

TOWN OF RED HOOK BOARD MEETING
December 11, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

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 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: Attorney for the Town, Christine Chale

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

SUPERVISORS REPORT

The Supervisor's monthly statement dated November 30, 2007, was read as follows: there were no budget adjustments this month. Opening balance - \$1,938,591.00; Receipts - \$573,397.23; Disbursed - \$813,459.92; Balance - \$1,698,528.31

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

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

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that we received the second mortgage tax check today. We budgeted \$315,000 for 2008 in anticipation of a larger decrease in that revenue. We budgeted \$370,000 in 2007. Our first check was in the amount of \$209,573.41, the second check was in the amount of \$191,556.29 for a total received of \$401,129.70. In 2006 the budgeted amount was \$390,000. We received a total of \$441,118.40. In 2005 we budgeted \$540,577.00 and received a total of \$540,576.90.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period of November 1, to November 30, 2007 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$1,063.24; amount paid to County Treasurer for dog Licenses - \$72.85; amount paid to NYS Ag & Markets - \$18.00; amount paid to NYS Dept. of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$67.50; amount paid to NYS Environmental Conservation - \$2,599.91 for a total State, County & Local revenues - \$3,821.50.

Town Clerk McCann announced the water rent collection for the third quarter of 2007. Total warrant collected - \$31,078.83.

Town Clerk McCann announced the sale of 2008 Recycling Permits. They can be purchased during normal business hours or by mail. The fee is \$12.00 for one permit and \$15.00 for two permits in the same household. Access to the Recycling Center will be denied for those without a permit.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

David Seymour, Dutchess County Legislature, announced that on Thursday the County passed its budget. There was a lot of negotiation but every legislator was focused on it. A final note, he told the Board that it was an honor for him to serve as County Legislature. It meant a lot to him.

The Board thanked him for his service.

Linda Keeling read a letter dated December 11, 2007 regarding adopting a Harassment Policy. A copy of the letter is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill, as Deputy Supervisor he thanked everyone on the Board and the Supervisor for her efforts. He enjoyed working with everyone and it was an inspiration for him. He thanked Councilwoman Crane for getting him started on the working group, and he thanked

former Councilwoman Jean Bordewich, Councilman Ross, Councilman Ramsey as well as Councilwoman Pullaro. Bill also thanked Town Clerk Sue McCann, Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst and Business Manager Deb Marks who are always kind and generous. He thanked Attorney Christine Chale who has made a big difference to the Town. He appreciates the efforts of everyone and he has enjoyed serving. He hopes to complete what the Task Force started, and he stated he would volunteer for a leadership role on the Task Force.

Supervisor Blum Bump said that it was a great pleasure and honor to work with him too. Red Hook got a big bang for their buck with Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill.

Supervisor Blum Bump congratulated Councilwoman Sue Crane on the election as well as Micki Strawinski and Harry Colgan. She wishes them all the best.

Supervisor Blum Bump closed the public comment period, then announced the \$450,000 matching grant received for the acquisition and adaptive reuse of the St. Margaret's Home project. She thanked Hannaford for their generosity as well as the St. Margaret's Task Force for their work on the plan for St. Margaret's Home. She also thanked Victor Cornelius for writing the grant.

DISCUSSION AND MOTION TO ADOPT A PROPOSED TREE LAW

Attorney Chale reviewed the comments made earlier at the Public Hearing. The Board decided to leave the name the same, keeping the term the same, and the five member board is ok. Attorney Chale suggested changing the chapter number from 5 to 128. The Code No. will now be 128 instead of 5.

Councilwoman Crane asked for direction regarding the Code Books.

Town Clerk Sue McCann explained that all records belong in the Town Clerk's Office.

Councilman Ross explained that for the time he has been involved with the Town, the Clerk's Office always kept records. As soon as committee records were approved they went to the Town Clerk.

Tree discussion continues-

Attorney Chale noted the recommendation of having the Highway Supervisor and Historical Society involved. The Board decided to leave off the historical society for the time being. As far as maintaining permits which will be issued by the Supervisor's office, Attorney Chale suggested having the Building Department keep the records for the permits.

Councilman Ramsey suggested keeping the permit process through the Building Department.

Attorney Chale said the Board can determine a fee by resolution from time to time. Maybe a fee won't be required but this can be changed.

Councilman Ross suggested leaving it open at this time. At this point we don't have a handle on the cost to the Town to determine a fee.

The Board discussed who should issue the permits and who should keep the permits on file. It will be determined, and the Board continued to review recommended changes.

Attorney Chale will rework the proposed law with the revised language.

REGARDING THE ESCROW LAW

Attorney Chale presented a recommendation for an updated escrow law that more clearly identifies under what circumstances an escrow can be required and how it will be handled by the Town and the Planning Board. She pointed out the new SEQRA requirements. She is asking the Board to establish a Public Hearing date for the proposed escrow law.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, move to set the Public Hearing for December 20, 2007. The motion was not seconded.

RESOLUTION 2007 #121

RE: ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW NO. 4 (PROPOSED) OF 2007 CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK ENTITLED "ESCROW DEPOSIT FOR DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COSTS AND INTERNET POSTING OF SEQRA DOCUMENTS"

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Pullaro, move to set the Public Hearing for January 8, 2008, at 7:15 p.m.

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

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MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR SHARED SERVICES – RECREATION PARK JOINT APPLICATION WITH THE RED HOOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2007 #122

RE: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION FOR LINDEN AVENUE RECREATION FIELD

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey, move to authorize submission of shared municipal services grant application for Linden Avenue recreation field.

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

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Councilman Ramsey asked if Supervisor Blum Bump or Deputy Supervisor O'Neill can sign the grant application on Friday so they don't go past the deadline. It has to be postmarked by 4:00 p.m. on Friday.

MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR SHARED SERVICES – STUDIES AND PLANS FOR CENTRAL SEWER WITH THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK

RESOLUTION 2007 #123

RE: TO APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR SHARED SERVICES – STUDIES AND PLANS FOR CENTRAL SEWER WITH THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey, move to approve the resolution as read.

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

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REGARDING THE RESOLUTION TO REFER THE OFFICIAL TOWN MAP – DISCUSSION AND MOTION FOR PROVIDING FOR REFERRAL TO PLANNING BOARD UNDER TOWN LAW SECTIONS 270 AND 273 FOR REPORT

Supervisor Blum Bump referred to a record regarding the Town Law establishing the official map and the changes made to the official map. It is relevant to the local historic preservation program. She referred to a memo from Pete Setaro from Morris Associates giving a brief summary of the Community Development Block Grant for the design of the overall connector road project in regard to the official Town map. There will be an additional \$5,000 for the

completion of the official town map pending the Town Board's comments. Greenplan reviewed the preliminary official Town map prepared by Morris and Associates. She read correspondence from Greenplan and the County regarding the scenic roads and trails on the official Town map. There was also various correspondence read from Peter Setaro of Morris Associates and Beth Doyle from the County regarding the status of the grant and the official Town map. The Board looked over the proposed official Town map.

Attorney Chale explained the resolution regarding the proposed official Town map.

Supervisor Blum Bump explained that at this time the only things going on the proposed official Town map only those trails which actually exist. It is not being used as a planning tool, it is to be used as a description. She went on to read the resolution. She also read a memo from Attorney Chale to Pete Setaro regarding changes to the draft map for the Red Hook Official Map.

RESOLUTION 2007 # (tabled)

RE: REFERRING THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL MAP OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK TO THE PLANNING BOARD

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman James Ross for discussion, move to accept the resolution as read.

The motion was tabled after the following discussion.

Councilman Ross asked the Board if they are comfortable with the roads around Hardscrabble. He also asked about the connector road as a concept road on the official Town map. He would like something added to the memo that refers to some of the roads as conceptual.

Attorney Chale explained that there is reference to proposed roads.

Councilman Ross feels that putting the word conceptual on the map will give the Planning Board and developer a little more flexibility.

Attorney Chale explained either you have an official map or not.

Councilman Ross said that much of what is shown is on private property and it hasn't been surveyed yet.

Supervisor Blum Bump explained the grant paid for surveying and engineering. She will try to produce the survey. We are either planning the road or we are not.

Discussion continued regarding the information to be on the official Town map.

Councilwoman Crane doesn't feel we should vote on this without speaking to the landowners. She asked that Marty Willms attend the next meeting to discuss the future road. She had no dated record saying the landowners are willing to work with the Town regarding the proposed connector road.

Supervisor Blum Bump explained that the grant money has to be spent. We don't have to put the connector road on to establish the official Town map. It can be very bare bones and can be added after further discussion with the landowners. We've been working on this for three years.

Councilman Ross reiterated that the term "conceptual" be put on the map.

Councilman Ramsey agrees that he'd like to know where the landowners stand before he votes on this.

Supervisor Blum Bump suggested everyone read the information regarding the official Town map. If the Board is not willing to put the proposed connector road on, fine, but she hopes to approve the official Town map. She will try to get Mr. Willms and Mr. Domkowski, landowners, to come to the next meeting. We want the map to be established.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING WITH A DRAFT MEMO TO MORRIS ASSOCIATES

RESOLUTION 2007 #124

RE: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LIGHT FIXTURES AND BULBS

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman James Ross, move to accept the resolution as read.

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH MORRIS ASSOCIATES REGARDING A PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM AT TOWN HALL

RESOLUTION 2007 #125

RE: AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REGARDING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ROOF PANELS

On a motion of Councilwoman Sue Crane, seconded by Councilman James Ross, move to accept the resolution as read.

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SITE ACCESS FOR OMNIPOINT REGARDING THE TOWN'S CELL TOWER

RESOLUTION 2007 #126

RE: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN OWNER AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT WITH OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman James Ross, move to accept the resolution as read.

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

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REGARDING A LOCAL LAW GOVERNING PARKING AND A POSSIBLE MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION 2007 #127

RE: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW GOVERNING PARKING

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman James Ross, move to set a Public Hearing for a proposed local law for January 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Blum Bump read a letter from Carole Ashe, Commissioner of the State Historic Preservation Office congratulating the Town for the St. Margaret's Home grant award.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Committee – Councilman Ramsey reported that the Recreation Park is closed until April 15, 2008. They are looking for two part time groundskeepers for the spring. NYS is considering mandating background checks of employees of the Town. It will be extensive and expensive to do background checks on all the employees and volunteers for the summer program and the committee is looking into how to handle that.

Disaster Preparedness – Councilman Ramsey said they are reorganizing and looking into who wants to come back to finish the work they've been doing.

CAC – Councilwoman Pullaro reported that Denise Barton, Zoe Riel and Susan Ellis attended the 2007 NYS Association of Conservation Commissions Workshop and brought back information regarding the green building seminar. The software from ICLEI was received and the CAC is looking for volunteers. Mark Phelan from the school district reported on the energy use of the school district. The CAC will probably bring before the Board, their recommendations to require energy star building for new residences in the town. Their next meeting is December 12, 2007.

Water Board – Councilwoman Pullaro reported that Rich Cain will do some testing on a water line on Aspinwall Road. The hydrants will be painted and reflective tape will be added. The water line rights of way were cleared in October. A reminder was made to residents to please keep the hydrants clear during the winter months.

ZBA – Councilman Ross reported the December meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will be in January.

Planning Board – Councilman Ross reported that they approved a lot line alteration and have a sketch plan endorsement approval. There is one minor subdivision under new business.

Agriculture & Open Space Committee – Councilwoman Crane reported they met last night but she has not received minutes to report on.

Senior Committee – Councilwoman Crane reported the Senior Committee will meet in January and intend to address concerns in the minutes of November.

Ethics Board – Councilwoman Crane referred to the end of year 2007 report. She wants the Town Board to give the Ethics Board attention and take them seriously. She suggested the Board members read their report. She would like feedback.

Purchasing – no report

Community Preservation Fund - Supervisor Blum Bump read a report from Brad Kendall, Dutchess County Clerk, regarding the Community Preservation Fund. For the month of November, \$19,020 was forwarded to the Town of Red Hook. For October \$23,000, and for September \$2,700 was forwarded to the Town.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked Robert McKeon, Chairman of the Ag & Open Space Committee to give a report. Mr. McKeon reported that five of the members would like to stay on. The Mayor of Tivoli wanted their input as to whether or not the farmer's appreciation day of last July should become an annual event. There will be an update on the keep farming project. The committee discussed a farm to school initiative at their last meeting. Farmland Preservation was discussed regarding various levels of projects. The Central Hudson corridor and its importance was discussed and he encouraged the Town Board to protect the area from development. Regarding the Ag Business District, the committee is trying to address issues the Town Board have. They are trying to create a "farms of Red Hook" map and are going to start working with local businesses to help provide some of the funding. The Committee was approached regarding a property to hold a Blue Grass Festival. The farm used in Ancramdale has been sold and they

are looking for property to hold the festival. Their organization has very specific requirements as to the size and needs of the property. It is quite possible that the Town could be supportive and accommodate something like that in Red Hook. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

Supervisor Blum Bump adjourned the meeting at 10:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk