

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK BOARD MEETING  
VIA RING CENTRAL  
March 8, 2021**

Present: Mayor Edward Blundell, Deputy Mayor Bent Kovalchik, Trustee Jennifer Norris, Trustee Charlie Laing, Trustee William Noonan and Village Clerk Lara Hart.

Christopher Donohue, Media Administrator present.

Mayor Blundell stated the Village Board Meeting is held in compliance with Open Meetings Law per Executive Order 202.1 and 202.72. Meeting was noticed with media, website and at the Village Hall and being recorded.

Mayor Blundell opened the March 8, 2021 Village Board Meeting via ring central at 7:00 pm with a quorum confirmation.

Mayor Blundell did a Roll Call for attendance.

Mayor Blundell – yes

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik – yes

Trustee Norris – yes

Trustee Noonan – yes

Trustee Laing – yes

**Mayor Blundell made a Motion to open the public hearing for the Tax Cap Over-Ride. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik. All in favor.**

Mayor Blundell advised that the board has several workshops to develop the tentative budget; public hearing is formally open and that the Village intends to stay within the budget tax cap. It has been our custom to leave the option open in case we need it; tehn rescind it later in the process. Mayor Blundell asked for public comment on the motion to exceed.

Trustee Noonan asked if this was a preemptive case in case we have to exceed the tax cap. Mayor Blundell said correct and we started this process the first year the tax cap was legislated and put into place across the State and with the modeling we use (excel spreadsheet) if for some reason something went wrong and we needed to spend more money we could not predict, noting that all budgets are projections based on past history and what we think we want to do moving forward, and yes this is preemptive and we are not looking to exceed the tax cap.

No public comment.

**Mayor Blundell motioned to close the Public Hearing at 7:07pm. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik. All in favor.**

7:08pm Mayor Blundell opened the main meeting and asked all to take a moment of silence for all during COVID.

Mayor Blundell made a Motion to approve Village Board Workshop Meeting minutes dated February 4, 2021; Village Board Meeting minutes dated February 8, 2021; Village Board Workshop Meeting minutes dated February 18, 2021 and Village Board Workshop Meeting minutes dated February 25, 2021. Motion seconded by Trustee Noonan. All in favor. Motion approved.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Read by Village Treasurer Ray Towle

### **ACCOUNT BALANCES:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 334,549.22
WATER FUND	\$ 178,279.64
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 20,920.44
PETTY CASH	\$ 24.50
VILLAGE GREEN	\$ 4,717.92
HARDSCRABBLE	\$ 2,276.85
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 3,494.07
SEWER FUND	\$ 19,156.53
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 00.00

### **RESERVE CHECKING BALANCES:**

FIRE DEPARTMENT (M&T)	\$ 5,030.79
POLICE (M&T)	\$ 14,577.76
USDA (M&T)	\$ 133,965.32
HIGHWAY (M&T)	\$ 20,776.27
SNOW RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 3,279.00
TOWER RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 17,708.76
UNEMPLOYMENT (M&T)	\$ 4,543.45
COURT RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 3,298.10
OFFICE RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 972.38

### **MONTHLY EXPENSES:**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 186,308.94
WATER FUND	\$ 38,630.47
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 3,292.95
SEWER	\$ 1,935.00

Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted by the Village Treasurer. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik.

### **ROLL CALL**

Blundell – yes

Kovalchik – yes

Norris – yes

Laing – yes

Noonan – yes

All in favor. Motion approved.

Mayor Blundell asked IT Admin to put him back as host and that he could leave the meeting at this time if he wanted. Mayor Blundell now host of the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **POLICE**

Mayor Blundell read the Police Report as follows:

	<i>Village of Red Hook</i>	<i>Town of Red Hook</i>	<i>Tivoli</i>
Incidents:	373	282	90
UTT's:	59	36	23
Arrests:	6	2	4

Mayor Blundell advised employee Gregg Stolarik has moved to a 35 hour work week and it is working out well.

### **PLANNING AND ZONING**

Reports read by Mayor Blundell.

Building Permits:	7
Certificates of Occupancy:	2
Certificates of Compliance:	1
Municipal Searches:	2
Complaints:	0
Order to Remedy:	0
Fire Inspections:	8

Mayor Blundell advised that \$1,917.00 was collected in fees.

Mayor Blundell announced that this is the last formal meeting for Trustee Jen Norris and that Jen has given 10 years of service to the Village and will not be running for office in March.

### **MATERIALS MANAGEMENT**

Trustee Norris read the monthly report as follows:

For the month of February, 2021 we sold \$1995 in garbage tags and paid out \$639.63 in tipping fees. We had 5.9 tons of garbage and 2.49 tons of recycling: .34 of cardboard, .97 newspaper and 1.18 tons of commingled.

Events: Currently on hold due to COVID.

Mayor Blundell announced that the Eggscramble Event and Appleblossom Day Event will not be happening this year due to COVID restrictions.

**WATER:**

Trustee Laing read the monthly reports as follows:

- During the month of February the water treatment facility treated 6,420,300 total gallons, which is an average of 229,300 gallons per day.

Trustee Laing said we have dropped back to pre-COVID level of water use and could be due to it being February and the water leak being repaired which will be discussed later in the meeting.

- All bacteriological samples for the month were collected and transported to Smith Environmental Laboratory, Hyde Park NY. All results were negative.
- During the month of February the water treatment plant used 60 gallons of sodium hypochlorite. The average daily use was 2.14 gallons per day.

Trustee Laing said he had the C3ND Report which is a water and wastewater report. Mayor Blundell said yes the Board will have to report on this each month and that he advised VRI (who we are contracted with for wastewater) that we will require reports for both drinking water and wastewater.

Mayor Blundell advised that VRI is our main contractor and we have retained Delaware Engineering to give us a standard operating procedure but we need the expertise of skilled set credentialed people to run and monitor water and wastewater. Mayor Blundell said we have had to deal with sledge pumping and a diagnosis of a failed pump.

Mayor Blundell spoke on the daily average and that in the interim there was a major water main break fixed on East Market Street which was repaired and now looks like the daily average has dropped since then and has been holding consistently for the month. Mayor Blundell said it will be monitored. Trustee Laing said this is a dramatic drop and will be interesting to see what happens through this month.

Mayor Blundell spoke on the inspection of storage tanks which has to be done every 5 years and that is being scheduled to comply with rules and regulations. Trustee Laing asked if that had to be done every 5 years. Mayor Blundell said yes.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly reports as follows:

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
VILLAGE GREEN COMMITTEE (VGC)  
MONTHLY REPORT  
FEBRUARY, 2021**

1. The current balances of the Village Green Committee’s related budget accounts, as of February 28, 2021, are as follows:

- Community Beautification – Contractual Expenses (#8510.4)  
Balance ..... \$ 3,372.00

- Shade Tree – Contractual Expenses (#8560.4)  
Balance ..... \$(-)3,100.00
  
- Village Green Committee Checking Account  
Balance .....\$ 4,712.92

2. There were no Village Green Committee Meetings held during the month of February, 2021.
  
3. The Tree City USA Application was prepared and sent to the NYSDEC on February 7, 2021. Thanks to David Pearson for completing the application on behalf of the Village Green Committee.
  
4. The Village received a memo from Schichtel’s Nursery, Inc. that they will begin to charge \$400.00 for tree delivery with a 10 tree minimum order (2/5/21). Alternate tree suppliers and joint purchasing with other municipalities are being investigated to minimize the financial impact.
  
5. Residents and businesses interested in having a tree(s) planted on their adjacent right-of-ways, volunteering for planting days, or making a donation to support the VGC’s various community beautification projects, may contact David Pearson, Brent Kovalchik, or the Village Clerk.

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT  
FEBRUARY, 2021**

1. The Village’s Snow Ordinance is currently in effect through March 31, 2021. No parking is permitted on Village streets from 11:00pm to 6:00am and on NYS Highways (Route 9 (Broadway) and Route 199 (Market Street)) from 2:00am to 6:00am during the same period (re: Local Law #4 of 6/19/14; Section 190-28A, 190-28B). When snow and ice removal operations are underway, any vehicle parked or abandoned on any street, may be removed by, or under the direction of, the Red Hook Police Department or any responding law enforcement agency. Costs associated with vehicle towing and storage will be charged to the vehicle’s owner(s).
  
2. The owner and/or occupant of every building/lot in the Village, with an adjoining sidewalk, shall remove snow and ice within 24 hours of a snowstorm (re: Local Law #1-199: Section 165-1). At the direction of the Village Board of Trustees, the Village Highway Department may remove snow/ice, left uncleared, at a cost of \$2.00 per linear foot. This cost will be assessed and collected with the next tax levy (re: Local Law #1-199: Section 165-48).
  
3. The General Business District was cleared of snow/ice on February 3, 2021. The removal of snow from street parking and sidewalks were limited to Market Street where snow storage is more limited and restrictive than other areas of the GBD.

4. No revenue was generated from the sale of scrap metal during the month of February, 2021. Total revenue generated in FY2020-2021 is \$3,995.05. Since inception of the Scrap Metal Recycling Program in September, 2007, \$35,455.17 has been generated.

Proceeds from this program go toward the purchase of tools and equipment for the Village Highway, Water, and Materials Management Departments. Residents or businesses interested in donating scrap metal may contact the Village Highway Department (845-758-8600) or the Village Clerk's Office (845-758-1081). Highway Department personnel will assist property owners by picking up scrap metal upon request.

**INTERMUNICIPAL TASK FORCE (ITF)  
RED HOOK INFRASTRUCTURE  
MONTHLY REPORT  
FEBRUARY, 2021**

**1. Red Hook Sewer Project**

- a. Meetings were held on February 8, 12, 19 and 26, 2021, via telephone conference call. The following items were discussed:
- February 8, 2021 – A Pre-Bid Meeting was held, via Ring-Central to review the Sewer Project Bid Documents with perspective General Contractors, Electrical Contractors, vendors and suppliers. The Pre-Bid Meeting was not mandatory, but highly suggested for bidders. Plan holders, including eleven (11) General Contractors, sixteen (16) Electrical Contractors, six (6) vendors, Kathryn Serra (C.T. Male), Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik participated.
  - February 12, 2021 – A conference call with Veolia Water (Red Bank, NJ) was held, via Google Meets, to discuss possible water and sewer operations/maintenance/administration of the Village of Red Hook municipal infrastructure systems. Tim Shea (VP Operations; Veolia Water), Ryan Lundly (Veolia Water), Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik participated.
  - February 19, 2021 – Discussed public outreach to Sewer Service Area customers regarding billing options to cover first principal and interest payments from Sewer Fund. Discussed options for billings based on water consumption versus benefit units. Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik attended.
  - February 26, 2021 – Sewer Project Bid Openings were conducted at the Red Hook Village Building. Kathryn Serra (CT Male), Lara Hart, Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik attended. The following are the estimates for the construction of the Red Hook Sewer Project:
    - Prime Electrical Contract
      - Hudson Valley Electrical Construction Management, Inc. (Milton, NY)  
\$ 742,222.00
      - Ray S. Pantel, Inc. (Middletown, NY) \$1,503,700.00
      - J & J Sass Electric, Inc. (Kingston, NY) \$ 539,498.00
      - \* Sausto Contracting, Inc. (Rhinebeck, NY)\$ 441,947.00
      - Stilsing Electric, Inc. (Rensselaer, NY) \$ 534,165.00
    - Prime General Contract
      - New Castle Paving (Troy, NY) \$7,500,522.00
      - \* Carver Construction (Altamont, NY) \$6,797,145.00

William J. Keller and Sons Construction Corporation (Castleton , NY)  
\$7,515,618.59

Grant Street Construction, Inc.  
(Cortland, NY) \$9,618,000.00

**\* represent the qualified lowest bidder**

- C.T. Male confirmed and validated bids on March 1, 2021.
- Estimated cost of construction for the Red Hook Sewer Project, including the qualified low Prime Electrical Contractor and Prime General Contractor . . . . .  
. . . . . \$7,239,092.00
- Estimated allowance for Engineering and Legal . . \$ 700,000.00
- Total Estimated Cost of the Red Hook Sewer Project \$7,939,092.00

- USDA-RD and NYSEFC were contacted to relay bid estimates and to inquire about additional funding opportunities.
- Robert Smith (Hawkins, Delafield and Wood, LLP – Bond Counsel) was contacted to discuss amending the Bond Resolution based on the current estimated project costs.

b. The tentative timeline for the Village of Red Hook Sewer Project is as follows:

- March 8, 2021 – The Village Board of Trustees to approve the qualified low bidder, based on the review of bid documents by C.T. Male. The Village Board to consider approving the Bond Resolution Amendments.
- April, 2020 – Upon further review of bid documents, contractual agreements, and potential additional funding opportunities, the Board of Trustees will award the Prime General and Prime Electrical Contracts and issue the Notice to Proceed.
- May – June, 2021 – Construction of the Red Hook Sewer Project may begin.
- September, 2022 – Substantial Completion.
- December, 2022 – Final Completion.

**2. Village of Red Hook Water/Sewer Administration Project**

- a. Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. is preparing a report and daily, monthly, quarterly and annual maintenance schedule for the Village Drinking Water Treatment and Distribution System.
- b. Delaware Engineering is preparing an operating report and maintenance schedule for the Village Wastewater Treatment and Distribution System.

3. The Village of Red Hook submitted an application for the 2020 NYSEFC Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) through the NYS Consolidated Funding Application (#105069) on February 12, 2021. The requested grant amount of \$320,250.00 if awarded, will cover the costs of the Water Meter Upgrade Project because the existing AMR (radio-read meter heads) are obsolete.

The existing water meters were installed in 2013 and have AMR (radio-read) systems. The AMR system was discontinued in 2019 and new meters installed since then (approximately 25) utilize AMI (cell-read) technology. The Village needs to migrate its meter read system from AMR (radio-read) to AMI (cell-read) in order to eradicate the obsolete AMR software.

The AMI (cell-read) system will provide better water use analytics and increased safety for Village residents and businesses and their properties. Adding a main leak detection system is

also proposed. The Village has a large amount of unaccounted water (approximately 50%) and proposes to install a leak detection system as part of the proposed project.

The GIGP Application was prepared by Delaware Engineering on behalf of the Village of Red Hook.

#### **4. Intermunicipal Task Force (ITF)**

Charlie Laing and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representatives/Members

- a. A joint meeting, via Zoom, between the ITF and the Town of Red Hook Economic Development Committee (EDC) was held on February 26, 2021. The following items were discussed:
  - Review ITF proposed draft legislation of zoning amendments to the Town of Red Hook Zoning Law regarding Short-Term Rentals (STR) of 1/14/21.
  - Review EDC proposed draft legislation of zoning amendments to the Town of Red Hook Zoning Law regarding STRs based on the Town of Marbletown’s existing STR regulations.
  - Discussed proposed ITF survey of Town and Hamlet residences regarding STRs.
  - Discussed proposed EDC survey of Red Hook Town businesses.

Town of Red Hook Zoning Review Committee (RHT – ZRC) – Monthly Report  
February, 2021 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

- a. There were no RHT – ZRC Meetings held during the month of February, 2021.

Community Preservation Fund (CPF) Advisory Board – Monthly Report  
February, 2021 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

- a. There were no CPF Advisory Board Meetings held during the month of February, 2021.
- b. The current balance of the Community Preservation Fund, as of February 28, 2021, is \$1,976,167.51.

Saw Kill Watershed Community (SKWC) – Monthly Report  
February, 2021 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Board of Trustees Representative

- a. There were no SKWC Meetings held during the month of February, 2021.
- b. The NYSDEC held a course on February 10, 2021 to train volunteers to track and monitor amphibian crossings during their annual early spring migrations. Training covered road and night time precautions as well as COVID procedures to ensure the safety of all the volunteers.
- c. Issue 14 (February 10, 2021) SKWC Newsletter was circulated. This issue includes:
  - “The Amphibian Migration Project in the Saw Kill Watershed” – Karen Schneller-McDonald
  - “A Path Forward: Indigenous Land Recognition in the Saw Kill Watershed” – Karen Raskin

Town of Red Hook Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Working Group – Monthly Report  
February, 2021 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member



- a. There were no LWRP Working Group Meetings held during the month of February, 2021.
- b. The LWRP Working Group is waiting for review and comments from the NYS Department of State before organizing a Public Informational Meeting for the Red Hook Community to review current proposed updates to the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan of the Town of Red Hook.

Northern Dutchess Alliance (NDA) Executive Committee – Monthly Report  
February, 2021 – Brent Kovalchik – Local Government Representative

- a. There were no NDA Executive Committee Meetings held during the month of February, 2021.

Village of Red Hook Zoning Review Committee (RHV – ZRC) – Monthly Report  
February, 2021 – Ray Towle and Brent Kovalchik – Members

- a. There were no RHV – ZRC Meetings held during the month of February, 2021.
- b. Proposed amendments to Chapter 200 – Zoning – Code of the Village of Red Hook include:
  - Changing the current Highway Business (HB) District to the Gateway (G) District.
  - Amendments to Section 200-11 regarding Use and Bulk Regulations of the proposed Gateway District.
  - Adding one property, currently in the R10,000 District, to the Gateway (G) District.
  - Amending Section 200-9 (R10,000 District) regarding Special Permits for Live/Work Units for properties located on East Market Street and that are also in the Sewer Service Area.
  - Adding eight properties, currently in the R10,000 District on South Broadway and Fisk Street, to the Neighborhood Mixed-Use (NMU) District.
  - Adding a definition of Live/Work Units to Section 200-5.
- c. Copies of the proposed amendments have been sent to Rodenhausen Chale and Polidoro, LLP for review, comments, and preparation of proposed draft legislation, SEQR documents and Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development approval in accordance with NYS Statute 239-m.

Mayor Blundell advised Deputy Mayor Kovalchik that he has reached out to Attorney Victoria Polidoro regarding sewer and looking for her in-put.

Mayor Blundell spoke on the sewer project and that bids were opened on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Blundell advised there were 5 electrical contractor bids and 4 general contractor bids and the way the rules work we had to have a separate electrical bid for this project. Mayor Blundell wanted to remind the Board and the public that this phase of the project started 5 years ago in 2016. His opinion remains that for the village to persist we need to protect or aquifer and further enable economic development in the village center. There is a lot more work to do but worth it. Protecting our drinking water, our aquifer as well as our wells and central business area and adjoining residences is important. This area was built out a century ago, they were built in that era and don't have the capacity for Board of Health approvable treatment systems on their own land so the importance of the project continues. We just got dealt a blow with the bid numbers and we have to find more ways to

fund this project. With municipal rules we have to have work on new bond resolutions and components such as apportionment and the map plan and report. Mayor Blundell said he circulated today what needs to be done and the GC is 6.8 million and electrical is \$442,000. To date between engineering and legal we have spent \$587,000 and we already own the plant, which was donated, but we are in the sewer business and now we need to find a way to restructure the financing part. Mayor Blundell advised that both he and Brent Kovalchik have had conversations with NYS EFC and the good news is they indicate they can likely extend the 0% interest on the up-front money (construction money). When we hit that completion point we had USDA-RD lined up to reimburse EFC and that is where we use the USDA money, which we borrow at a long term low interest.

Mayor Blundell said the EFC can still find way to give us the 0% funding for the new numbers so there is a combination of 6.8 and 442,000 plus the \$600,000. Later in the date they spoke with a NYS Rep. with USDA- RD (Rural Development) and they sent a template of what needs to be done to apply for more funds but this is time consuming and complicated. We are working hard but it will involve our time, bond counsel time, special counsel during an already busy time for us. Mayor Blundell spoke on guidelines for accepting bids and what is involved.

Mayor Blundell said they are optimistic and we will have a bigger number to pay back and he has reached out to some of the major stakeholders and the consensus is that they are still supportive and project is worth it. Mayor Blundell the Fed grant number already is 1.2 million and the EFC is \$925,000 and we already had about 2.1 million in grant money and we would need to find more to offset the borrow number. Mayor Blundell said we may have to go to a private bond market for the difference. Mayor Blundell said the net borrow before when projecting 4.9 million was to borrow \$3.69 million dollars and now we would be borrowing \$7.2 million. Mayor Blundell said this remains a necessary project and we have to do it and it means the Village's future. Mayor Blundell advised a part of this is having to direct mailings to property owners of this change as we develop details.

Mayor Blundell suggested that the Board hold a Special Meeting for the Sewer Project Reconfiguration.

Mayor Blundell asked the Board for any comment. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik said they were speaking with EFC and in the last couple of weeks they have had 5 projects come in double the original estimate, and said they had a good start and they will work in the next couple of weeks to line things up for the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and looks forward to this project and feels strongly about moving forward with it and being diligent in our work.

Trustee Laing said we need to continue but definitely have to find a way and try and find more funding and more grants and everybody knew the bids would come in higher and 5 years and changes to the project, and COVID and construction costs going through the roof – a combination of all and costs where they are unfortunately put us in a bind. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik said there are a lot of factors involved and we cannot point the finger at any one.

Mayor Blundell said on a positive side, the Board members feels this is worth doing and we are in it already, running a sewer business and we cannot reiterate enough on the antiquated systems out there and we need to move ahead. Mayor Blundell said we cannot rebid and have limitations on parameters within the guidelines on the letters of commitments formed the agencies.

Trustee Noonan asked about that CPF and if that was something we could use. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik said no, not for construction and can only be used for preservation. Trustee Noonan felt this was a very good environmental project.

Mayor Blundell said the Board will hold a Workshop Meeting on March 18, 2021 and a special meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> and to be notices in the paper.

**Mayor Blundell made a motion to schedule a special meeting for March 25, 2021 at 7:00pm to discuss the Sewer Project Reconfiguration. Motion seconded by Trustee Deputy Mayor Kovalchik.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Blundell – yes**

**Kovalchik – yes**

**Norris – yes**

**Laing – yes**

**Noonan – yes**

**All in favor. Motion approved.**

Mayor Blundell said we will defer the Tax Cap Over-Ride Resolution to March 18, 2021.

Mayor Blundell spoke on the budget and advised that after the tentative budget is submitted the Board has to hold a public hearing.

**Mayor Blundell made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing for the tentative budget for April 12, 2021 at 7:00pm. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Blundell – yes**

**Kovalchik – yes**

**Norris – yes**

**Laing – yes**

**Noonan – yes**

Mayor Blundell spoke on the proposed Resolution #6-2021 - To Adopt The Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Policy for the Village of Red Hook; and required NYS Certification Form and Official “Plan”. Mayor Blundell said essentially the State is requiring the Certificate Form to be attached to the “Plan” (Mayor Blundell read aloud both Resolution #6-2021 and the Certification Form).

**RESOLUTION #6-2021**

**TO ADOPT THE POLICE REFORM AND  
REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE POLICY FOR VILLAGE OF RED HOOK**

WHEREAS, the Governor enacted Executive Order 203 entitled the “New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative”, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that executive order each local government entity, including the Village of Red Hook, which has a police agency operating with police officers as defined under 1.20 of the Criminal Procedure Law, must adopt a policing reform plan after performing a collaborative review of the needs of the community

served by its police agency, and evaluate the department's current policies and practices to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color and promote trust, fairness and legitimacy; and

WHEREAS, beginning in August 2020 the Village of Red Hook joined the County of Dutchess Police Reform Collaborative, and in accordance with the directives of the executive order, also involved members and leaders of the local police force, concerned community members, interested non-profit and faith-based groups, and local leaders (or representatives), including the district attorney, public defender, and elected officials, and

WHEREAS, the Village coordinated with various Dutchess County government resources as part of the Collaborative, including public listening sessions hosted by the Dutchess County Human Rights Commission and circulated the Dutchess County Police Reform Collaborative report internally, on its website and to stakeholders, participated in Northern Dutchess Police Reform call in, held multiple stakeholder sessions with the draft "Plan" being developed, conducted a public hearing on February 8, 2021 and February 18, 2021 resulting in the "Plan" as presented at the meeting held on March 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Red Hook therefore believes that based upon the above, the public input, outreach to community members and local leaders that the "Plan" as presented complies with the requirements of the executive order and that the proposals outlined therein, once fully implemented, will work to achieve the goals of said executive order;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Red Hook hereby adopts the "Plan" entitled "Village of Red Hook - Police Reform and Reinvention Project - 2021 - Official "Plan" as presented and hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign and file the plan certification form annexed hereto with the Director of the New York State Division of the Budget prior to April 1, 2021.

Dated: Red Hook, New York  
March 8, 2021

MOVED:

SECOND:

Mayor Blundell:  
Trustee Kovalchik:  
Trustee Laing:  
Trustee Norris:  
Trustee Noonan:

**NEW YORK STATE  
POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE PLAN  
CERTIFICATION FORM**

I, Edward Blundell, as Mayor (and Chief Executive) of the Village of Red Hook, hereby certify the following pursuant to Executive Order No. 203 issued by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on June, 2020;

The Village of Red Hook has performed a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures and practices;

The Village of Red Hook has developed a plan, attached hereto, to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures and practices (“the Plan”);

The Village of Red Hook has consulted with stakeholders (including but not limited to: membership and leadership of the local police force; members of the community, with emphasis in areas with high numbers of police and community interactions; interested non-profit and faith-based community groups; the local office of the District Attorney; the local Public Defender; and local elected officials) regarding the Plan;

The Village of Red Hook has offered the Plan in draft form for public comment to all citizens in the locality and, prior to adoption of the Plan by the Village Board (local legislative body), has considered the comments submitted; and

The Village Board of the Village of Red Hook has ratified or adopted the Plan by Resolution #6-2021, dated March 8, 2021.

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NAME

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SIGNATURE

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TITLE

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DATE

Mayor Blundell asked to amend the Resolution to add the language of... “entitled “Village of Red Hook - Police Reform Reinvention Project – 2021 – Official “Plan” ..... to the RESOLVED paragraph.

Mayor Blundell asked for any Board comment. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik said to add Trustee Noonan’s name to the Resolution. Trustee Laing asked if we received a final version of the Bard survey regarding interaction with the Police. Mayor Blundell said we saw the preliminary findings and has not seen a final survey. Mayor Blundell advised that was not a request by us from them and they did on their own and they have had some separate distinct meeting with Bard on that issue and not a survey that the Village Board committed to or created. Mayor Blundell felt there was an intense lack of specific detail in that

and this Board touched on all the sources needed. Mayor Blundell said the last one items on the “Plan” was the future advisory committee and this Board will work on creating a lot of new committees during Village reorganization in April.

**Mayor Blundell made a motion to accept Resolution #6-2021 with amendments. Motion seconded by Trustee Noonan.**

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik asked for a copy of the final version of the Resolution.

Trustee Noonan said as a comment he views this “Plan” as just that - a Plan - and we develop this plan and follow the implementation of the plan and making adjustments, if needed, as we move ahead and the “Plan” is by no means a destination but a voyage. Mayor Blundell said thank you and true, but reminded that internally the Board of Trustees is the named employer and we are the fiduciary agent of the residents of the Village and also their elected representatives and direct employer of all the Departments and this is an important task and this Board has always been optimistic and we will get these 14 sub-categories going and monitor with monthly meetings.

**(Motion continued)**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Blundell – yes**

**Kovalchik – yes**

**Norris – yes**

**Laing – yes**

**Noonan – yes**

**All in favor. Motion approved.**

Mayor Blundell thanked all for their input and help and said he was proud of our “Plan”.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

Mayor Blundell asked the Board for comment. No comments.

Mayor Blundell spoke on a little history of when Trustee Norris joined the Village and how much they have appreciated her help and service over the years.

Mayor Blundell spoke on upcoming Village Elections to be held on March 16, 2021 and that notice has been placed at 6 locations and that March 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to mail out Voter Ballot’s to Absentee Voter Applications.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**#1. DAVID PEARSON – 7 Park Avenue**

Mr. Pearson advised that Park Avenue is a residential street that connects to State Route 9 and County Highway 79 and a popular route and on Old Post Road which connects to Park Avenue there is a sign

For a 5 ton limit and would like to see this same sign on Park avenue as many vehicles are using this road as a means to avoid the traffic light in the center of the Village. Mr. Pearson said there are tractor trailers and heavy equipment using this road. Mayor Blundell said there is existing Village Code that that rule applies to all Village Streets and asked if you can identify a frequent habitual offender to notify our office so we can have an officer enforce that rule. Mr. Pearson said there is a sign on both ends of Old Post and one is blocked by a street sign and should be moved. Mayor Blundell it is not allowed and against Code and in the past we did traffic counts with a speed trailer, and this will not stop the overweight, but we will work with the Highway and PD. Mr. Pearson said it is covered on the East end by Old Post Road having signs on either end but the West side of Park at the minimum it would be nice to put one sign on the speed limit down there because it's an open end on that end.

**Mayor Blundell made a motion to pay bills after audit. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik. Trustee Noonan abstained from Vote as a medical issue has kept him from reviewing and signing vouchers. 4 Vote Majority. All in favor. Motion approved.**

**Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the March 8, 2021 Village Board Meeting at 8:37pm. Motion seconded by Mayor Blundell. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Submitted by,

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Village Clerk