received from SHIPO and there were no consideration as far as this project. The windows and mantle are being restored. Trustee Gilfeather thanks Brian for allowing Town Councilman Jim Ross and School Superintendent Paul Finch tour the facilities.

**GRANT WRITER** - Victor Cornelius from Endeavor was present and stated that the State will not fund any project that has already been started. Victor suggested the Village create an Expandable Trust which would allow a fee to any new sub-division. This will help pay down the debt. This fee can be a flat rate or a percentage of the project. Water grants were also discussed. Town water users can be charged an outside user rate. There are grants available at 0 % for 30 years for infrastructure – this may also include sewer which could cost 10.2 million. It may be possible to apply for financial help in regards to the brick wall on the west side of the Village.

This will be discussed and Victor will be informed.

## **POLICE**

Mayor Cohen read the police report for the month of January: 65 registered complaints, 59 uniform traffic tickets, 15 parking tickets, 10 accidents investigated, 2 arrests made, and 4588 miles were patrolled.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

Trustee Seymour read the planning and zoning report for the month of January: 3 building permits, 3 certificates of occupancy, 1 certificate of compliance, 1 municipal search, 17 inspections and \$ 224.00 was collected in fees.

## **WATER -**

Trustee Blundell inquired about raising the water rates. Trustee Gilfeather stated there will be a small increase.

## **RESOURCE RECOVERY**

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report: commingle 7.08 T, \$ 181.88 – newspaper 11.8 T, \$ 121.23, Garbage 31.66 T, \$ 2667.52. Trustee Blundell submitted a fully executed copy of the new license agreement with Ulster Resource Recovery. The Village of Tivoli feels that they are paying more for garbage. Trustee Blundell stated that Tivoli also gets the use of Red Hook's truck and insurance.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

Trustee Blundell: Hardscrabble Day will be September 29<sup>th</sup> - A resolution was submitted to enter into agreement with Tivoli for Hardscrabble Day – Jeff Martin will review this resolution and it will be discussed at the March meeting, which will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Blundell requested to have the Village Highway Department remove 27 barrels throughout the Village which held flowers for many years. All were in favor.

## **VILLAGE GREEN**

Trustee Seymour met with the Village Green Committee to discuss spring plantings. There are currently 31 sites for new trees.

Mayor Cohen stated that the Village needs to approve a \$ 41,320.00 bond to purchase a used backhoe from Keil Equipment. Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion contingent that a complete overhaul of the backhoe is done. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Shawn Ball of the Red Hook Fire Co. was present requesting once again the Village cover him on Workman's compensation while working on mutual aid. This program is FEMA recognized. The Village Clerk submitted a request to Public Entities Safety Group 497 asking if this type of mutual aid would be covered. A response was submitted stated that it would be covered if it was authorized by resolution by the Village Board. The State dispatches for this aid – this team was on stand by during Katrina. Being dispatched out of state is rare. Mayor Cohen stated that Tom Howard from the State has contacted him and will be present at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss in detail. Jeff Martin has contacted the Town for input but has not yet received a response. Mayor Cohen would like a letter of support from the Red Hook Fire Co. before the next meeting.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept the following resolution for Village Justice area of residency:

WHEREAS, as the Village of Red Hook is a duly Organized Municipal Corporation and Political Subdivision of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the population of said Village is less than Three Thousand (3000) in habitants, and  
WHEREAS, the Village Law of the State of New York 3-300 subdivision 2, allows a Village to expand its political base for the office of Village Justice, beyond the physical base for the purpose of seeking candidates to run for certain offices.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Village Board to expand its political base for the office of Village Justice, beyond the physical limits of the Village Boundary and the limitations of Village residents, so as to include any resident living within the incorporated boundaries of the Town of Red Hook.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Elective Office of Village Justice be open to any candidate who is a resident of the T own of Red Hook, including both the Village of Red Hook and the Village of Tivoli and the Political Base for eligible Candidates for such elective office of the Village Justice is hereby expanded to incorporate and include the Township of Red Hook including both Village of Red Hook and Village of Tivoli, February 5, 2007 – Retro back to January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007

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

Mayor Cohen announced that both the Police and Highway Departments are preparing union contract negotiations. Both Trustee Seymour and Mayor Cohen will assist in these negotiations.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to appoint Jay Trapp as Village Trustee. This position was recently vacated by the late Tim Thayer. Jay Trapp has been a member of the Planning Board for 16 years. All were in favor.

Crosswalks will be postponed until March 15<sup>th</sup> . Mayor Cohen will talk to NYS DOT.

March 15<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting 7:00 – zoning realignment

March 15<sup>th</sup> Village Board 7:30 – Red Hook Fire House

9:00 pm The Board convenes into executive session

9:30 exit executive session

Trustee Seymour submitted a letter to the Mayor and the Village Board which read that he will not run for Trustee of the Village of Red Hook. This will allow Trustee Seymour to allow all his energy to his new position as County Legislator. Trustee Blundell stated that Trustee Seymour has been a mentor and is moving on to bigger and better things with the County. His position with the county will better the Village of Red Hook.

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

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

Submitted by

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Clerk/Treasurer