

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 18, 2020-7pm**

Present: Mayor Blundell, Deputy Mayor Kovalchik, Trustee Norris,
Trustee Trapp(late-arrived on video at 7:30 pm), Trustee Laing was absent and staffer Clerk G. Stolarik.

Mayor Blundell starting off with court study update. Reminding everyone that in 2019 (A budget year with 2% tax caps) and incentives that were presented in prior years we had a couple of grant options for the county and state and one being Shared Court Facilities. Looking for a way to share court facilities, staff, infrastructure. Project is now underway.

Mayor Blundell noting the state has approved new legislation that require new steps and requirements for community policing starting with executive order and moving to legislation. We have to April 1st 2021 for all communities with police agencies to comply with bullet points to study , revamp, redesign if necessary. Mayor looking for both himself and Jay Trapp to represent us with that.

COVID-19 phases. Mayor has drawn up the formal building plan for all incoming persons, (staff and public) to wear mask, no mask you will need to set up an appointment and meet them somewhere else as not to infect the Village Hall.

Cupcake Retirement for Cindi Chiarella. On Friday, June 26th. 11-4 people can wish Treasurer, Cindi Chiarella their best for her 28 years of dedication to the public.

Mayor Blundell discussing Resolution #14 (Authorize Mayor to Execute Real Estate Donation) which allows accepting the donation of the Red Hook Sewer Works plant to the Village of Red Hook. This is part of the 3.5 years in the works. One of the key components is that we are getting the existing sewer plant at Red Hook Commons donated to us and the acreage around it so that we can build a second plant right next to it so that we can operate our system saving us from having to find and buy land and in the donation agreement will set a fixed price for the O and M cost for the Red Hook Commons.

Brent; stating that things are in order to pass the resolution and it will be named Authorize Mayor to Execute Real Estate Donation. A vote was taken and agreed by Mayor Blundell, D.M. Kovalchik and Trustee Norris. Record is on the resolution document:

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A meeting of the Village of Red Hook was convened in public session at the Village Hall, 7467 South Broadway, Red Hook, New York on June 18, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blundell and, upon roll being called, the following were present:

PRESENT: Ed Blundell, Brent Kovalchik, Jen Norris,

ABSENT: Charles Laing, Jay Trapp

The following Resolution was offered by Brent Kovalchik, seconded by Jen Norris, to wit:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE REAL ESTATE DONATION AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION # ___14_____ - 2020

WHEREAS, the Village of Red Hook is establishing a municipal sewer system to serve the Village pursuant to Article 14 of the NYS Village Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village is seeking to construct the sewer system in phases with the first phase encompassing the general business district and contiguous areas (the "Sewer Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Project proposes to utilize an existing wastewater treatment plant ("WWTP") currently owned by the Red Hook Commons Sewage-Works Corp.; and

WHEREAS, Red Hook Commons Sewage-Works Corp. proposes to donate the WWTP and real property that it is located on within the Village; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the existing pipes and other infrastructure connecting the Red Hook Commons Phase 1 and Phase 2 parcels with the WWTP, the Village of Red Hook is entering into a sewer rate agreement with Ken Kearney, the principal of both Red Hook Sewage-Works Corp. and the entities that own Red Hook Commons; and

WHEREAS, a map and plan of the permanent Sewer Project, with plans and specifications for sewage treatment, has been prepared by C.T. Male Associates, dated February 15, 2017, last revised May 8, 2017, entitled, "Map, Plan & Report, Village of Red Hook Sewer System" (the Map and Plan); and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2016, the Village Board adopted a negative declaration, finding that the sewer project as proposed would not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement would not be prepared; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Real Estate Donation Agreement attached hereto with any insubstantial changes as approved by the Mayor.

Motion by:

Seconded by:

Vote:

Ed Blundell	Voting: Aye
Brent Kovalchik	Voting: Aye
Charles Laing	Voting: Absent
Jennifer Norris	Voting: Aye
Jay Trapp	Voting: Absent

Mayor Blundell then discussed the Water Loop Project, about two years in the making, in regards to the loop that ties in with us selling water to what is now called Traditions. We had realized there is a need for loop in our sytem to best guarantee delivery of water and freshness capabilities. Two separate property owners, TGS associates and the Ross Family are agreeing for us to build on their property to make this loop happen. Long talks were held and there are no customers yet on these parcels. Our DEC water capabilities show we have capaicy and the separate contracts list price, quantities, etc. Importantly, the two owners and Tradition will give easements and handle all of the construction costs, legal and engineering except for DOT Perm 33 fees that we will file as Village of Red Hook. Mayor stating this resolution is 99% done and it will allow Traditions to sell them water. Counsel is looking at paragraph which is about done and Mayor asks authority to sign unless there are substantial changes.

Trustee Jay Trapp joining in and Mayor Blundell filling in Jay about adopting Resolution 15 (Authorize Mayor to Execute Easements and Contracts). All about the water supply and water main extension on Rt. 9 to better serve customers. Selling water to TGS associates Inc. and Red Hook Land Corporation. Vote for Resolution put up and agreed by all members presents. Mayor-yes, Brent-yes, Jen-yes, and Jay –yes. Record is on the resolution document.

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE EASEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

WATER SUPPLY AND WATER MAIN EXTENSION – RT 9 TO OLD FARM ROAD

RESOLUTION # _____15_____ - 2020

WHEREAS, the Village of Red Hook operated a municipal water system; and

WHEREAS, the Village is seeking to facilitate construction of a water loop, water main extension on Rt 9 to better serve existing customers and improve the system flow; and

WHEREAS, the intent is to utilize an existing water main on Rt 9 and a new main Old Farm Road but add a length of new main on Rt 9, within new easements and contract sale of water with two new private owners; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Red Hook is developing contracts to sell water to both T.G.S. Associates Inc. and Red Hook Land Corp, both of which are already within our DEC water supply permits, for a rate higher than that charged to village customers and the two contracting parties will supply easements, pay for labor and materials, to construct the loop per their contracts; and

WHEREAS, since the work will include tying into existing village owned pipes and improve the village's water flow system, the Village will apply for the NYS DOT Permit on behalf of the private entities to enable a directional drill crossing below Rt 9 so the existing pipes and other infrastructure can connect.

WHEREAS, a plan of the project has been reviewed by the Village Engineer who will oversee compliance during construction ; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board adopted a negative declaration, finding that the project would not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement would not be prepared; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the various required easements and contracts, with any insubstantial changes as approved by the Mayor and final review of counsel.

Motion by: Kovalchik

Seconded by: Trapp

Vote:

Ed Blundell	Voting_____Aye_____
Brent Kovalchik	Voting_____Aye_____
Charles Laing	Voting_____Absent_____
Jennifer Norris	Voting_____Aye_____
Jay Trapp	Voting_____Aye_____

Mayor discussed situation developing on facebook and the claim that the mural at Rt9/Rt 199 is being described as racist and by extension the "Town" is being so described. He is developing info and working with the artists, Historic Red Hook, historians and DC Human Rights Commission, NAACP to set up a review and community dialogue. The item was painted in 1996 with private funds and on private property. So far, all indications are it was never painted with intent to be a racial painting or make a statement about race. A meeting is set to begin discussion with the activists and facilitated by DC Human Rights Commission. The Board noted that in the end it is on private property and the final decision will ultimately come from the owner of the building.

Meeting adjourned by Brent Kovalchik.

