

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
VILLAGE HALL  
AUGUST 25, 2022**

PRESENT: MAYOR KAREN SMYTHE, DEPUTY MAYOR BRENT KOVALCHIK, TRUSTEE MELKORKA KJARVAL, TRUSTEE CHARLIE LAING & CLERK JEN CAVANAUGH

ABSENT: TRUSTEE DECLAN DWYER-McNULTY

Meeting opened by Mayor Smythe at 7:06PM.

Trustees tabled the approval of the August 8, 2022 Village Board Meeting until the September Village Board meeting to allow additional time for review.

Trustees discussed holiday conflict for October Board of Trustees meeting. The Board needs to have a meeting prior to due date for Court grant application in mid-October. Hon. Jonah Triebwasser will request a letter of support from the Board of Trustee.

**Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to move the October Board of Trustees meeting to October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The motion was seconded by Trustee Laing. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Trustees discussed progress in developing a Village noise ordinance (project lead by Trustee Dwyer-McNulty and Mayor Smythe). Deputy Mayor Kovalchik introduced the idea of having a nuisance ordinance (Tivoli has one) in addition to a noise ordinance. Trustee Kjarval mentioned that it has be argued that a nuisance ordinance may be weaponized to harass people (particularly marginalized people or groups).

Trustees discussed the types of noise complaints received by Mayor Smythe and Trustees including garbage trucks, brakes, motorcycles, church bells, leaf blowers, dumpster emptying. Trustees discussed when “quiet hours” should be and if they should be different for the weekdays than the weekends. The Trustees also discussed the enforcement of a noise ordinance including the measuring of sound (i.e., decibels)

Mayor Smythe announced that there were no budget adjustments to approve at this meeting.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik shared a current parking issue on Tobacco Lane. He’d like to see no parking on the south side of the roadway. He stated that there are many cars trying to park in a small area and it’s causing the road to be inaccessible to trucks, emergency vehicles, etc. The Trustees had a discussion of no parking areas in other areas of the Village. Trustee Kjarval introduced the idea of having parking areas designated with white line – she stated that it would visually designate areas and also slow down vehicle traffic.

Mayor Smythe stated that she'll be meeting with a homeowner to discuss traffic safety at the intersection of West Market and Linden Avenue. The homeowner would like to see a crosswalk across West Market to Linden. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik stated that a crosswalk would be nice but that they're very expensive (~\$100,000 each).

The Trustees discussed speed limits including the new NYS law that allows Village's to set speed limits at 25 MPH. School zone speed limits were also discussed.

Mayor Smythe announced that the two lights in front of the information kiosk have been fixed. She also stated that lampposts (not working) and concrete slabs (too small for current Village benches) have been removed from Abrahams Park.

Trustee Kjarval and Mayor Smythe as liaisons to the Events/Hardscrabble Committee asked the Trustees for a transfer \$1,500 from "Celebrations" budget (line 7550.4), current budget of \$4,000, to the Hardscrabble account to pay for Red Hook Responds to purchase food to prepare for the Friday night "Neighbors' Night" to be renamed the "Mayor's Barbeque at Neighbors' Night".

**Mayor Smythe made a motion to transfer \$1,500 from the Celebration budget line (7550.4) to the Hardscrabble account to pay for the food to be served at the "Mayor's Barbeque at Neighbors' Night". Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik. All in favor. Motion approved.**

**Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to pay all Village bills after audit. Motion seconded by Trustee Kjarval. All in favor. Motion approved.**

**Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the August 25, 2022 Village Board Workshop Meeting at 8:03pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Laing. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Cavanaugh, Village Clerk