

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2008**

Present: Trustee Gilfeather, Trustee Blundell, Trustee Trapp. Trustee Kovalchik  
Mayor Cohen (absent)

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Blundell made a motion to accept the minutes from December 3, and 12<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

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**KEY BANK PARKING LOT**

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather read a letter which was submitted by Village Attorney Jeffrey Martin dated January 7, 2007. Key Bank is anxious to sell two lots: 1. Parcel between Mobile Mart and Key Bank asking price of \$ 66,000.00 2. Village Parking Lot, asking price of \$ 121,000.00. Deputy Mayor Gilfeather and Village Attorney Jeff Martin suggest a motion to express interest in the purchase of said properties. Deputy Mayor Gilfeather made a motion to confirm interest in the purchase of Key Bank properties. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor. Trustee Blundell questioned if the Village was already bound into a lease agreement with Key Bank. This purchase must go out for permissive referendum. Trustee Kovalchik stated that parking is vital to the Village of Red Hook and there is a proposal to the IMTF in full development to increase the business district. Trustee Blundell stated that the Village must do everything in their power to keep the purchase of this land from the Extra-Mart. Trustee Trapp stated that Scenic Hudson will assist the Village but we must first display an interest. Harold Fell (former Village Mayor) feels that there is a lease that was written with Key Bank around 1975. Clerk Cole will archive this contract.

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**ZONING FEE CHANGE**

Public Hearing was held on 1-7-08 at 7:00 pm – Deputy Mayor Gilfeather made a motion to accept a zoning fee change. Trustee Trapp seconded. All were in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather read the Treasurer's report for the month of December 2007: Balances are as follows: General \$ 121,065.89, Water \$ 116,655.61, T & A \$ 5,867.97, Resource Recovery \$ 3,101.90. Petty Cash \$ 46.20, Village Green \$ 2,168.58. Bills to be paid: General \$ \$ 34,984.02, Water \$ 21,843.12, T & A \$ 1,740.41, Resource Recovery \$ 10,527.63.

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

**POLICE**

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather read the police report for the month of December 2007: 64 registered complaints, 88 uniform traffic tickets, 51 parking tickets, 16 accidents investigated, 9 arrests, 3037 miles patrolled.

### **INTERMUNICIPAL TASK FORCE (ITF)**

1. Work continues with reviewing the Agricultural Business District and Affordable/Workforce Housing components with the Red Hook Town Board.
2. A meeting has been scheduled for January 25, 2008 to discuss alternative sewer/waste water treatment facilities. The ITF, Simon Gruber, Ed Clerico (Alliance Environmental), Gary Male (C.T. Male Associates, P.C.), Steve Grimm (Rural Water Association), and Red Hook Village Mayor, David Cohen, Fred Testa (EFC); Bridget Barklay (DCW&WWA) are scheduled to attend.
3. Grant applications to provide funding for the Red Hook Village Central Sewer System are being prepared. These include:
  - Pre-development Planning Grant – United States Department of Agriculture; Rural Development
  - Appropriations Request Form for Fiscal Year 2008 – Office of United States Representative, Kirsten Gillibrand
  - Capitol Projects Funding Grant – Office of New York State Senator, Stephen Saland.

### **VILLAGE GREEN COMMITTEE**

1. There were no committee meetings for the month of December.
2. A request has been made to Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development to provide maps of each Village quadrant and the General Business District. These maps
3. will be used to provide a comprehensive tree planting plan to include existing trees along with locations and species of future trees. This will be included as part of the Village of Red Hook Forestry Management Plan.
4. A request has been made to the New York State Department of Transportation to provide “guidelines” to develop a comprehensive sidewalk/pedestrian path plan. This is being considered to coordinate future tree planting with future sidewalk installations.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**

1. Red Hook Commons – Morgan’s Way paving has been complete and the Village is removing snow (re: November, 2007 Monthly Report, item #4).
2. Jeffrey Martin is preparing a response to the NYSDOT regarding “no parking anytime” signs to be located at 81-85 West Market Street (re: November, 2007 Monthly Report, item #7).
3. A request from County Legislator-Elect, Tom Mansfield proposing the use of “Magic Salt” was considered. The Town of Red Hook, Village of Red Hook and Red Hook Central Schools share storage locations and all three entities need to be in agreement on the use of this alternative “environmental friendly material”.
4. On December 3, 2007, Village resident, Kathleen McCarthur, of 20 Maizeland Road, claimed that the repaving of Maizeland Road has caused water to collect in her backyard and drain to her basement. This will be further investigated in the spring.
5. The sander’s motor was replaced on December 3, 2007 at a cost of \$1,000.00.
6. A back-hoe was recently sold at auction and yielded \$315.00.
7. The balance of proceeds from the scrap metal recycling program is \$1,052.77.
8. The sidewalk along the north side of the Village Building has been closed due to frozen water run-off from Building leaders and roof. A 100 lb supply of “Enviro-Snowmelt” has been ordered at a cost of \$50.00. This de-icing material is animal, grass, carpet and environmentally friendly. This material melts snow and ice at a rate twenty times faster than salt and can work in temperatures that reach -40 degrees F.
9. Letters were sent to Mill Road Elementary School Principals Donna Gaynor, (K-2), and Brian Boyd, (3-5) thanking students who participated in the joint Village of Red Hook, Red Hook Central School District Community Project (customizing waste receptacles to be used at community festivals and events). A total of 221 students participated. 165 students from grades K-2 and 56 students from grades 3-5. Thanks to all faculty advisors, administrators, and especially the students for participating.

# 8 is a minimum order of 300 lbs which will provide 100 lbs free. Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to purchase Snowmelt. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

## **WATER**

Deputy Mayor Gilfeather read the water report for the month of December: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, nitrate/nitrate sample was taken and sent to lab, POC & MTBE samples were taken and sent to lab, average daily balance 269,194.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

Trustee Blundell reported that the Celebration's Committee would like to use Abraham's Park and the Abraham's Park Stage for "Music in the Park" (concerts for children) during the months of July and August. Grants are available for \$1000.00 to \$2500.00. The Village Board would like a copy of this grant submitted – the dead line is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Blundell made a motion to approve Gindsberg Community Program. Trustee Gilfeather seconded.

Hardscrabble Committee meetings will begin soon.

Red Hook Chamber should be more involved.

## **RESOURCE RECOVERY**

Trustee Blundell read the Resource Recovery report for the month of December: Commingle 5.3 T @ \$139.60, newspaper 9.17 T @ \$96.74, garbage 21.67 T @ \$1874.68.

Trustee Blundell met with officials with Marshall and Sterling to increase the coverage for the new building – an e-mail was sent to Trustee Blundell with new coverage.

Intermunicipal Agreement- Village of Tivoli – should be reviewed by Village Board and Village Attorney Jeffrey Martin.

## **PANDA**

Mark Durand will televise the February, 2008 board meeting.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

Trustee Trapp read the planning and zoning report for the month of December: 3 building permits, 1 certificate of occupancy, 1 certificates of compliance, 2 municipal searches, 2 court appearances, 8 inspections. \$600.00 was collected for the month. \$24,908.29 was collected in fees for the year 2007. Changes to the zoning district map will be added to the agenda for next month.

- Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code – changes and operating issues Title 19.
- Village Attorney Jeffrey Martin will submit sample resolution

Hugs from Home: Trustee Trapp would like to encourage residents to bring in donations.  
Shipping date is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Kovalchik will write a letter of support for the SMSI Grant for the Town to purchase land by the recreation park.

- Rotary – Live Art Auction – March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Town 2008 Budget - Fire Protection
- Bi-annual inspection of Village water system
- Christmas in Need- Village employees donated \$750.00 worth of gifts to local family in need.
- Dick Barringer – passed this past week – coach and administrator for 30 plus years

Harold Fell stated that Panda needed to add the Village Board meetings on the station.

Rock Irons 7470 South Broadway would like to have sidewalk snow removal extended to the business district.

Linda Bard feels the highway department needs a wing man when plowing so driveways are not filled up with snow. Ms. Bard questioned why the waste water from the new building loads onto the sidewalk and then freezes. Trustee Gilfeather stated that this will be discussed at the next board meeting.

David Seymour stated that some lights are out in Abrahams Park – He will call Bill Cotting at Central Hudson and advise.

Harold Fell asked where the WWII plaque was that was on the front of building.

9:00pm Executive Session

10:20 Trustee Blundell made a motion to pay bills after audit. Trustee Kovalchik seconded. All were in favor.

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

Submitted by

Cynthia Cole  
Clerk/Treasurer