

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2007  
7:30 pm**

Present: Mayor Cohen, Trustee Gilfeather, Trustee Blundell, Trustee Trapp, Trustee Kavalchik  
Village Attorney Jeffrey Martin – absent

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Mayor Cohen read the Treasurer’s report for the month of August:

Balances: General \$ 107,421.21, water \$ 73,275.24, Trust and Agency \$ 623.70, Resource Recovery \$ 2,095.00, Petty cash \$ 50.00, Village Green \$ 2,704.58. Bills to be paid: General \$ 56,590.83, Water \$ 5,088.46, T & A \$ 1,740.41, Resource Recovery \$ 3,493.57. Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

**POLICE**

Mayor Cohen read the Police report for the month of August: 69 registered complaints, 166 uniform traffic tickets, 9 parking tickets, 10 accidents investigated-1 fatal, 9 arrests, 4125 miles patrolled.

**HIGHWAY**

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

**MONTHLY REPORT  
August, 2007**

1. The following equipment has been purchased from recycled scrap metal proceeds. Total price paid was \$505.00. The Village of Red Hook Highway Department Equipment, Tool and Sign Inventory of May, 2007 has been revised to reflect the addition of this new equipment.

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Tradesman Horizontal Metal Cutting Band Saw<br/>Model 8162 – Serial #1466 – 1/3 H.P.</b>                      |
| <b>1</b> | <b>Thermal ARC PAK 5XR (by Thermal Dynamics) Plasma Cutting System<br/>Model PAK5XR – Serial #R82218A183201B</b> |
| <b>1</b> | <b>Lincoln 225 amp Stick Welder – Code #7533-710</b>   |
| <b>2</b> | <b>¼” Angle Grinders with Assorted Wheels &amp; Discs</b>  |
| <b>1</b> | <b>Box of Assorted Drill Bits</b>  |
| <b>1</b> | <b>MAC Seal Puller</b>   |
| <b>1</b> | <b>¼” Straight Grinder</b>   |
| <b>1</b> | <b>Drill Press Vice</b>  |

2. Four (4) cleaned and primed 55 gallon container were delivered to each school (total 12) on August 31, 2007. These will be used for the joint Red Hook Central School District/Village of Red Hook Community Project (refer to June 20, 2007 correspondence).
3. Prince Street resurfacing is scheduled for the week of September 17, 2007. Weather/Conditions permitting.
4. Work continues on the Village of Red Hook Water and Highway Department Coordinated Capital Improvement Schedule and Plan.
5. New street signs have been purchased for Prince Street to be located on the north side of the Village Building and Municipal Parking Lot. These include:
  - (6) handicap parking signs @ \$10.85/ sign ..... \$ 65.10
  - (4) one way signs @ \$16.80/ sign ..... 67.20

TOTAL ..... \$132.30
6. Letter from John S. Wiley delivered to Dan Streib for remediation of lawn recovery effort on Park Avenue sidewalk. Turned over to A-W Coon & Sons.
7. The NYDOT has received the Village's Highway Work Permit application (refer to DOT letter of August 29, 2007) requesting "no-parking" signs near driveway entrances located at 81 and 85 West Market Street. Final NYSDOT approval is expected within the week of September 17, 2007.

## **VILLAGE GREEN**

Replacement trees will be replaced in the fall. Evelyn and Brent suggested taking a walk-through of Park Avenue to look at possible planting sites. The plan is to plant 50-55 trees in the spring of 2008 from the IGA in the Village south on Rt. 9 Rokeby Road in the Town of Red Hook.

## **MUNICIPAL TASK FORCE**

The meeting scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. The Greenway Grant was submitted and the application looks good and is being used as a model application. A decision should be forwarded by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Kovalchik has spoken to the US Department of Agriculture and Ben Rosenbaum from Ms. Gildebrant's office in regards to future grants.

Mayor Cohen and Trustee Kovalchik will attend a conference on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> on waste water treatment.

1) **Red Hook Commons Sewer Works Corp.** Ken Kearney and Scott Volkman presented the Village Board with a filing for a petition for the establishment of sewer rates by the Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 121 of the Transportation corporation Law of the State of New York. SW Corp petitions the Village for approval of the rates that it would charge its customers for sewage services. The Village Board must act within 90 days from the date the petition is filed or the rates will be deemed approved by default. Red Hook Commons serves a multi-family development located in the Village. This complex there will be a total of 124 apartments and 16,000 ft. of commercial space. This petition is being submitted to establish the rates that the company will charge its customers, containing the company's rule and regulations. Ken is requesting a \$ 45.00 charge per unit which would be 2.5 times the rate for a sewer charge. Currently senior citizens in other same type spaces use 16-18,000 gallons of water daily. No public hearing is required. Phase III of which is designed for a commercial building is targeted to begin construction in spring of 2008. The sewer treatment plant can be expanded for future growth. Water and sewer rates can increase in the future. All rents include water and sewer charges. One water meter will be installed for each phase. Trustee Gilfeather inquired if the Village and Town were to merge. Mr. Volkman stated this agreement would be revisited. Mr. Kearney stated that the 13 acres in the rear of the site were cleaned and 3-4 test wells were drilled and were all clean of contaminates. The DEC would like to have walking trails through the rear of this site. Currently Mr. Kearney is before the planning to subdivide a lot to build a home for his in-laws. Mr. Volkman will forward a copy of this petition to Village Attorney Jeffrey Martin for review. The Village Board will meet on October 1<sup>st</sup>. to further this discussion.

2) **Police contract/computers** Officer in Charge Griffin – Officer Cole and Officer Hildenbrand have submitted a signed copy of their current contract. Mayor Cohen stated that the board had just received their copies. This will be reviewed and voted on at the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Officer Griffin submitted two proposals: a). # 522 – 1 laptop and 4 desktop computers. b). Dell Power Edge 840 server. The police department is currently using a computer which is 5-6 years old. This equipment must be updated. With several different rooms in the new police department there should be a computer in each room so the officer does not have to leave someone to use a computer in another room. If the board decides to go with this server all computers in all department can utilize the same server. The police department has been awarded a computer grant which would bring the cost of these proposals down to \$ 6,902.98. Officer Griffin will meet with Trustee Trapp and a representative from PCA for further discussion.

3). **Panda** Mark Durand –President of Panda- stated that Panda’s money was cleaned out by the Treasurer (\$ 25,000.00). Red Hook Central School advanced Panda \$ 6500.00 and for this they are very grateful. Mr. Durand is asking the Village for another check in the amount of \$ 3,145.00 before the November elections. Trustee Gilfeather asked Mr. Durand if he felt that Panda would re-coop the stolen funds. Mr. Durand has discussed this with the DC Sheriff and was told that under these circumstances they usually do not get restitution of funds. Harold Fell is against giving more money to Panda. George Beekman feels that Panda is useless, poor lighting and sound. Trustee Kovalchik enjoys watching local meeting a week later since he is usually out of town on meeting nights. Mr. Durand is aware of problems with the local access station and is optimistic with this new board things can be improved. Trustee Gilfeather stated that by law you must have a Public Access television. Mayor Cohen stated that Time Warner owes the Village of Red Hook \$ 1-300,000 for equipment. Steve Block of Rhinebeck has drafted an agreement that would authorize Panda representatives Steve Block and Kathy Hammer to negotiate a new updated agreement between Time Warner and the five Panda municipalities. Also, the Buske Group will prepare a draft franchise agreement that would apply to all five municipalities. This agreement should be forwarded to Village Attorney Jeffrey Martin. This will be reviewed and discussed at the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

4).a. **Anderson Commons** – Scott Volkman represents Keith Lore for Anderson Commons – submitted an EAF for consideration as well as a Resolution declaring intent to be lead agency for this purpose. During the 1<sup>st</sup> SEQRA application the Village was lead agency for the road construction and the sewer design. During the Planning Board process the EAF was not circulated for purposes which included the formation of the transportation corporation. The road into Anderson Commons is called Cohen’s Way – most of this road is in the town. Each municipality will be responsible for the road within their district. A request to the town has been made to be responsible for their portion of the road. A copy of this proposal will be forwarded to Village Attorney Jeffrey Martin

b **Sewer Treatment Corp.** Request for approval of the formation of the transportation corporation known as Anderson Commons Sewage Works Corp. Also, the construction of Cohen’s Way and the construction and operation of the community septic system. Cohen’s way will be located in both the Town and the Village. There will also be a number of typical drainage structures associated with the road and the road will be subject to water easement to the Village, which easement will provide water to the residents of the project. Since there is no need to duplicate bond fees there is a request for the town to be responsible for the road portion. Also requesting to have a single entity to be responsible for both – the Village will be lead agency of the Transportation Corp. A copy of this request will be forward to Village Attorney Jeffrey Martin for review. Trustee Blundell feels that the Village should not incur any cost for legal fee or engineer review cost. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to approve. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

## **WATER**

Trustee Gilfeather read the water report for the month of August: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab. HAAC5 & TTHM samples were taken and sent to lab (results not received yet). Average daily usage for month: 297,290;

Mayor Cohen submitted a bid for an alarm system from Alarm Systems - he would like to receive at least one more price. This will be discussed in detail on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

Mayor Cohen thanked Trustee Blundell for a job well done on Hardscrabble. The day was a great success.

## **RESOURCE RECOVERY**

Trustee Blundell read the R & R report for the month of August: commingle 5.17 - \$134.10; Newspaper 5.56 T - \$58.31; Newspaper \$5.56 T - \$ 58.31, garbage 29.09 T- \$2474.43. Trustee Blundell spoke to Tivoli Mayor Cordier in regards to a shared grant for a new recycle truck.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning report for the month of August: 6 building permits issued, 5 certificates of occupancy, 4 certificates of compliance, 4 municipal searches, 1 appearance ticket, 12 inspections. \$1057.00 was collected in fees. Trustee Trapp will revise the fee schedule in the zoning office. Request for approval for classes that are free should be taken advantage. Pace University is holding a one day free seminar in Hyde Park which is open to planning and zoning board members. October 31<sup>st</sup> there is a zoning sub-division workshop for \$329.00 per person. At this time the board will not approve this meeting. Trustee Blundell inquired about the Tattoo pallor on West Market which is in great need of clean up. Trustee Trapp will discuss this with Sam Harkins.

## **LOSAP**

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to authorize the adoption by the board of trustees of a length of service Award Program for active volunteer members of the Red Hook Fire Department, subject to mandatory referendum. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor. A copy of this resolution is on file.

Mayor Cohen requested a page be left blank for Red Hook Police Officer Robert Moul and Mayor and Trustee Douglas Magley. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to approve this request. Trustee Trapp seconded.

## **VILLAGE HALL EXTRA COSTS**

Estimates were submitted for a landscape buffer on the south side to hide the generator and air conditioners. Lowest bid was to Quality Landscape for \$1646.40. Also, estimates for a new sign on the front of the Village Hall – Dutchess Sign was lot bid for \$4700.00. Equipment rack estimate from Dutchess Tel Audio was submitted for \$484.00. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept these additional costs. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

Both generator maintenance agreement and Highway Contract will be discussed at the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Mayor Cohen made a motion to accept the resignation of Burt Fraleigh from the Library Board. Also to appoint Jill Hall of 45 Cambridge Drive as a replacement on the board. Trustee Gilfeather seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Trapp mentioned a letter that was submitted from Barry Ramage of the Red Hook Library in regards to a petition of 750 signatures in regards to increased funding for the library.

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

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

Submitted by,

Cynthia Cole  
Clerk/Treasurer