

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
1/17/2019
7 PM**

Present: Mayor Blundell, DM Kovalchik, Trustee Laing, Trustee Norris,
Trustee Trapp, Assistant Clerk Drewes.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to open the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

CLIMATE SMART – Mayor Blundell introduced Michelle Gluck to the Board, in attendance, to present about the Climate Smart Resiliency Program & Community Program. Ms. Gluck provided each board member with a portfolio of materials, and explained available funding options through NYSEERDA. A tool/results chart was shown to explain that the program is essentially a guide to help the Village become more sustainable through specific recommended actions which lead to Climate Smart certification, through Cornell Cooperative Extension. DM Kovalchik asked who keeps track of the points accrued, and Ms. Gluck responded that the Office of Climate Change kept track. Trustee Laing expressed that he would like examples of items that grants were awarded for, and Ms. Gluck stated that she could provide that information at a later date. DM Kovalchik asked if any grant assistance will help private property owners taking sustainability actions. Ms. Gluck said she was unsure but would look into it, and that she will e-mail a template to Mayor Blundell of a resolution to begin the program. Ms. Gluck stated that she will be available as a resource going forward as the Village pursues the program.

NYS DOT – Mayor Blundell reviewed the resolution dealing with financing previously reviewed at January's Board Meeting, and stated that he has passed it on to council for their review but hasn't heard any responses yet. Trustee Laing asked if the resolution will be edited and reworded, and Mayor Blundell said that it would, pending review.

COURT – Mayor Blundell stated that the Village Court needs more regular, staffed office hours to allow for people to come in and pay fines and consult with the Court Clerk and Judge. There are currently 1,575 open cases and he would like to know whether or not these are cases that require DMV notification or follow-up for payment of fines. An RFP has been sent out for a consultant to assess shared services with the town, which may include sharing a clerk. Mayor Blundell has interviewed a candidate for the interim with business experience, and while her salary requirements must be reviewed with the Board in executive session he feels she's a good fit for the position and believes she would help increase efficiency.

At 7:43 p.m., Mayor Blundell made a motion to enter into Executive Session for Personnel. DM Kovalchik seconded the motion.

At this time, Assistant Clerk Drewes left the meeting.

At 8:17 p.m., Mayor Blundell moved to enter back into the regular meeting. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion.

Blundell recapped Exec Session matter and asked for motion. Board authorizes the Mayor to offer the Asst. Court Clerk part-time position to Rebecca Kent including a 9 month promise to stay on job since we will incur training and related costs and offer the Court Clerk a one-time discretionary pay incentive. All in favor.

At 8:18 p.m., DM Kovalchik moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Norris seconded the motion.

Submitted by,

Arie Drewes
Assistant Clerk