

VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
APRIL 2, 2007

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

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept the minutes from March 07. Trustee Blundell seconded with two exceptions. Former Trustee Seymour was not terminated he resigned. The Easter hunt is sponsored by the Red Hook Chamber.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Cohen read the Treasurer's report:

General \$31,356.14, Water \$25,491.56, T & A \$623.70, Resource Recovery \$11,340.31, Petty cash \$50.00, Village Green \$3,887.24. Bills to be paid: General \$93,775.42, Water \$5,491.42, T & A \$1,706.49, Resource Recovery \$5,072.49. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept minutes. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

POLICE

Mayor Cohen read the police report for the month of March: 83 registered complaints; 48 uniform traffic tickets; 12 parking tickets; 16 accidents investigated; 10 arrests made. Miles Patrolled: 3634.

Mayor Cohen stated that the Red Hook Police Department made two class D felony arrests last month.

HIGHWAY

Trustee Brent Kovalchik had no report this month

WATER

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of March: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, located water line at X-tra Mart as requested, shut off water at 41 Fisk Street as requested, met with NY Rural Water to try to locate beginning of two -2" lines on South Broadway, average daily usage for the month 266,032. Trustee Blundell stated that Morris Associates is still working on our water application to expand our water system. There will also be a public hearing to increase the water rates.

CELEBRATIONS

Trustee Blundell announced a swearing in ceremony for the new Trustee, Mayor and Judge on April 9th at the Village Hall. Also, the Red Hook Fire Co. will hold their annual Block party on July 6th and 7th. Trustee Blundell made a motion to approve these functions. Trustee Gilfeather Seconded, provided that the village receive insurance certificates. Hardscrabble Day will be September 15th or 29th – no date is locked in at this time.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of March: Commingle 5.89 T @ \$ 152.50, cardboard 0, newspaper 7.79 T @ \$ 80.00, garbage 22.9 T @ \$ 1929.44. Also, the Village tried a recycle truck from UCRR for two weeks; this truck did not work well, did not save time and did not have a man rail. At this time they will go back to using the old truck. The old truck needs repairs. Mayor Cordier and Trustee Blundell will discuss with UCRR how to get our garbage tonnage down. One option is to have a compost pile at the landfill. At this point the Village will continue to look for more grant money.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning report for the month of March: 6 building permits, 2 certificates of occupancy, 1 certificate of compliance, 3 municipal searches, and 15 inspections. \$ 344.00 was collected in fees for the month of March. Zoning Secretary Sue Nandor sent the new planning and zoning board members notices on obtaining the necessary education required to maintain their seat.

Mayor Cohen read the Judges report for the year of 2006: Kelly Floor-Myers \$ 20,065.00. Richard Griffiths \$33,774.00. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept this report. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Shawn Ball who is a member of the Red Hook Fire Department and a representative from NYS was present to discuss Mr. Ball joining the Urban/Technical Search and Rescue team and is requesting that the Village pay for the workman's compensation. Mayor Cohen did not get a recommendation from the Police Chief. Village Attorney Jeff Martin recommends the Village Board continue this conversation in executive session.

Mayor Cohen announced on May 1, 2007 there will be a town vote on Community Preservation. A notice of referendum was read from Sue McCann.

Mayor Cohen read the appointment list for 2007-2008 – a copy is on file. Trustee Trapp made a motion to accept this appointment list. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

Victor Cornelius of Endeavor, Inc. – upgrades to sewer and water capacity. Victor stated that it is a little early to apply for grants. The sewer study must be complete first. Trustee Kovalchik is a member of the inter-municipal task force and this study is not complete yet. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to hold this discussion for the future. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Dick Wambach of Community Network submitted a report on March 15th. (UPDATE) GPS water system cannot continue without grant money, until realistic figures are met. DC Block grant \$ 150,000 – Sarah grant \$ 75,000 – 6-7 other grants – should have an estimate by the end of the month – will discuss in May.

Harold Fell asked when the Senior Housing would open – if there would be an open house – There will a seminar at the Red Hook Fire House at the end of April.

Mr. Burns of Prince Street submitted a petition from area residents in regards to their desire that the commercial district not be extended westward on their street beyond the Grange building and the Key Bank parking lot. It was also discussed to have Prince Street become a dead end street at the end of the residential section. Currently this street is used as a short cut around the traffic light, speeding throughout our small streets and very hazardous for pedestrians, especially the toddlers and small children living in the west end of the street. Trustee Blundell would like to have a traffic study done (traffic calming)

VILLAGE GREEN

David Seymour stated that the Village Green will plant 28 trees on April 28th. There will be a few people honored with special tree plantings.

OLD BUSINESS

Rex Maine questioned if he was still a police officer. Mayor Cohen informed Officer Maine that he is not qualified with his weapon and must speak to Officer-in-Charge, Jared Griffin. Officer Maine also asked if he was allowed on Village property and could he return to duty? Officer Maine stated that his union rep requested a letter allowing him on Village property. Officer Maine received a letter from the Village Attorney telling him to stay away from Village property

and not to harass Village employees. Officer Maine questioned his health insurance – currently the cost of officers medical insurance is \$1,737.00, a month which in the new contract, will be changed to MVP, at a cost of \$437.00.

8:30 pm the village board adjourns into executive session.

9:10 pm convenes from executive session

Mayor Cohen made a motion to not support Shawn Ball's special training with the Red Hook Fire Department – this training would require the village to carry Mr. Ball on compensation. A letter from Chief Bucky Coon was submitted stating that he is not in favor of the Village paying the compensation for Mr. Ball. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

VILLAGE HALL RENOVATIONS

Security bids for Village Hall – Bob's Security \$17,400.00 – Trustee Trapp made a motion to accept this bid. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Telephone bids for Village Hall – Hudson Valley Telephone \$14,200.00 – Trustee Trapp made a motion to accept this bid. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

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

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

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole