

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK BOARD MEETING
VIA RING CENTRAL
October 13, 2020**

Present: Mayor Ed Blundell, Deputy Mayor Bent Kovalchik, Trustee Jay Trapp, Trustee Jennifer Norris and Village Clerk, Lara Hart. Absent was Trustee Laing.

Mayor Blundell stated the Village Board Meeting is held in compliance with Open Meetings Law per Executive Order 202.1 and 202.5. Meeting was noticed with media, website and at the Village Hall.

Mayor Blundell opened the October 13, 2020 Village Board Meeting via ring central at 7:00 pm with a quorum confirmation and asked for a moment of silence for Essential Workers / First Responders during Covid-19.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve Village Board minutes dated September 14, 2020. Motion seconded by Trustee Trapp.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blundell – yes
Deputy Mayor Kovalchik – yes
Trustee Trapp –yes
Trustee Norris – yes
Trustee Laing- yes
Motion approved.

Mayor Blundell advised that Village Treasurer Ray Towle was present to read the Treasurer’s Report.

TREASURER’S REPORT

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 999,613.55
Treasurer Towle advised that CHIPS funds were received	
WATER FUND	\$ 71,184.53
TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 20,417.35
PETTY CASH	\$ 57.75
VILLAGE GREEN	\$ 4,149.92
HARDSCRABBLE	\$ 2,881.94
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 2,926.69
SEWER FUND	\$ 23,290.25
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 00.00

RESERVE CHECKING BALANCES:

FIRE DEPARTMENT (M&T)	\$ 5,029.08
POLICE (M&T)	\$ 14,572.83

USDA (M&T)	\$ 108,925.03
HIGHWAY (M&T)	\$ 20,769.24
SNOW RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 3,278.59
TOWER RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 17,706.52
UNEMPLOYMENT (M&T)	\$ 4,542.88
COURT RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 3,297.68
OFFICE RESERVE (M&T)	\$ 972.26

MONTHLY EXPENSES:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 112,153.11
WATER FUND	\$ 11,445.46

TRUST & AGENCY	\$ 1,165.44
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Treasurer Towle said he changed that number to reflect what has went out in terms of the various costs relating to insurance and health insurance.

SEWER	\$ 00.00
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Mayor Blundell reported that the 2019-20 AUD had been filed with NYS in late September and shared a graphic representation screen to show current fund balances. General Fund – Unassigned balance is staying right where we planned and want it, at \$354,313. All our hard work and management continue to benefit the village.

Mayor Blundell advised that the Treasurer’s Report also includes supporting documents that the Board should be reviewing.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as submitted by the Village Treasurer. Motion seconded by Trustee Trapp. All in favor. Motion approved.

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: 459	314	138	6
UTT’s: 87	56	31	
Arrests: 14	8	6	

Mayor Blundell spoke on the sudden passing of Christopher Stehling of Watertight Plumbing and asked that a blank page be left in his memory.

IN
MEMORY
OF
CHRISTOPHER STEHLING

PLANNING AND ZONING

Trustee Trapp spoke on the Dutchess County Planning Federation and that they held his last meeting today since he'll be moving away shortly. Trustee Trapp advised that membership does not vote on president/vice president/secretary and that the Board of Directors meets and elected new President Ann Dexter and Vice President Barbara Roberti.

Trustee Trapp said the next training meeting will be held on November 12th to review Flood Plain Regulations for Local Review Board which will be presented by the NYS Dept. of State which will run virtual (link to follow). The Planning Federation is looking to purchase their own Zoom platform and the Federation will start up again next year with collecting fees for Town/Village memberships.

Trustee Trapp advised he has been with the Board of Directors since 2004 and announced that he has resigned effective today's date.

Trustee Trapp read the Red Hook monthly report as follows:

Building Permits:	11
Certificate of Occupancy:	0
Certificate of Compliance:	10
Municipal Searches:	4
Complaints:	3
Order to Remedy:	0
Fire Inspections:	10

Trustee Trapp advised \$2,938 was collected in fees.

Mayor Blundell said Mr. Trapp will soon be leaving the Village of Red Hook but will be attending the November meeting.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read monthly reports as follows:

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE GREEN COMMITTEE (VGC)
MONTHLY REPORT
SEPTEMBER, 2020**

1. The current balances of the Village Green Committee's related budget accounts, as of September 30, 2020, are as follows:

- Community Beautification – Contractual Expenses (#8510.4)
Balance \$ 4,000.00

- Shade Tree – Contractual Expenses (#8560.4)
Balance \$(-)3,100.00
- Village Green Committee Checking Account
Balance\$ 4,192.82

2. There were no Village Green Committee Meetings held during the month of September, 2020.
3. David Hughes, owner of Dave’s Tree Service, has donated two trees to the Village Green Committee. The VGC will plant these trees as a thank you to all of the past and present Village Green Committee volunteers that have helped plant over 800 trees throughout the Village, and to thank the Red Hook Village Highway Department for their years of service maintaining our urban forest. Thanks volunteers, Highway Department and Dave’s Tree Service.
4. 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
SEPTEMBER, 2020**

1. The Village Highway Department is picking up leaves and brush on the first Monday of the month (schedule and weather permitting).

Residents are reminded to place lawn debris and brush in separate piles, curbside, and not in the road. Please limit brush piles to one pile per household per month; and limit the size of the brush piles to 6’ x 6’ x 6’ with tree branches no larger than 6” in diameter. Brush that includes tree trunks, stumps, garbage and construction material will not be picked up. Neighbors are encouraged to share a brush pile. This will make pick-up easier and quicker.

2. Due to limitations and restrictions on burning brush, the Highway Department will begin chipping and grinding debris.
3. Marker and directional signs for the Village-to-Village (V2V) Trail have been installed along bike routes in the Village terminating at the Municipal Parking Lot Kiosk on Prince Street/South Broadway.
4. Revenue from the sale of scrap metal was received on September 11, 2020 in the amount of \$431.00. Total revenue generated in FY2020-2021 is \$1,448.40. Since inception of the Scrap Metal Recycling Program in September, 2007, \$32,940.52 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 Highway Department (845-758-8600) or the Village Clerk (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
SEPTEMBER, 2020**

1. Red Hook Sewer Project

a. Meetings were held on September 4, 11, and 25, 2020 via telephone conference calls and in the Red Hook Village Building. Kathryn Serra (C.T. Male Associates), Victoria Polidoro (Rodenhausen, Chale and Polidoro, LLP), Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik participated. The following items were discussed:

- Work continues with USDA-RD to conduct final review and approval of the “Letters of Conditions” requirements prior to bid. Outstanding items include final agreements with Bond Counsel, Auditors, Village Attorney, Sewer Project Attorney and Engineers. Most of the required documents had been previously submitted, but due to the pandemic and working-from-home requirements of the USDA-RD staff, re-submission has been requested (staff do not have complete access of project files located in their agency offices).
- Discussed the possibility of the Red Hook Sewer Operator to be on-site during construction to become familiar with installation and to trouble-shoot conditions that may arise.
- Due to the time to receive final approvals from DCDOH and to settle easements, discussions are ongoing regarding final completion deadlines and cost overruns if these conditions are necessary.
- An article was circulated by IMBY (in my backyard) on 9/22/20 entitled “Sewer Project About to Go to Bid, Delighting Red Hook Villagers” by Emily Sacher.

2. Cell Tower (Tower Street Elevated Water Storage Tank) Generator Project

- a. Bids were received and opened on August 25, 2020. Six contractors submitted bids. C.T. Male recommended Pantel Electric (Middletown, NY) be awarded the contract for the Village of Red Hook Water Tank Site Generator Project. The bid amount of \$83,000.00 was the lowest, most qualified bid. Action by the Village Board of Trustees is required to approve a resolution to award the contract.
- b. Discussions with Village cell communications consultant, David Growth, to amend contracts with the cell company vendors, currently renting space for equipment on or adjacent to the water storage tower, to share costs of providing the generator and contribute to the operating, maintenance and service costs of the generator.

3. Village of Red Hook Water/Sewer Administration Improvement Project

- a. In-consistencies in the billing is ongoing. Meter monitoring and water use by certain customers are being reviewed.

- b. Northeast Water Technology is continuing to implement the leak detection/water loss reduction program for the Village of Red Hook Water System. Reports of leaks have been reported and some repairs have been made. A comprehensive list of occurring water leaks and recommendations for repairs is forthcoming.
- c. A new flow meter has been requested to replace the existing flow meter at the Water Treatment Plant. Fernando Dongo (RH Village Operator) is securing quotes to remove and replace the existing meter.
- d. Discussed upcoming deadline for the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) Drinking Water Revolving Fund Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant application. Funding to remediate existing paint and repaint the elevated storage tank and to make operational the Red Hook Town/Red Hook Village interconnect are being considered.

4. Red Hook Crosswalk Signal Devices

- a. Installation of ADA compliant cross-walk ramps, repainting of crosswalks and installation of solar powered Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) is complete at mid-block crosswalk at Benner Road/West Market Street and Morgans Way/South Broadway.
- b. A telephone call and an email from the NYSDOT Regional Local Projects Manager (Orietta Trocard) was received by the Village on September 25, 2020. Instead of installing pedestrian activated LED warning sign at mid-block crosswalks at Fraleigh Street/South Broadway and Prince Street/South Broadway, the NYSDOT will instead be installing pedestrian activated solar RRFBs at these locations. A revised and amended resolution is required by the Red Hook Board of Trustees. Work could be complete, upon approved resolution, before November, 2020.

5. Route 9/Old Farm Road Water Loop Project

- a. Final revisions and modifications are being made to the agreement between private property owners and the Village of Red Hook.

The Water Loop Project will connect “dead end” water mains to provide more efficient, safe and easily maintained water distribution to properties along Old Farm Road (Traditions, Red Hook Land Corporation) and properties on the east side of Route 9 (Baright Realty) north of M&T Bank. The costs associated with the project, including engineering design services and construction, will be paid by private property owners in the project area of the Town. Costs for permitting and construction oversight by RH Village Engineers will be paid by the Village of Red Hook.

6. Intermunicipal Task Force (ITF)

Charlie Laing and Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representatives/Members. There were no ITF Meetings held during the month of September, 2020.

Town of Red Hook Zoning Review Committee (RHT – ZRC) – Monthly Report
September, 2020 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

- a. There were no RHT – ZRC Meetings held during the month of September, 2020.

Community Preservation Fund (CPF) Advisory Board – Monthly Report

September, 2020 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

- a. There were no CPF Advisory Board Meetings held during the month of September, 2020.
- b. The current balance of the Community Preservation Fund, as of September 30, 2020, is \$1,569,862.54.

Saw Kill Watershed Community (SKWC) – Monthly Report

September, 2020 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Board of Trustees Representative

- a. There were no SKWC Meetings held during the month of September, 2020.
- b. Issue 11 (September 17, 2020) of the SKWC Newsletter was circulated. This issue includes information on candidates running for the:
 - NY Assembly – District 26 (Didi Barrett (D), Dean Michael (R));
 - NY Assembly – District 103 (Kevin Cahill (D), Rex Bridges (R,C));
 - US Congress – NY District 19 (Antonio Delgado (D), Kyle Van De Water (R), Steven Greenfield (Green), Victoria Alexander (Libertarian));
 - NYS Senate – District 41 (Sue Serino (R), Karen Smythe (D)).

Town of Red Hook Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Working Group – Monthly Report

September, 2020 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

- a. There were no LWRP Working Group Meetings held during the month of September, 2020.
- 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 Town 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

September, 2020 – Brent Kovalchik – Local Government Representative

- a. A NDA Meeting was held on September 18, 2020 via “Zoom.” Review of financial reports, approval of post meeting minutes and a discussion of future plans and events were discussed.

Village of Red Hook Zoning Review Committee (RHV – ZRC) – Monthly Report

September, 2020 – Ray Towle, Larissa Delango, Jay Trapp and Brent Kovalchik – Members

- a. Meetings were held on September 11, 18, and 25, 2020 via “Ring Central.” Michele Greig of Four Corners Planning participated. The RHV – ZRC reviewed and proposed amendments to Section 200-11: Highway Business (HB) District; Section 200-9: Residential District R10,000; Section 200-5: Definitions; and to the Village of Red Hook Zoning Map. Consideration was given to include eight (8) properties, currently in the R10,000 District on South Broadway and Fisk Street in the Neighborhood Mixed Use (NMU District), one (1) property, currently in the R10,000

District on East Market Street, in the HB District, and permit Live/Work uses for properties currently in the R10,000 on East Market Street. Consideration is also being given to amend the name of the Highway Business District to the Gateway District. Proposed use amendments are compliant with the Land Use Map of the Village of Red Hook Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Blundell asked if there is a plan/goal for the next report to the Village Board. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik advised they are waiting on review from Attorney and waiting on the amendments to the Map from the Engineer and they will need to do SEQR but Planner feels confident they will get through the issues with the Dutchess County Planning Department. Mayor Blundell asked if they will receive the next recommendations from ZRC and continue with a public hearing. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik said correct and still a lot of paperwork and discussions to be finished.

MATERIAL MANAGEMENT

Trustee Norris read the monthly report as follows:

For the month of September we sold \$2,403 in garbage tags and paid out \$753.12. We had 6.96 tons of garbage and 3.06 tons of recycling; 1.19 tons of newspaper; .52 tons of cardboard and 1.35 tons of commingled and they were charged \$430 for contaminated commingle and reminded residents to be careful when separating.

CELEBRATIONS

Trustee Norris said nothing to report on events due to COVID.

Mayor Blundell said Halloween will be discussed later in the meeting.

Mayor Blundell spoke on Village holiday events and that they be different this year. We will continue with helping and promoting the holiday tree at the corner by Yum Yum Noodle Bar and encourage merchants/tenants to decorate window spaces. But, we do not envision the normal Winterfest celebration.

Mayor Blundell said the Summer Eat n Go music events were great and that the last one will held on October 17th weather permitting. The goal was to entice visitors to our shops and restaurants with some free, outdoor entertainment. The Baright family helped greatly and along with the Village coordinated and funded the events.

Mayor Blundell said they will continue working with businesses to keep outside dining going by keeping it as an option with some laxity on site plans until the weather really changes and snow flies.

Mayor Blundell encouraged residents to use sidewalks to exercise loops and support local street merchants and restaurants over the upcoming colder months.

WATER

Mayor Blundell read the monthly water report as follows:

- During the month of September the water treatment facility treated 9,417,900 total gallons, which is an average of 313,900 gallons per day.

Mayor Blundell said the increase in water use is due to people being home during CODIV era but that it is holding steady right now. He did an analysis of the recent billing session and we had one of the highest quarterly billing in dollar amounts but still sees a shrinkage in sold versus pumped which will be discussed more 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 September the water treatment plant used 105 gallons of sodium hypochlorite. The average daily use was 3.50 gallons per day.

RESOLUTIONS:

#1. RRFB – TO MAINTAIN HIGHWAY SIGNALS: Resolution #19-2020

Mayor Blundell said there are 2 RRFB's up and are wonderful and DOT made related curb cuts with State money but said there are 2 not upgraded at the locations of the Village Library and Village Hall on Rt 9. He was advised that instead of the agreed style NYS DOT will give us the RRFB's but need us to change a previous Resolution (Resolution #4-2019) to indicate we acknowledge the change.

RESOLUTION # ____ - 2020

TO MAINTAIN HIGHWAY SIGNALS

Highway Identified as South Broadway and West Market – NYS Route 9 & Route 199

On motion of Mayor Blundell, seconded by Trustee Kovalchik, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook, New York:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transport proposes to construct an enhanced lighting for pedestrian crosswalks located at Prince Street; Fraleigh Street; Morgans Way, identified as along South Broadway – NYS Route 9, Village of Red Hook, County of Dutchess, and at NYS Route 199 at Benner Road within the geographical jurisdiction of the Village of Red Hook; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation approves of such project, will include in the pedestrian safety action plan contract #2 PIN 8OPS.02 D263742 and desires to have a solar powered highway signalized intersection lighting system along said crosswalks within its geographical jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has agreed to provide as a part of the project the following items in connection with a pedestrian crosswalk lighting system:

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons located at NYS Rt 199 at Benner Road and NYS Rt 9 at Morgans Way; plus at Rt 9 at Prince Street and Rt 9 at Fraleigh Street;

provided that the Village of Red Hook agrees to maintain, repair and energize such pedestrian crosswalk lighting system for a period of 25 years or until such lighting and/or maintenance of such lighting system is no longer necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook hereby approves the changes since Resolution 4 of 2019 of the above subject project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village of Red Hook shall maintain, repair and energize such pedestrian crosswalk lighting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Red Hook hereby authorizes Mayor Edward Blundell of the Village of Red Hook to enter into and execute an Agreement with the State of New York and through the Commissioner of Transportation to commit the Village of Red Hook to maintain, at its own expense, the lighting system on the above-identified project, such agreement to provide that the maintenance shall include the repair and replacement of equipment and the furnishing of electric current for the lighting system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to transmit five (5) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to the State Department of Transportation.

DATE: October 13,2020

VOTE:

AYE:

Mayor Blundell
DM Kovalchik
Trustee Laing
Trustee Norris
Trustee Trapp

ABSENT:

State of New York)
 ss:
County of Dutchess)

I, Lara Hart, Clerk of the Village of Red Hook, in the County of Dutchess, State of New York, do hereby certify that the annexed resolution is a copy of an original on file in my office and has been duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of said Village held on October 13, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the said Village this 14th day of October 2020.

Village Clerk

(Seal)

Mayor Blundell advised the Resolution was amended and circulated to the board prior to the meeting.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to adopt Resolution #19-2020 with those changes from the prior one, as discussed. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blundell – yes

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik – yes

Trustee Laing - absent

Trustee Norris - yes

Trustee Trapp - yes

All in favor.

#2. AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK TO PURSUE A GRANT APPLICATION TO OBTAIN FUNDING FOR THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK JUSTICE COURT – Resolution #20-2020

Mayor Blundell advised this was an annual Grant we do for Court safety, security and operations and the Judge works to get the Village reimbursed for certain expenses. This Grant ...*”authorizes the Hon. Jonah Triebwasser to pursue any and all Grant applications, and more particularly the 2020 Justice Court Assistance Grant...”*.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to adopt Resolution #20-2020 to pursue Grant for Court operations. Motion seconded by Trustee Trapp.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blundell – yes

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik – yes

Trustee Laing – absent

Trustee Norris - yes

Trustee Trapp - yes

All in favor.

#3. SALISBURY BANK LINE OF CREDIT RENEWAL – Village of Red Hook. Resolution #21-2020

Mayor Blundell went over specifics of this Resolution as follows:

1. The continuance of the line of credit from Salisbury Bank for \$200,000 at prime less .25%.
2. The specific purpose and amount utilized in a bridge loan of the obligation is always to be stated in separate, specific resolutions when the need arises. And, it is not a funding source, only a holding place while we either await a proven grant reimbursement or batch our payment lines when an upfront payment is needed.
3. The Mayor is authorized to sign the continuance note and any ancillary documents related to this resolution. The Village Clerk is directed to attest and affix to such notes the corporate seal of the Village of Red Hook.

4. The faith and credit of the Village of Red Hook are hereby pledged for the payment of the principal and interest on the note.

RESOLUTION # _____-2020

SALISBURY BANK LINE OF CREDIT RENEWAL – VILLAGE OF RED HOOK

Resolution dated October 13, 2020 authorizing the continuance of a note in the form of a commercial line of credit in the amount of \$200,000 pursuant to Local Finance Law, for the purpose of interim funding of public improvements and purchases.

WHEREAS the Village of Red Hook periodically receives grants for various infrastructure improvements and vehicle/equipment purchases that are “reimbursement” grants where the village has to spend it’s resources and process reimbursement requests;

WHEREAS these grants are a significant aspect in the Village’s ability to perform infrastructure upgrades and make certain purchases;

WHEREAS the Village periodically makes purchases that are funded from multiple budget lines but needs an upfront payment method to issue one check;

WHEREAS there are needs to reduce the impact on the Village’s General Fund by exercising the line of credit as a bridge loan for the time gap between payment by the village and reimbursement by the grantor or internal budget lines;

WHEREAS Salisbury Bank offers a line of credit at an interest rate of prime less .25%;

Therefore, be it resolved the Village Board authorizes as follows:

1. The continuance of the line of credit from Salisbury Bank for \$200,000 at prime less .25%.
2. The specific purpose and amount utilized in a bridge loan of the obligation is to be stated in separate, specific resolutions when the need arises.
3. The Mayor is authorized to sign the continuance note and any ancillary documents related to this resolution. The Village Clerk is directed to attest and affix to such notes the corporate seal of the Village of Red Hook.
4. The faith and credit of the Village of Red Hook are hereby pledged for the payment of the principal and interest on the note.

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTES:

BLUNDELL

NORRIS

KOVALCHIK

Mayor Blundell made a motion to adopt Resolution #21-2020 to renew Salisbury Bank line of credit. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blundell – yes

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik – yes

Trustee Laing – absent

Trustee Norris - yes

Trustee Trapp - yes

All in favor.

#4. TO ADOPT/SIGN COUNTY 239M AGREEMENT - Resolution #22-2020

Mayor Blundell said this was part of the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development and 239m review and modifications that were made.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to adopt Resolution #22-2020 as proposed:

WHEREAS, the Village of Red Hook administers its own Building and Zoning Department and the Village Board can generate zoning changes under home rule; and

WHEREAS, the Village must send certain zoning change documents to Dutchess County's Department of Planning and Development under the requisite steps of the 239m process; and

WHEREAS, the County under Resolution 2015246 has modified certain requirements of 239m and reduced the type of matters that require filing in 239m; and

WHEREAS, the County has circulated an agreement document listing the changes but also listing the matters that will still require 239m compliance; and a copy is attached.

Therefore be it Resolved,

The Board has reviewed the agreement document in a remote meeting and approved the Mayor signing the agreement on behalf of the Village. The Clerk shall circulate the document to the Planning and Zoning Department; the Village Board and related boards.

Motion seconded by Trustee Trapp.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blundell – yes

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik – yes

Trustee Laing – absent

Trustee Norris - yes

Trustee Trapp - yes
All in favor.

HALLOWEEN:

Mayor Blundell spoke on Halloween 2020 considerations with covid19 still persistent. He pointed out that we and the general public follow the CDC Guidelines and NYS Rules and Regulations. Mayor Blundell had circulated CDC documents to the board and advised that the CDC Guidelines announced door-to-door/trick-or-treating as an elevated risk and that the Village will follow CDC Guidelines. We will not ban outdoor trick or treating but will not hold our large RH Halloween Community event. Mayor Blundell asked the Board for any comments. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read from CDC that it is a high risk activity and to avoid these high risk activities; and asked if the Village could put out something on social media that we strongly recommend to follow the CDC Guidelines. Mayor Blundell said yes and it will reiterate CDC Guidelines and promote that folks look for friendly, family group alternatives.

LIBRARY:

Mayor Blundell spoke on some Library events:

1. Story walk – Melkorka Kjarval was present and spoke and advised this was Amy Smith concept/ event with the Red Hook Library, and an event where they take a child's book apart, laminate and place pages in different areas, such as businesses, and people would walk around and look at. Mayor Blundell said this was designed with 20 stops and each business asking to put a couple of pages in the store and designed to be a walking tour with the Village Hall as the starting point.
2. Red Hook Then & Now – It will be an effort by the RH Library and Historic Red Hook. Melkorka Kjarval spoke on this and advised this was a project called Then & Now which is a play-off an earlier video project of Historic Red Hook, with the idea of putting plaques in front of businesses with QR codes so people could walk and use their phone to connect to a Library website to view history and old photos. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik said this was a nice idea.

Mayor Blundell advised that the Library has come up with an idea to add internet access to the Rec Park with some funding by RH Rotary and the Town is helping with infrastructure, on-going cost and Spectrum has buried the cable connections and the goal is to help during this COVID era.

Mayor Blundell advised the Library Board has 7 members. It is a Municipally chartered Library and although the Village does not manage or fund the Library the Village still appoints/reappoints Library Board members for their 5 year terms, and the Director/Board has recommended that the Village reappoint 2 members: Donald O'Shea and Maryelisa Blundell. These are volunteer positions without pay.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to reappoint Maryelisa Blundell and Donald O'Shea to the Library Board for another 5 year term, per recommended of the Library Board. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blundell – yes
Deputy Mayor Kovalchik – yes
Trustee Laing – absent

Trustee Norris - yes
Trustee Trapp - yes
All in favor.

HIGHWAY SHARED SERVICES/SNOW OPTIONS:

Mayor Blundell advised that the Town Supervisor reached out to him for needed help at Hoffman Farms and with other smaller roads that were compatible to our equipment and skills. From onset there had been indications we would plow the Traditions development. Mayor Blundell said he reviewed all the snow related budget lines(wages, trucks, materials, insurance, repairs, etc) and it came to approximately \$86,000. These were preliminary talks but our cost per lane mile needs to be considered. Mayor Blundell advised the Supv he would confer with our foreman and the board. After speaking with Dan Streib, Village Highway Foreman, Dan advised that the Supervisor was not speaking to the Town Highway Superintendent and there was a different plan which would include the larger roads and the use of the larger Village trucks and Mayor expressed concerns and reached out to the Supervisor and had discussions with Town Highway Superintendent and found discussions are not consistent and feels this comes back to the Town releasing some highway employees and now looking back to get coverage.

Mayor Blundell felt these larger roads, i.e. Rokeby Road-Middle Road, which are subject to drifts and more traffic poses concerns different from the small roads. Plus, it was never our intention to go after these larger roads. And, that there is an underlying staffing issue and inter-department issues at the Town which is complicating it. The Town laid off plow workers last Spring and has not entered a union contract yet. Our staff would be basically replacing laid-off own employees with our employees and the Village does not want to be in that position at all.

Mayor Blundell expressed to the Town Superintendent that if they needed help in the area of a rolled over or burned out truck, they could help, but cannot jump in with a labor union issue. Mayor Blundell said damage to our vehicles can be incurred on these types of roadways and we need to make sure our Village roadways can be plowed. Trustee Trapp said the last thing needed was to be involved in a union squabble to balance out labor shortage. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik said the cost that was figured out exceeds cost to hire seasonal help and he had concerns with the Town streets.

Mayor Blundell said the Village is interested in shared services but there are too many underlining issues here and given the Highway Superintendent is separately elected from the Town Supervisor and we do not want to get in the middle of that, and we support our Union, and still support shared services, and if help was needed in the form of a wheel falling off a truck and they need 30 days to get it back, they can send Dan to help, but cannot get into any contract or long term agreement.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik said with the services they are looking for he felt it would be better they ask the County and thought there was already shared services with the County. Trustee Trapp said the Town should consider refunding those employees lines and vote to make a motion to not do anything. Mayor Blundell again said we believe in shared services but this was more complicated.

Mayor Blundell announced that due to complications of plowing of certain Town Roads which are not consistent with our planning and abilities the Village will not act on this request.

POLICE REDESIGN/PUBLIC SESSION #1 – UPDATE:

Mayor Blundell advised that a local Northern Dutchess area community forum was hosted by the Dutchess County Human Rights Commission, with 120 registered attendees; 3 Mayors present, Trustees from Tivoli and Deputy Mayor of Red Hook, County Legislature local residents being in attendance. Deputy Mayor Kovalchik said no Village elected officials were permitted to speak.

Mayor Blundell made notes and distilled some key ideas discussed, but not specifically for Red Hook Police operations but for any and all Police agencies to consider:

1. Accreditation
2. Civilian First responders
3. Complaint process
4. More diverse force
5. Civilian review board comprised from multiple Municipalities.
6. Reduced police activity at mental/drug addiction/domestic matters
7. Screen-out racially motivated 911 calls
8. Hire mental health professionals
9. BLM (Black Lives Matters) statements by Departments
10. Body cameras
11. De-escalation training
12. Bias training
13. No ICE coordination
14. Police review board with subpoena power
15. campingzero.org (organization with 10 point reform options)
16. Local sessions specific to Red Hook Police
17. Red Hook Police website
18. A Racial Record of traffic stops
19. Anti SRO
20. Delineation of service area/transparency

Mayor Blundell said he has every other week collaborative calls, County level, with other police professionals and elected officials and one discussion is that the County is looking to back off the required 60 college credit Associates Degree to high school diploma only for full-time police qualification. Mayor Blundell said he feels this counter-productive and that in-service credentialing is required with any serious professional obligations and duties, and that we need to make sure someone keeps current and does not agree with Civil Service giving someone a 5 year window to secure their AA or 60 College Credits to include the police academy.

Mayor Blundell said with our Police Contract, which includes field training, we still don't make a decision until that person is out in the car, in-service and comes off of probation.

Trustee Trapp spoke on a precedent on that process and that a building inspector can be hired by a Municipality but has to complete training within a year or they have to be let go. Mayor Blundell said that raises a variation in the police world; in a case where the hired person does not complete the credentialing are they let go after all that time and work involved?

Mayor Blundell indicated a preferred method to line up minority hires would be to identify candidates in high school and direct them on to community college, police academies and offering scholarships and financial assistance and felt if someone, individually, has more experience in the world they will make a better police officer. Mayor Blundell advised that the County is looking to make this change on October 26th.

Mayor Blundell recommended that this Board send a letter that we have misgivings and requesting they delay their Decision.

Mayor Blundell made a motion that the Village of Red Hook has concerned with the October 26, 2020 Civil Service change requiring only high school graduate for policing and that the need for more training and life experience is needed and we are in opposition to this change and that the Village of Red Hook is requesting the continuation of the requirement of 60 college credits and continuing education. Motion seconded by Trustee Trapp.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blundell – yes

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik – yes

Trustee Laing – absent

Trustee Norris - yes

Trustee Trapp - yes

All in favor.

WATER/SEWER – PLANNING:

Mayor Blundell advised he has meet with Delaware Engineering and with the upcoming sewer we need to look at getting the best model to look at billing, meters, problems, etc., and felt we need to get under a one operating model and a redesign.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Blundell asked if anyone was present for public comment.

#1. Melkorka Kjarval – Spoke on the issue of policing/credentialing and asked if the Board has taken into consideration the “not school requirement” as a barrier for people that live in neighborhoods that being policed, and that it is a barrier for them not to be able to join a police force, and maybe this is not an issue for Red Hook, but in places like Poughkeepsie it is an issue and residents cannot participate in policing because they cannot afford schooling.

Mayor Blundell said that is a good point but guidance counselors can identify while they are in high school, those who are interested, with funding, scholarships and programs. Ms. Kjarval said if that program does not exist now - how do we change that now - because it’s a privileged position for us to consider saying no to something that would help a community remove that barrier.

Mayor Blundell said it is not the racial component is aided by reducing to a high school degree. Trustee Trapp said you cannot lower the standards of education to get more people in because you are not going to improve the process at that point. Ms. Kjarval asked what the official recommendation of the

Human Rights Commission was. Mayor Blundell said he does not know that answer or if they have a purview to recommend, and understands her point but one of the push backs is we see policing as an incredibly powerful position and feel the task is to improve the professionalism of the job and not by reducing the standards but to get the right candidates.

Mayor Blundell said we will do bias training and de-escalation, which certain things we already have in place.

Ms. Kjarval said there a lot of smart and sophisticated people that cannot afford college. Ms. Kjarval said the issue that it is meaning to address is not happening in Red Hook but something in places where they don't have community members addressing policy recommendations. Trustee Trapp said no. Mayor Blundell said no, not just that, and that they want to get more candidates out there. Mayor Blundell thanked Ms. Kjarval for her comments.

No other public comment.

Mayor Blundell made a motion to pay bills after audit. Motion seconded by Trustee Trapp. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mayor Blundell asked the Board for any further comments. No comments.

Mayor Blundell asked that the Village Workshop meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020 be cancelled. All Board members were in agreement.

Mayor Blundell advised the next Village Board meeting will be held on November, 9, 2020.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the October 13, 2020 Village Board Meeting at 9:00pm. Motion seconded by Mayor Blundell. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

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Clerk