

## **TOWN OF RED HOOK BOARD MEETING**

**October 16, 2007**

A business 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 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump  
Councilman James Ross  
Councilwoman Sue Crane  
Councilman Harold Ramsey  
Councilwoman Lisa Pullaro  
Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst  
Absent: Town Clerk Sue McCann  
Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale  
Deborah Marks, Business Manager  
Ted Eglit, C.P.A.  
Deputy Supervisor William O'Neill

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the monthly Business Meeting at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

The Supervisor's report will be given at the next meeting.

### **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk's report for the period of September 1 to September 30, 2007 was read as follows: Total Local Shares Remitted to Supervisor - \$1,556.22; amount paid to County Treasurer for Dog Licenses - \$83.07; amount paid to NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program - \$21.00; amount paid to NYS Dept. of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$135.00; amount paid to NYS Environmental Conservation - \$5,300.21; for a Total State, County & Local Revenues - \$7,095.50.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the meeting for a 15 minute comment period.

*Kristofer Munn* brought to the Board's attention a report sent out by the Red Hook Central School District regarding a possible person of interest stalking playgrounds south of here. He felt that this is an example of how the burglaries should have been handled. He commended the School District for sending information home with the students.

*Rosemarie Zengen, Save-Our-Town Committee*, spoke to two other townships asking how their Boards deal with the type of issue Red Hook had regarding burglaries. Their policies are that the Police Department asks their Boards to acquiesce to what the Police are doing first. The Boards are not usually familiar with what happens. If it were up to the Town Boards, the police are concerned that too much information would be given out. She commended the Red Hook Town Board about how they handled the issue of the recent burglaries. The people on our Board as well as our law enforcement people are doing their jobs well.

Supervisor Blum Bump closed the comment period at 7:45 p.m.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that Ann Saylor, the Dutchess County Housing Coordinator will attend the Board's Special Meeting on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and discuss zoning provisions for affordable housing. Mary Linge from Hudson River Housing will join Anne Saylor at the meeting. Hudson River Housing administers the affordable housing provisions of some local communities and could potentially administer a Red Hook program.

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that the Government Finance Officers Association has presented to the Town of Red Hook Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2007. She thanked Business Manager Deborah Marks for her help with the application for the Budget Presentation Award.

Supervisor Blum Bump announced a Special Town Board Meeting on Monday, October 29, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Red Hook Firehouse. The meeting will focus on personal and home safety and the establishment of Neighborhood Watch. Representatives from the Red Hook Police Department, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and Rokeby Gardens Neighborhood Watch will be in attendance.

#### **INTERMUNICIPAL TASK FORCE REPORT**

Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill, Chairman of the Intermunicipal Task Force, told the Board that there will be an affordable housing presentation on October 18, and on October 25 they will continue with the Ag Business District presentation. The efforts regarding sewer and water are continuing. They will meet with Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority this week regarding funding and maintaining a sewer system in the Village.

Councilman Ramsey asked if the criteria for the Ag Business District have been made available on the web yet. He understood that Robert McKeon was going to scan the information and make it available as soon as possible.

Deputy Supervisor O'Neill agreed it should be available and said it was being worked on.

Councilwoman Crane suggested sending a mailing once the properties have been identified to get their thoughts on this specific issue.

#### **REGARDING THE 2008 BUDGET**

Supervisor Blum Bump asked Business Manager Deborah Marks and Town Auditor Ted Eglit to give the review of the 2008 budget.

Business Manager Marks put together a workbook for the Board which provided some documentation regarding questions presented to her. She explained the proposed tax rate if the library referendum passes and alternately, the proposed tax rate if the library referendum does not pass.

The Board, Business Manager Marks and Town Auditor Ted Eglit discussed the proposed budget, with Deb Marks going through the proposed budget line by line.

Ted Eglit, C.P.A., explained an increase in the proposed budget for possibly doing a full audit of the Town in 2008. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board passed Pronouncement # 34 which requires towns to maintain their finances more like a business. Ted also included \$2,000 for conducting a full inventory which hasn't been done in quite some time. The last full audit was done when Supervisor Gilfeather left about four years ago.

The Board continued with their review of the proposed budget.

Supervisor Blum Bump called the County Office of Real Property and told them she was concerned about what salary to offer. She asked them what Town in the area was most like Red Hook. Someone she spoke to will get the information together and get back to her within the next two days.

Councilman Ross would like the salary figure settled for the Assessor line since we are in the process of interviewing a new Assessor.

Supervisor Blum Bump suggested putting up the salary up for discussion.

Business Manager Marks continued with the line by line proposed budget review. She told the Board that a representative from PANDA would like to explain their request to them. Highway Superintendent Hildenbrand would like to come to speak to the Board too. She asked when the Board would be able to hear them. They decided to meet with them on October 18, 2007 after the affordable housing presentation at 8:30 p.m.

Councilman Ross reminded the Board that there are a lot of presentations we have to have and we are discussing having a public hearing on November 1<sup>st</sup>. He is concerned that we should be

talking about the budget since there is very little time left. The budget has to get done by law so we should go over it immediately after the affordable housing presentation.

Councilman Ramsey suggests having the budget presentations soon since the public hearing is being set for November 1. He asked Attorney Chale when the budget needs to be in place for a public hearing.

Attorney Chale responded that notice has to be in five days before.

Business Manager Marks and the Board continued on with the line by line review of the proposed budget.

Discussion ensued regarding budgeting for the proposed increase in police protection.

Councilman Ross suggested having a representative from the Police Department speak to the Board.

The Board continued with the proposed budget discussion.

Supervisor Blum Bump thanked Town Auditor Ted Eglit and Business Manager Deborah Marks for their work.

#### **SETTING PUBLIC HEARING**

Attorney Chale reminded the Board that the notice has to contain the elected officials' salaries.

#### **PROPOSAL FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT TOWN OF RED HOOK MONOPOLE, OFF KELLY ROAD/TWIN TOWERS ROAD, RED HOOK**

Supervisor Blum Bump asked the Board to look at information she provided so that at the next workshop they can decide how to respond.

#### **TREE COMMITTEE TREE PLANTING**

Supervisor Blum Bump explained that there is a deadline for ordering trees for planting. CAC Chair Brenda Cagle asked the Town to give their approval to plant nine trees on the Town right-of-way.

On a motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, move to approve planting the trees on the Town right-of-way.

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Blum Bump asked the Board to read the correspondence she provided. No further discussion.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ross, move to go to Executive Session at 10:25 p.m. to discuss the Assessor appointment.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, move to close the Executive Session at 11:10 p.m.

On a motion of supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Pullaro, move to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire W. Horst  
Deputy Town Clerk