

VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

5-7-07

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

Mayor Cohen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Blundell made a motion to accept five sets of minutes with the exception of the following changes. Trustee Kovalchik changed the budget meeting – CHIPS funds are not a fictitious figure, it is an actual figure from the State.

Trustee Blundell stated – should police use protection (?)

Trustee Seymour term did not expire, he resigned – Water should refer to as regarding not an increase - regular board minutes subject Shawn Ball should be Fire Chief not Police Chief- Garbage revenue should show an increase – page 4 use USTAR work meaning is too vague. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

RED HOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL

2007 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Superintendent Paul Finch and Bruce Martin presented the Village Board with a budget presentation. This year's budget is the lowest increase in Dutchess County. The revenue side is up 5.9 % and the tax levy increased 4.49 % - the current athletic director Tom Cosati will share the title of Director of PE and Health at no extra cost – the school garage needs a new bus lift. There is a contingency budget but it does not meet the full impact as the regular budget. Bruce Martin stated that thanks to the new governor the state aid is looking good for the next four years. Proposition # 1 is the purchase of the central offices – the school central offices are currently being leased –purchase price two years ago was \$ 825,000.00 – to date the school has paid \$ 380,000.00 in rent and renovations which was agreed would come off the purchase price, which leaves a price of \$ 445,000.00. Currently this property is on the tax roll for \$ 7,500.00 a year. Mayor Cohen is concerned about the money being removed from the tax roll. This would be bonded for a total of ten years. Paul also stated that until the roof project is complete there will be no capital improvements.

INTER-MUNICIPAL TASK FORCE

Bill O'Neil presented the Village Board with an update of the inter-municipal task force. A proposal will be given to the Town Board on Wednesday May 9th – The Town of Red Hook, Village of Tivoli and the Village of Red Hook have been holding weekly meetings for two years to work on a comprehensive plan and greenway. Also, conservation development is working for protecting open space. This board concentrated in central locations for growth (ie. Village centers). Protect the gateway to the Village of Red Hook and Tivoli along with the completion of a sewer study in 2006. Mr. O'Neil submitted a handout to the board which consisted of maps which have designated areas of development, and a copy of the resolution prepared by Greenplan for the appointment of a joint task force to create an Inter-Municipal Agreement. Three separate development sites are: 1. Cookingham Farm North on Rt 9.

2. Lower South Broadway; 3. _____

Traffic and parking are still problem areas.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. DuBois asked the board to advise her of the next meeting in regards to the zoning changes.

Harold Fell would like to speak to the Village Engineer that was used on the sidewalk project. Mr. Fell feels that the curb is high where the curb meets driveways. Mr. Fell informed his home owner's insurance agent. Also, is there a law against bicycles and skate boards on sidewalks? Mr. Fell also questioned why the school gave a budget presentation to the Village Board? Mr. Fell feels that the school has no right at a Village Board meeting. Mayor Cohen and the Village Board informed Mr. Fell that they did have a right at this meeting and felt that the presentation was informative and well done.

Trustee Gilfeather stated that the Village will hold a public hearing on the stop signs that were placed on several streets to control speed. Must be a local law.

Harold Fell inquired as to why there were not any parking signs in front of the Indian Restaurant on East Market. Mayor Cohen stated that it is in the law that there is no parking so many feet from an

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intersection. Therefore, there is no need for "no parking" signs to be installed. Mayor Cohen also stated that the stop bars must be moved back for a fire truck to get through the intersection.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Cohen read the Treasurer's report for the month of April: General Fund balances \$ 169,955.88, Water Fund \$ 4,413.18, T & A \$ 623.70, Resource Recovery \$ 520.22, Petty Cash \$ 50.00, Village Green \$3, 887.24. Bills to be paid: General \$ 104,091.61, water \$ 30,553.06, T & A \$ 2,622.38, Resource Recovery \$ 9,733.88. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept this report. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Clerk Cole submitted a notice from Dutchess County Real Property Tax informing the Village of a small decrease in the village assessment. This was due to an error from the Assessor's office in regards to senior citizens exemption. This will increase the Village tax rate to \$ 3.75 which is an increase of \$.01.

Village Hall Renovations: Two bonds totaling \$ 458,238.71 are due on 5-07-07 – this money will be rolled over into the 1.8 million bonds which will be issued on August 3, 2007. Interest of \$ 7,121.54 is due on May 8th; 2007 and will be paid out of the Capital Improvement Fund. Trustee Gilfeather made this in a form of a motion. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were favor.

Mayor Cohen stated that as of June 1, 2007 there will be a new purchase policy in place. This will be followed by all village employees. A copy of this agreement will be given to all employees.

POLICE

Mayor Cohen read the police report for the month of April: 61 registered complaints, 38 uniform traffic tickets, 4 parking tickets, 10 accidents investigated, and 3765 miles were patrolled.

HIGHWAY

Trustee Kovalchik read the highway report, of which a copy is on file.

STREET SWEEPING-Trustee Kovalchik received two bids for street sweeping: 1. Eastystreet - \$ 2,500.00 for Village streets and \$ 400.00 for Rt. 9 and Rt. 199. 2. Community Custom - \$ 2,600.00 for Village streets and \$ 400.00 for Rt. 9 & Rt. 199. A letter was submitted from Highway Foreman Dan Streib requesting the bid be awarded to Community Custom due to the fact that they do a much better job and they have a new machine that does not create dust. Trustee Blundell made a motion to accept the bid from Community Custom. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor. Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to repave damaged intersections with CHIPS funds. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

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WATER

Trustee Gilfeather read the water for the month of April 2007: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, met with Dutchess County Health Department, Mayor Cohen and DUSCO Chemical representative on problem with chlorine, two shut offs were replaced- Ed Blundell and Robin Tator, as reported by customers, average daily usage for the month 270,100. Mayor Cohen stated that three estimates were sent out for scanning water pipes on lower South Broadway. After these estimates are submitted, Mayor Cohen will contact the board and at that point make a decision based upon the lowest bid.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning report for the month of April: 6 building permits, 2 certificates of occupancy, 1 certificate of compliance, 3 municipal searches, 15 inspections. \$ 14, 183.00 was collected in fees.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of April: commingle 5.18T @\$ 152.50, newspaper 8.31T @ \$86.31, garbage 25.40T @ \$2108.91.

CELEBRATIONS

Trustee Blundell reminded the board of Apple Blossom Day which is May 12, 2007-a letter was submitted from Church Street Nursery School requesting the block in front of the school be closed for this event. This is a safety issue. The board is all in favor. Vendors will be in Firehouse Plaza due to the renovation at the Village Hall.

Memorial Day Parade: May 28th – Mayor Cohen and Village Board are invited to march.

Trustee Blundell met with Tim Dean of Marshall and Sterling to review insurance policies for the village.

Trustee Trapp will look into having the planning and zoning complete some self training for the boards.

Gardner Exhaust notice from the Town was received regarding an addition to their business on Firehouse Lane.

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Mayor Cohen scheduled a public hearing on May 24th in regards to increasing water rates (7:00 pm). Also, a public hearing on May 24th @ 7:30 to speak about signs on various streets. Both hearings will be at the Red Hook Fire House.

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

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

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole

Clerk/Treasurer

