

TOWN OF RED HOOK BOARD MEETING
February 21, 2007

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened in public session at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook, at 8:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump
Councilman James Ross
Councilwoman Sue Crane
Councilman Harold Ramsey
Councilwoman Lisa Pullaro
Town Clerk Susan McCann

Also Present: Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill
Attorney Christine Chale

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Supervisor Blum Bump requested a moment of silence for two men who have served our community well, Mr. Gordon Denegar and Mr. J.J. Thompson.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Supervisor Blum Bump read the report from Business Manager, Deborah Marks. The report is complete and was transmitted to the State Comptroller and filed in the Town Clerk's office on February 16, 2007. Ms. Marks requested that the Supervisor appoint two Board members to perform the annual required audit of the Supervisor's books.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

The Supervisor's monthly statement, dated January 31, 2007 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$1,682,360.00; Receipts - \$200,428.13; Disbursed - \$366,562.84; Balance - \$1,516,225.29 (copy attached). Town Board approved budget adjustments prior to closing December 2006- General A Fund: Total Reduce Revenues: credit \$28,900.00; total increase revenues: debit \$7,774.00; Total reduce appropriations: debit \$104,607.00; Total increase appropriations: credit \$8,816.00; offset to the appropriated fund balance: reduce (credit) \$74,665.00; reduce the appropriated fund balance, debits \$112,381.00, credits \$112,381.00. General B Fund: Total reduce revenues: credit \$25,600.00; total increase revenues: debit \$34,610.00; total reduce appropriations: debit \$14,100.00; total increase appropriations: \$18,981.00; offset to the appropriated fund balance: reduce (credit) \$4,129.00; increase the appropriated fund balance debits \$48,710.00, credits \$48,710.00. Highway DB Fund: Total increase revenues: debit \$5,475.00; total increase appropriations: credit \$350.00; offset to the appropriated fund balance: \$5,125.00; reduce the appropriated fund balance debits \$5,475.00, credits \$5,475.00 (copy attached)

On a motion of Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Councilman Ramsey move to accept the Supervisor's report as read.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town Clerk McCann read the Town Clerk's monthly report for January 2007: Total local share remitted to Supervisor - \$8,508.92; total non-local revenues - \$314.33; Total revenues - \$8,823.25. Town Clerk McCann announced that she will again volunteer to be available in her office on Saturday, March 3, 2007 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm to sell recycle permits. Recycle permits can be purchased through the mail.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the meeting to a brief public comment period.

Paul Fredricks referred to the purchase of recreation land as cited in the Town Code

book chapter 143-33, Residential Cluster Development. Rather than going through the expense of buying it, according to the subdivision Code, you can acquire the land free for authorized use.

Linda Keeling asked where we are with St. Margaret's Home. The building is empty right now which is not a good thing.

Supervisor Blum Bump answered that there is a three member task force who will be coming in with their proposal for St. Margaret's shortly.

Paul Vosburgh ... in the matter of Trilby Sieverding, the Espie's, Nathan Kalina and Kesicke Farm against the Town of Red Hook, he presented a settlement proposal for the pending litigation for the Boards consideration. Each member received a copy of the proposal.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked that it be addressed to the Attorney for the Town. It is not for public release yet.

Brenda Cagle ... concerning the Community Preservation Act I would ask the Board to put forth this for a public referendum.

Charles Laing ... also asks that the Board support the referendum for the Community Preservation Act.

Harry Colgan... would like to encourage the Town Board to move the CPA forward as a tool for our continuing preservation in the Town.

Susan Elias ...supports the CPA, as well as the tree planting that will be discussed.

Susan Simon...to continue our designation as a Tree City, USA, we should continue to plant trees and replace some of the trees that were cut down. She also voiced her support for the Community Preservation Act.

Susan Ellis spoke in support of the Community Preservation Act being put on public referendum. She feels it's a good tool to help preserve open space and thinks it should be put to a vote so that the residents can express their opinions.

Supervisor Blum Bump thanked the public for their comments.

DEBORAH MARKS REQUEST FOR TWO BOARD MEMBERS TO AUDIT THE SUPERVISORS BOOKS

Councilwoman Pullaro and Councilwoman Crane volunteered to audit the books. Councilwoman Pullaro will work with Business Manager Marks to determine a date to get together.

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, move to accept Councilwoman Pullaro and Councilwoman Crane to audit the Supervisor's books.

Adopted	Ayes 5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays 0	

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) PROPOSAL FOR PERX DEVELOPMENT: APPROVE RESOLUTION

Attorney for the Town, Christine Chale, presented the resolution regarding the PILOT agreement for the second phase of the senior housing development.

Councilwoman Crane stated that the PILOT will be \$729.00 per unit for 48 units for Phase II.

RESOLUTION 2007 # 37

RE: TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYMENT IN-LIEU OF TAX (“PILOT”) AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK, THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, RED HOOK SENIORS II LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND RED HOOK SENIORS II HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND COMPANY, INC.

On a motion by Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane, move to authorize the execution of a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

LOSAP: APPROVE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDED CONTRACT

Attorney Chale said that procedurally the Board has to offer a Public Hearing on the two agreements because any time you are authorizing your fire service agreement you are going to need a Public Hearing on that. Ten days notice is required.

RESOLUTION 2007# 38

RE: ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE APPROVAL BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF AN AMENDMENT TO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND THE VILLAGE OF TIVOLI FOR 2007 AND 2008.

On a motion of Councilwoman Sue Crane, seconded by Councilman James Ross, move to set a Public Hearing date for the consideration of the agreement between the Town and the Village of Tivoli for March 13, 2007 at 7:15 p.m.

Adopted Ayes 4 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Pullaro
 Nays 0
 Recuse 1 Ramsey

RESOLUTION 2007 #39

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INTERMUNICIPAL TASK FORCE MONTHLY REPORT – Deputy Supervisor O’Neill
The water report has been concluded by Russell Urban Mead. This Friday there will be a meeting with Red Hook Water Board Chair Hank VanParys and the officials from Tivoli with the Task Force to make sure that we cover, before our final recommendation to you, whatever the issues are concerning water in the Village of Tivoli. You have a report about the issues for the Village of Red Hook. Peter Fairweather can meet with the Task Force this Friday and he is just about to conclude his fiscal analysis. The Economic Development Committee will be attending Friday also. The criteria for the Agriculture

Business District has been a subject mentioned over and over and we are working on a final draft of that along with a map that will identify all the farms in the Agricultural Business District. We are going to begin presenting recommendations and reports to the Board in March.

Councilwoman Crane asked if any of the Board members received anything from Peter Fairweather in regard to that study. She doesn't recall seeing anything personally.

Councilwoman Pullaro said she received copies of materials handed out at one of the Task Force meetings. She asked if Peter Fairweather is still intending to present to the Board. He was going to schedule time to present an overview then another time to give more detail about what was included in his report.

Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill answered that the proposal is that he first meet with the Task Force and make sure the numbers he's using is the same as those of the Task Force. Once things are coordinated, they will schedule a presentation before the Town Board, and the two Village Boards will be invited to sit in. He will then explain what his report is and the ramifications of it. At the same time the Task Force recommendations will be presented.

REORGANIZATION CONTINUED

Supervisor Blum Bump continued with the reorganization process making a few more appointments.

RESOLUTION 2007 #40

RE: APPOINTMENT OF DOG CONTROL OFFICER

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, move to appoint Cecil Moore as Dog Control Officer.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays	0	

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Pullaro, move to reappoint Greenplan as our planner for one year.

Councilman Ross ... as far as Greenplan, he feels he can't go along with that. He feels we should sit down with the planner and give some guidance. He hasn't been happy with their direction.

Councilman Ramsey ... we have discussed this before and it was decided we should keep Greenplan as a holdover until the Board meets with the Planning Board and Greenplan to discuss the issues that we have with them. He'd like to keep them on board as a holdover until we meet. That will give them some incentive to come in and get these issues taken care of.

Councilwoman Pullaro said it's important to hear from the Planning Board to see exactly how they feel about this as well as others that may have concerns.

Councilwoman Crane would welcome the opportunity to talk with them.

Supervisor Blum Bump would like to have the discussion quickly because Greenplan has been working with the Intermunicipal Task Force, the Working Group and the Town Board. It is her thinking that we should not change our planner mid stream, nor keep them dangling, so I will make this discussion happen.

Councilman Ross reminded Supervisor Blum Bump that we discussed on numerous occasions, to meet with our planner, the Chairman of our Planning Board, and any other members of our Planning Board that might like to attend a workshop session with us.

Councilwoman Pullaro suggests having that meeting on March 6th.

Supervisor Blum Bump will check and see if March 6th works.

The motion to reappoint Greenplan was tabled.

RESOLUTION 2007 #41

RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT FOR THE BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPT.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, moves to reappoint Gary Beck as consultant to our Building and Safety Department for one year.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

Councilwoman Pullaro will be the liaison for the IT Working Group, the Recycling Board and the Conservation Advisory Council.

RESOLUTION 2007 #42

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

On a motion of Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Supervisor Blum Bump, move to appoint Owen O'Connor for a term to expire December 31, 2008 and Mike Ignatowski for a term to expire December 31, 2007 to the Conservation Advisory Council.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2007 #43

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

On a motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Supervisor Blum Bump, move to appoint an at-large community member, Tim Muldoon, at-large community member, John Douglas, Highway Superintendent, Wayne Hildenbrand, the Red Hook Fire Company representative, Kevin Mowry, the Tivoli Fire Company representative, Erica Brown and the Police Department representative, David Michitsch, to the Disaster Preparedness Committee terms to expire December 31, 2008.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

Supervisor Blum Bump asked if Councilman Ramsey knew if the Economic Development Committee has interviewed.

Councilman Ramsey answered that they interviewed two people, Joe Rossi and Kevin Wade. The EDC asked Councilman Ramsey to bring those two recommendations forward. Both of them have agreed to serve and they have been attending meetings already. Councilman Ramsey would like to increase the membership by one.

RESOLUTION 2007 #44

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

On a motion of Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, move to appoint Joe Rossi term to expire December 31, 2007 and Kevin Wade term to expire December 31, 2008 to the Economic Development Committee.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2007 #45

RE: APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, move to appoint Rose Rider as Chair of the Senior Services Committee term to expire December 31, 2007.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2007 #46

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE GREENWAY AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, move to appoint Howie Callies as Chair of the Greenway & Trails Committee term to expire December 31, 2007, and appoint Henry Christopher, John Kuhn, Doug Strawinski and Robert George terms to expire December 31, 2008 as members of the Greenway & Trails Committee.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2007 #47

RE: APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE ZONING REVIEW COMMITTEE.

On a motion of Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Supervisor Blum Bump, move to appoint Michael Carr term to expire December 31, 2007 as Chair of the Zoning Review Committee.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2007 #48

RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD.

On a motion of Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Councilman Ross, move to appoint Jeff Ackerly term to expire September 30, 2008 and Lois Chenkus term to expire September 30, 2011 to the Assessment Review Board.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

Supervisor Blum Bump congratulated all of the volunteers appointed to the committees.

REGARDING A RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ROAD DEDICATION FOR GLEN RIDGE ROAD

Attorney Chale said that our understanding is that the Village did approve acceptance of that easement for the water line which is what we were looking for. The remaining conditions are standard conditions for acceptance of a road.

RESOLUTION 2007 #49

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF ROAD DEDICATION OF GLEN RIDGE ROAD SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane, move to approve acceptance of Glen Ridge Road dedication.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2007 #50

RE: ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT FROM CANTINI AND MAJD FOR A 22.5 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 194 LASHER ROAD, PURSUANT TO THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT LAW OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, CHAPTER 56 OF THE TOWN CODE

On a motion of Councilwoman Sue Crane, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey, move to set a Public Hearing on the acceptance of a Conservation Easement on the Cantini/Majd parcel for 7:30 p.m. on March 6, 2007.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2007 # 51

RE: ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT FROM HANSEN AND HANSEN FOR A 12.75 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED ON HAPEMAN HILL ROAD, PURSUANT TO THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT LAW OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, CHAPTER 56 OF THE TOWN CODE.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane, move to establish a date for a Public Hearing regarding the acceptance of a conservation easement on the Hansen subdivision for 7:15 p.m. on March 6, 2007.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

Councilman Ramsey asked the Supervisor that the Planning Board and Assessor be notified of the date so that they can have their reports in for that Public Hearing.

APPROVE COSTS OF RENOVATION OF ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ross, move to approve not to exceed \$2,100.00 to renovate the Assessor's Office.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

PANDA CONTRACT/TIME WARNER CONTRACT

Attorney Chale had no comments regarding the contracts at this time. She asked if Supervisor Blum Bump wanted to report that the group is considering engaging a consultant to represent the group.

Supervisor Blum Bump stated that the cost of that consultant would be shared by the five municipalities.

Attorney Chale questioned if they are seeking authorization at this point to do that? Do they have a proposed contract?

Supervisor Blum Bump... we don't. There is an agreement with four points. She will be meeting with the five municipalities on Thursday, March 1st.

Attorney Chale asks if we could bring this to the March 6th meeting for authorization if at that point they are ready to propose a contract.

Supervisor Blum Bump...there is an initial cost of \$6300.00, but that is as far as the group has gotten.

Councilman Ramsey asked if an Intermunicipal agreement is put together and it's over the normal \$3,000.00 number to go out to bid, but it is split between five municipalities, is that still required to go out to bid.

Attorney Chale answered that if it is for a consultant, it is professional services, your procurement policy is a bit open on that. It gives you flexibility because it is a professional service. The Town's portion of the contract is below their threshold.

AUTHORIZE TREE PLANTING FOR MAIN STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Supervisor Blum Bump advised that the CAC needs the Board to authorize the tree planting.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, move to authorize the tree planting for the Main Street Tree Planting program

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

Councilwoman Pullaro added that the DOT will come to Red Hook and determine the planting sites along with a committee of which they want to have a Town representative. Councilwoman Crane received a note from CAC Chair, Brenda Cagle, asking if she would be willing to help with that. Councilwoman Crane would be happy to go with them.

ASSESSORS MEMO

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that the deadline for filing for exemptions is March 1, 2007.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway Department:

Councilman Ramsey reported we are continuing to work with our engineer and the highway superintendent on the Glen View Road drainage problem and on the Orlich Road problem. We are also working on the speed limit issues on 9G, Budds Corners, River Road and Route 9 north.

Economic Development Committee:

Councilman Ramsey reported they met January 25th. There was discussion with certain parties interested in a hotel conference center; a discussion with the Chamber of Commerce regarding internet marketing, discussion on the ITF, the CPA, PDR program and the Ag Reserve. As we already heard from Deputy Supervisor O'Neill tonight, they will be attending the meeting on Friday to get some answers to some of their questions. They want to see what the EDC can do to help support the Rhinebeck Aerodrome. The EDC is looking into a relationship with Bard College and possibly setting up a meeting with Tara Sullivan from Bard College.

Recreation Committee:

Councilman Ramsey reported spring preparation is being planned for the ball fields. The website information is being updated by John Kuhn. The wetlands trail is now complete with the exception of the 27 feet over the national wetlands area, where a bridge will be built. Doug Strawinski has spearheaded that and he has done a tremendous job. We will be meeting with Doug and the engineer regarding potential new recreation land considering engineering questions and the layout of the property. The engineer would like to walk through the property. Winter wrestling, winter programs are up and running. Calls are already coming in regarding the summer programs. The Rec. Committee is looking into a kid's festival at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds on May 12th and how they can participate in that. They are also looking into repairs at the playground in response to a request to a Red Hook mom's group.

Councilman Ramsey has had a number of complaints from people watching the meetings on PANDA that they have a very hard time hearing even with the microphones. He requested that PANDA reps come and look at the system to see that everything is working as it should be.

Supervisor Blum Bump added that she has received comments that the white area behind the Board washes out the members. It should probably be a deeper color.

Conservation Advisory Council:

Councilwoman Pullaro reported the Council had five applicants for the Annual DEC Environmental Camp scholarship and they will announce the two winners at a forthcoming Board meeting. The CAC is researching what other Towns have done regarding "Green Buildings" and are discussing guideline recommendations for Red Hook. The Tree Ordinance will be reviewed again before being brought to the Board for discussion. The Tree City, USA application has been submitted. There is still one vacancy on the committee. The CAC purchased recycling containers, one for the Town Hall and two for the Recreation Park. Their next meeting is in March.

IT Working Group:

Councilwoman Pullaro reported the IT working group submitted the SARA grant application on January 31st and is requesting \$38,166 for scanning and archiving records,

and implementing a laser fiche document imaging solution. Their next meeting is Tuesday, February 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Recycle Center:

Councilwoman Pullaro reported she met with T.J. Hackett who provided his annual totals for recycling. One of his primary concerns is the expense of disposing of unwanted or illegal materials that come into the recycling center. The extra fees incurred do to those were \$970.50 last year and in addition, there were fuel surcharge increases of \$1,169.33. There were 767 recycling stickers sold, and on that Saturday that Town Clerk Sue McCann was here, 96 were sold that day alone. The Recycling Center is in need of coats and other winter wear for the exchange center. Councilwoman Pullaro is also working with T.J. Hackett on identifying changes to update the web site and hopefully making it clearer about what materials are not permitted so that we don't incur the cost of disposal. Simultaneously, the CAC is working to update the brochure.

Water Board:

Councilwoman Pullaro reported the filtration system cartridges are operating satisfactorily. They will all be replaced within the next few weeks and they have been operating satisfactorily for longer than they expected. No chlorine or filters are required at this time. Smith Controls repaired and recalibrated a unit and it is now operating properly. Dutchess County Health Department sent a letter that they missed two requirements in the annual sanitary survey reports. Rich Cain retook samples for that and they are readdressing the issue.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Councilman Ross reported the ZBA will meet on Wednesday, Feb 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Crane re: Red Hook Keep Farming has developed an assessment tool that they distributed to all the farmers in the area. This is the community based program developed by the Glynwood Center to raise community awareness about farming local foods and the economic benefits of farming and of the agricultural industry in general.

Zoning Review Committee:

Councilwoman Crane reported the Zoning Review Committee is a reconstituted committee whose purpose is to research and develop ideas at the request of the Town Board, Planning Board or Zoning Board for possible changes in zoning code. The ZRC assists the Town Board in carrying out its duties by providing additional volunteer expertise and personnel resources to research, assess and evaluate ideas before they become actual proposals to the zoning law changes. Michael Carr is the Chairman of the ZRC.

Senior Services:

Councilwoman Crane reported the Senior Services committee will meet on March 2nd. They will be talking about holding a forum on March 16th at the Firehouse in which Ken Kearney, the PERX developer, will be invited to walk people through the application process, and answer questions. He will be ready for the first phase of the apartments in a couple of months.

Supervisor Blum Bump read the Village Police report – there were 26 registered complaints in the month of January; uniform traffic tickets – 25; parking tickets – 10; accidents investigated – 4; one arrest made, and EMS aided calls – 2.

Greenway & Trails Committee:

Supervisor Blum Bump reported the Greenway & Trails Committee will meet regularly on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room in the Town Hall.

Purchasing Department:

Supervisor Blum Bump reported during the period of January 10 to February 12, 2007, 39 Purchase Orders were issued in the amount of \$19,586.89. The largest being to Vantage Equipment in Latham, N.Y. for parts for the highway loader in the amount of \$4,179. One Purchase Order was issued to First Pioneer Farm Credit in Claverack to perform an appraisal on the Wil-Hi farm property for potential development rights. We

installed a new computer system for Nancy Roberts in the Justice Office. The computer in the ZBA office was also replaced. We purchased miscellaneous furniture pieces for the Town Clerk, Garage, and Supervisor's office.

Assessor:

Supervisor Blum Bump reported during the month of January the Assessors Office submitted a tentative assessment of Phase II of the PILOT program to the Town Board, assisted property owners with questions on exemption programs, met with the Village of Tivoli Building Inspector to discuss completed projects in the Village, and continued the offices review of current assessments. There is also available the most current income levels for Senior Exemptions.

Supervisor Blum Bump called for a five minute break at 9:40 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:45 p.m.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT: MOTION TO APPROVE AND SET A PUBLIC REFERENDUM DATE

Attorney Chale gave the Board a copy of a revision of the local law. We updated the effective date because it is dictated by statute to be the first day of the month which is at least 60 days following the date of approval. A special election will be held on May 1, 2007. The purpose of May 1st is that we need to have a date at least 60 days after the date of this adoption. It is dictated by Home Rule Law. If the date of election is May 1st, the effective date of the law is August 1, 2007.

RESOLUTION # 52

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF A LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A TWO PERCENT REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX ON THE CONVEYANCE OF INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN, WITH THE REVENUES DERIVED FROM THIS TAX TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING OPEN SPACE, AGRICULTURAL AND HISTORIC PLACES WITHIN THE TOWN.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane, move to adopt the resolution which would approve the local law subject to mandatory referendum.

Adopted	Ayes	4	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays	1	Ross

(Discussion took place before resolution vote)

Councilman Ross ... nobody likes taxes and at first look this could be a very fair tax and a way that we can help fund some of the things we've committed ourselves to in our township. However, after looking at it clearly, with the exemptions that are in this law and how they are watered down make it moot. He doesn't understand why there should be any exemptions with the exception of a government entity or possibly a bankruptcy. Because of the exemptions in this law, with the way they are written, he can't support it in its present form.

Councilman Ramsey agrees that it is not perfect and it's not exactly what he intended when it first came out, however even with these flaws he would like the public to make the decision. He does not agree with everything in it but he feels the public should make the decision.

Councilwoman Pullaro respects the opinions of the Board. Like Councilman Ramsey, she doesn't think it's perfect, many laws are not. However, she sees it as a revenue stream which allows us to purchase land and to preserve open land that we wouldn't ordinarily have without imposing another tax on all the residents in the Town. She too would like to see it go before the voters in order for them to have a say.

Councilwoman Crane agrees with everything that was said by Councilman Ramsey and Councilwoman Pullaro. She thinks it's important to note that the homes on the properties will not be exempt. It seems that goes a long way to mitigate the unfairness that has been spoken about. It does mirror the proposed state law and those that were passed on Long

Island and in Warwick. It seems to have been a source of considerable revenue for those Towns that have passed the law for the preservation of properties. She believes it will be shouldered mostly by people coming to Red Hook for the first time. It is not a huge, onerous tax but she thinks it will go a long way in preventing us from having to raise taxes on all of the citizens of Red Hook in order to continue the programs we know are important.

Supervisor Blum Bump... the Town Board has already passed the Community Preservation Fund and the Community Preservation Fund Board. This is for the Act itself. She agrees with Councilman Ross that the exemptions might be generous to some, but we do need to generate an ongoing income stream that is the most fair that the Town can design. She thinks this is that income stream. The Intermunicipal Task Force sees their plan as having a Community Preservation Fund as part of their comprehensive plan. It should go for a public referendum because the people of Red Hook will decide yes or no.

Attorney Chale advised Supervisor Blum Bump that at the next meeting they will have to establish details of the special election, polling places and the like, so give some thought to that.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Pullaro, move to go into a brief Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays	0	

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Pullaro, move to close the Executive Session.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays	0	

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, move to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk