

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 4, 2007**

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

Present: Mayor Cohen, Trustee Gilfeather, Trustee Blundell, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Kovalchik.1

Trustee Blundell made a motion to accept the minutes from 5-7-07 Village Board and 2 public hearings on 5-24-07.

RESOLUTION # 1 – ROAD MORATORIUM

RESOLUTION STATING THE VILLAGE BOARD'S INTENTION NOT TO ACCEPT ANY PRIVATE ROADS MADE PART OF ANY SUBDIVISION OR SITE PLAN APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC DEDICATION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Red Hook desires to review the current road standards located in Chapter 165, Article II of the Village Code to ensure that roads are being constructed properly before being offered to the Village for dedication, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board does not want to incur any unnecessary costs associated with the inspection, acceptance, and ultimate maintenance of the roads, without having said updated standards, and

WHEREAS, the Village finds in the public interest of the residents of the Village that one year, with the possibility of two-ninety day extensions, is adequate time to finish reviewing the roads standards and enact them as part of the Village Code of the Village of Red Hook, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board further recognizes that is cannot be compelled to accept a private road, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Village of Red Hook to adopt said resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Village Board of the Village of Red Hook will not accept private roads for public dedication as part of any subdivision or site plan application submitted after the date of this resolution for a period of one year; and
2. The Village Board of the Village of Red Hook may, if necessary, after one year, extend this Resolution for two ninety-day periods in order to ensure that the proper standards are in place prior to any future offers of dedication; and
3. This resolution shall not apply to any application for subdivision or site plan currently pending before the Village Board, the Village Planning Board or the Village Zoning Board of Appeals

Trustee Kovalchik would like to have the Village code up to speed. Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to accept this resolution. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION # 2 – WATER RATE INCREASE

1. The Village water rates for all individuals, families, business, or any other entities who are currently being serviced, or who may in the future be serviced, by and through the Village of Red Hook Water District, shall be increased as follows:

- i. Minimum charge for usage up to 750 CF \$ 45.00
- ii. Senior citizens sixty two years of age and older \$ 38.00
- iii. \$ 18.00 per 1000 CF up to 3000
- iv. \$ 24.00 per 1000 CF up to 5000 CF
- v. \$ 30.00 per 1000 CF up to unlimited

2 The Village of Red Hook is hereby authorized to utilize whatever method is necessary in order to insure that notice is appropriately provided to all individuals being serviced by and through the Village of Red Hook Water District concerning the water rate increase, and to further utilize any and all appropriate methods to collect payment for State and Federal regulations providing for same. Trustee Blundell would like have the word minimum on line ii for senior citizens Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to accept this resolution. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were favor. A copy of this resolution is on file.

RESOLUTION # 3- DODGE TRUCK

Mayor Cohen read resolution # 3

1. The Village hereby approves and authorizes the creation of a statutory installment bond to purchase a new dump truck for village purposes.
2. The Village hereby approves a statutory installment bond with Key Bank of North America for forty eight thousand nine hundred sixty five dollars (\$ 48,965.00) for a period of five years, at a rate of 4.11 percent.
3. The village hereby authorizes statutory installment Bond for the purchase of a 2007 dodge 3500 for the Village of Red Hook.

Trustee Kovalchik stated that this price does include a snow plow, but does not include signage or strobe lights. These costs will be paid from the general budget. Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to accept this resolution. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor. A copy of this resolution is on file.

RESOLUTION # 4 – STOP SIGNS

Mayor Cohen read resolution # 4

1. Stop signs shall be placed on all cross roads and intersections located within the Village of Red Hook jurisdiction.
2. Failure to abide by stop signs shall be a violation of Village law and Village code, subject to issuance of tickets, appearances in Court, and payments of fine for convictions in accordance with all applicable statues of the Village of Red Hook Code. Trustee Blundell questioned this resolution as being like a blanket resolution which would cover all stop signs in the Village.

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

PAUL VOSBURGH

Mr. Vosburgh presented the board with a new color scheme of the renovated Village Hall. All colors submitted are historical. These new colors are within keeping with surrounding facades. Trustee Kovalchik questioned why the windows are white. Mr. Vosburgh explained because it was in keeping

with the surrounding buildings. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept this color change. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Blundell made a motion to put colored stone on the south side of the village hall instead of sod by the air conditioning units. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

Per Paul Vosburgh the Village Hall renovations should be complete by Labor Day 2007. Mayor Cohen would like to plan an open house on this day. (September 15th)

KNOLLWOOD COMMONS

Attorney Al Trezza represented Knollwood Commons and submitted a sewer corporation resolution. A copy was given to Village Attorney Jeff Martin for review. Mr. Trezza would like to have this document signed by July 1, 2007. This will require a special meeting to be scheduled. The Village Board agreed to review this document. All were in favor.

MEADOWBROOK ESTATES

Rodney Morrison of LRC Group represented CSI Developers. CSI Developers are in the beginning of land planning and permit process for a proposed project which encompasses approximately 43 acres of land extending from Norton Rd. to Baxter Road. CSI has been before the Town Planning Board and the town code allows a 110 unit multi-family development providing that central water and sewage facilities can be accommodated. Neil Wilson AICP of LRC Planning Services and Neil Alexander Attorney at Law from Cuddy & Feder were also present. Currently there are two investors. Water would be supplied from the Village of Red Hook Water District providing availability. This is part of the town SEQRA process. Mayor Cohen is concerned with the traffic that this project will create. A traffic study is starting and traffic counts are currently being taken. Rodney Morrison stated that this will be market rate housing. The planning process will take one year and the Town of Red Hook will have lead agency. The housing will be clustered and will have sidewalks to connect to the Village. The developer would like to have an access road from Baxter to Fisk. Johnathan Becker of 347 Baxter Road was present and has attended the meeting between the town and CSI Developers feels that what was stated at the town meetings is not properly being translated to the Village. Trustee Blundell pointed out that current traffic formulas indicate there are likely to be 5 vehicle round trips per new household and it is likely this would primarily flow to Baxter Road at the Christian School area and flow outward through the neighborhood there. In fact, village residents are very concerned with current traffic patterns and volume and certainly would not want more traffic in our neighborhood. He also pointed out that we are in the midst of a major planning review with the Dutchess County Planning Department, the Town of Red Hook and the Village of Tivoli in the format of the Inter-municipal Task Force and this proposed housing development does not seem to match up to our vision for the future development contiguous to the Village. Mayor Cohen requested a rough sketch of the project be submitted before a workshop is scheduled and the Village will follow with discussion on water supply. Keith Anderson of Baxter Road feels this project will generate too much traffic.

Mayor Cohen suggested that Mr. Anderson take his concerns up with the Town Planning Board. Trustee Trapp suggested the Village meet with the Town for discussion. The developer will submit more copies of site plan to the board.

Library Appointments

Mayor Cohen recommends Donald O'Shea and Maryelisa Blundell to the Red Hook Library Board. Trustee Gilfeather made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Trapp seconded. Trustee Blundell abstained. All were in favor

Harold Fell would like to have the police department enforce the Village ordinance in regards to bikes and skateboards on sidewalks. He feels that there should be a place for kids to go. The Town does have a rink at the rec. park. County Legislator David Seymour will contact NYS DOT to discuss the installation of sidewalks from Park Avenue to the rec. park.

Mayor Cohen would like to set the following page aside in memory of Ilene Gubler.

IN MEMORY OF
ILENE GUBLER

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Cohen read the treasurer's report for the month of June: General Fund - \$ -3442.00, Water Fund \$ 312.58, T & A \$ 623.70, Resource Recovery \$ 652.98, Petty Cash \$ 50.00, Village Green \$ 3887.24. Bills to be paid: General - \$ 70278.11, Water \$ 14,980.00, T&A \$ 1923.22, Resource Recovery \$ 1520.43. Clerk Cole stated that with Mayor Cohen's permission funds from DC 32331829497186 in the amount of \$ 19,522.456 and DC # 331425140796 in the amount of \$ 5477.55 into checking account 323310075961 Capital Improvement. This was to cover monies borrowed to pay back for Fire Co. payment. Also, CD# 331425140796 in the amount of \$ 2315.96 into General Fund # 311990366.

POLICE REPORT

No Police Report was available:

HIGHWAY

Trustee Kovalchik read the highway report for the month of June:

1. A new 2007 Dodge Dump Truck is to be purchased, pending Trustee's approval, from Ruges at a cost of \$ 48,965.00. The price includes a snow plow, but does not include signage or strobe safety lights.
2. Repair work is being completed on the 1999 Ford F 450 Dump Truck at a cost of \$ 3,438.00. The work includes new torque converter, oil pan replacement, upper and lower ball joints, tire rotation, fluids, filters and gaskets.
3. Street cleaning is to be completed by June 8, 2007
4. Request for approval from Trustee Blundell, to allow street cleaning services to be conducted prior to the Fire Department Block Party on June 6th and 7th. The estimated cost to sweep main streets is \$ 400.00
5. Request for approval from Trustees, to allow street cleaning services to be conducted prior and after Hardscrabble Day. The estimated costs to sweep main streets and Village Parking lot is \$ 400.00.
6. Crack sealing will begin this month. Cost is to be covered by Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Programs (CHIPS)
7. Pot hole repair is complete, however, as situations, arise, repair will continue
8. Memorial Park was prepared for summer festivities.
9. Summer work, including sign repair, mowing and weed removal is ongoing.
10. Request have been made to the courts for community service helpers for trash can painting
11. Request to propose to Red Hook Central Schools art club/departments to pay for 55 gallon drum trash containers for community festivals.
12. Investigation continues on grant opportunities through DFDA 0 Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance.
13. Highway Equipment, Tool and Sign Inventory has been completed and submitted for Trustee review
14. Transportation Equipment Life Usable Vehicle Life Replacement Plan has been completed and submitted for Trustee review

15. Work continues of the Infrastructure Capitalization Improvement Plan, approximately 25 % of the Village Streets have been catalogued.

16. Request Trustees to consider capital improvements and repairs to existing highway garage facilities.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to start to seal the cracks in the road. Trustee Blundell seconded. Mayor Cohen would like a copy of the highway inventory sent to the insurance agent. Trustee Kovalchik submitted a memo from the Inter-municipal Task Force. Trustee Gilfeather feels that this is a good move.

Trustee Blundell informed the board that there is a need for a catch basin by St. Christopher's School . Mayor Cohen will discuss this with Mr. Dupont from the church.

WATER

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of June;

1. 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab
2. Water quality report information was forwarded to Morris Association for preparation of the annual quality review
3. Turned off water as requested by customer at 30 Cambridge Drive
4. Turned off water and back on for repairs as requested by customer at 48 Prince Street
5. Met with DCHD representative to take samples from chlorine containers two times
6. Average daily usage for the month 295,968

Also, Clerk Cole reported Morris Associates completed the Annual Water Quality Report of which a copy was sent to the Penny Saver and an additional copy is posted in the Village Hall.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Trustee Blundell read the resource recovery report for the month of May: commingle 6.7 T @ 143.94, newspaper 9.28 T @ 100.71, garbage 34.76 @ \$ 2950.09. Trustee Blundell met with the new director Mike Bemis of the Ulster County Resource Recovery. Also, Trustee Blundell will look into compost – main concerns would be animals being lured into the Village.

HARDSCRABBLE NEWS

Trustee Blundell is hoping the renovations are complete by September 15th to the main parking can be used. Being considered on St. John Street would be an "Artist" sale. Where artist would sell their art work. Rosemary Zengen is requesting a release of liability from the Village for the art work. Trustee Blundell will submit a copy of this release to Jeff Martin for review. Since expenses are up Trustee Blundell is requesting \$ 2,000.00 from the Village for Hardscrabble. Trustee Blundell made this in the form of a motion. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor. David Seymour was contacted by Emma Coon of the Chamber for donation from the Village Green for new flower barrels for the Village in the amount of \$ 800.00. The Village Green denied this request.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp reported \$ 2940.00 for the month of May. Also, Sue Nandor has circulated flyers for the planning and zoning board members to obtain their credit.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cohen read two memos that were submitted from the Red Hook Police Department.

1. Officer in charge Jay Griffin has requested the recruitment process to hire two part-time police officers and one full time officer
2. Officer in charge Jay Griffin requesting that the Red Hook Police Department purchase a radar unit (custom pro 1000) at the estimated cost of \$ 1,300.00. This unit will be replacing an outdated, nonfunctioning unit.

The Village Board agreed to move forward with the hiring process and to move on with the purchase of a new radar unit as long as it is on state contract.

Mayor Cohen stated that Mike Collins who is currently a Village representative to Panda will be replaced.

Clerk Cole submitted to the board copies of the new treasurer's reports that will be issued each month.

Trustee Blundell has 30 signatures to have stop signs at the intersection of Benner Rd and Garden Street. This would be a three way stop. David Seymour stated that on Linden Ave by the school there is speeding and asked if the police can concentrate some patrols in this area. Trustee Blundell made a motion to check with the County for the availability of the speed trailer. All were in favor. David Seymour will talk to the State to discuss a traffic study.

June 21st there will be a public hearing at 7:00 to discuss stop signs on Benner Rd.

June 21st there will a special Village Board meeting at 7:30.

Court – the court is looking into funding – before this can be submitted the court system must inspect the new court room.

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 Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole
Clerk/Treasurer

