

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
VILLAGE BOARD  
MARCH 15, 2007**

Present Mayor Cohen, Trustee Gilfeather, Trustee Blundell, Trustee Trapp

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting at 7:30

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept the minutes from the special meeting and village board meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mayor Cohen read the Treasurer report for the month of February:

GENERAL FUND                 \$ 59,338.00

WATER FUND                 \$ 22,247.50

TRUST & AGENCY             \$    623.70

RESOURCE REC               \$  8,900.92

PETTY CASH                 \$     50.00

VILLAGE GREEN             \$  3,887.24

Bills to be paid: General \$ 68,081.51, Water \$ 49,434.12, T & A \$ 3,116.58,

Resource Recovery \$ 14,536.56. Trustee Trapp made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report.

Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to transfer money from a General Fund CD into the General Fund in the amount of \$ 52,300.00. This money will help the general fund balance due to over spending from the previous year. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

**POLICE**

Mayor Cohen read the police report for the month of February: 58 registered complaints, 70 uniform traffic tickets, 11 parking tickets, 11 accidents investigated, 5 arrests, 4118 miles patrolled.

**WATER**

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of February: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, water sample was taken from pond behind Red Hook Inn and sent to lab – results are attached, water leak was dug up and located on South Broadway Colburn's Laundromat, new wire was installed on outside readout at 1 Maizeland Rd, new outside readout was installed at 25 Linden Ave, possible water leak was investigated on Elizabeth Street – nothing found, average daily usage for month 265,893.

Richard Wambach submitted a report in regards to the Village of Red Hook Water System Mapping Project water grants. This grant will help locate pipe lines throughout the Village. Water rates will be increased sometime in the spring.

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of February: commingle 5.2 T @ \$ 133.56, newspaper 4.42 T @ 45.43, garbage 24.53 T @ 2066.73. UCRR contacted Trustee Blundell to inquire about the Village using/purchase a three year recycle truck. The Village may use this truck at no charge on a trial basis. This would be a decision that would include the Village of Tivoli. Trustee Blundell will look at this recycling truck this coming Wednesday.

## CELEBRATIONS

Trustee Blundell stated that the Red Hook Firehouse will have their spring egg hunt on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 12-5. Apple Blossom Day is May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning report for the month of February: 2 building permits, 1 certificate of occupancy, 14 inspections. \$ 254.04 was collected in fees for the month.

Mayor Cohen read a letter that was submitted from Trustee David Seymour. This letter was requesting that after his termination of Village Trustee he would like to retain power in the following areas: Remain a member of the Village Green, Remain as an Advisory Board Member for the Intermunicipal Task Force, Remain working as a liaison for the Village of Red Hook concerning Central Hudson and work involving street lighting and tree work (which ties into Village Green). Mayor Cohen will discuss this at the reorganizational meeting which is April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Trustee Blundell presented the board with a plaque which will be given to David Seymour thanking him for his years in service as Trustee. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

Paul Fredricks thanked the Village Board for many years of keeping the business district clear of snow and ice after a snow storm. A job well done!

Red Hook Fire Department – Shawn Ball – Urban- Technical Research and Rescue Team (UTSAR) – Representative Tom Murphy from NYS was present asking the Village Board to pass a resolution in regards to paying the compensation for Shawn Ball. So far 29 fire co.'s in NYS have passed this resolution. Usually when one fireman joins the UTSAR it makes a ripple effect and more want to join. Jack Gilfeather questioned if there would be an increase in the compensation. Trustee Blundell made note of a letter submitted from Fire Chief Bucky Coon which is not in favor of this resolution. This discussion will be tabled until April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Trustee Gilfeather is not against this resolution.

Clerk Cole submitted a request for a new accounting software program and a new computer in the amount of \$ 6,500.00. Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Harold Fell questioned why Panda is not taping out Village meetings. Mayor Cohen stated that they will be installing equipment in the new building.

There will be a public hearing on the budget on 4-2-07 ay 7:00.

There will be a budget hearing on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to finalize the budget at the Red Hook Fire House.

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

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

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole  
Clerk/Treasurer