

TOWN OF RED HOOK BOARD MEETING
October 23, 2007

A special 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 Sue McCann
Also Present: Business Manager Deborah Marks
C.P.A. Ted Eglit
Deputy Supervisor William O'Neill

The Board, Business Manager Deb Marks and C.P.A. Ted Eglit continue the discussion on the proposed budget. Deb Marks reviews updates to the budget and notes revisions requested by the Board. The process begins with the General A Town Wide Fund appropriations and revenues and continues with General B Town Outside Fund appropriations and revenues, Highways DB Town Outside Fund, SL Consolidated lighting District, SF Fire Fund appropriations and revenues and SW Water Works O & M Fund appropriations and revenues.

The budget discussion will continue on October 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Ramsey suggested the Town form a committee to review and decide how we want to handle any communications going out of the Town Hall.

Supervisor Blum Bump said Springfield, Mass has a phone system that certain people can be called such as community leaders or specific groups.

Councilman Ramsey believes the county has a similar system for emergencies.

Councilwoman Pullaro stated the committee should not only decide what type of communication but decide what the appropriate communication to go out is.

Supervisor Blum Bump would like to postpone the forming of this committee and also the scheduled Oct. 29th community safety forum because she feels it is political.

The Board disagrees that this is political. It is a community safety forum due to the recent burglaries. Many residents and community leaders have requested this meeting.

Supervisor Blum Bump feels the committee should be formed at the reorg.

Councilman Ramsey would like to form the committee and begin looking at members.

On a motion of Councilman Ramsey, move to form communications committee.
With no second to the motion was tabled.

Councilwoman Crane suggests the Board form the committee during the 2008 reorg.

Councilman Ramsey was hoping to have the committee set up by then. He has received calls from residents wanting to be appointed to the committee.

The Board decides to hold off on the formation of the communications committee until the reorg.

Councilwoman Crane suggests Councilman Ramsey meet informally with residents. It doesn't have to be a Board appointed committee for any of us to begin meeting with them. The Oct. 29th meeting has been widely advertised and should not be postponed.

Councilman Ross said it is not political but the current Town Board doing their jobs.

Councilwoman Pullaro has received phone calls with people inquiring what the process is for forming a neighborhood watch. We are trying to respond to peoples concerns.

On a motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Ross the meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk