

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
March 17, 2022**

PRESENT: MAYOR SMYTHE, DEPUTY MAYOR KOVALCHIK, TRUSTEE LAING, TRUSTEE KJARVEL & CLERK CAVANAUGH

PUBLIC: D.DWYER-McNULTY, NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEE

Meeting opened at 7:05PM

Mayor Smythe discussed the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights groups that have been visiting area municipal buildings, clarifying what rights come under the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment.

Trustees discussed the budget focusing on the water and general funds.

Members discussed the Village's ability to use USDA reserve fund for "short-lived" water system assets (items involved in Phase I and II water projects)

Mayor Smythe mentioned that funds set aside for specific Police training have not been used in the last couple of years. In response, she decreased funding for next year but hopes there will be more opportunities as COVID subsidies.

Mayor Smythe discussed combining the Controller budget lines (audit and regular), minimizing the use of miscellaneous budget lines in all instances, and to address personnel rules around owed vacation and sick time to clarify accrued benefits for departing employees.

D.M. Kovalchik asked for parking lot expenses to be listed under the building expenses.

Trustees discussed how they could fund the Sewer Fund in the first year. Ideas included using ARPA funding. Trustees discussed how the Village will need to start billing for sewer service in June.

Mayor Smythe discussed that she'd like Trustees to consider using a portion of the ARPA funding for a project that the Village wouldn't have been able to do without the extra funding.

Mayor Smythe announced that the budget will need to be presented to the public at 4/11/2022 Village Board Meeting.

Next workshop will be on 3/31/2022 at 7pm.

**Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27PM. Motion seconded by Trustee Laing. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Submitted by,  
Jen Cavanaugh, Village Clerk