

## **RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**October 11, 2011**

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York, convened in public session at Red Hook Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Sue Crane  
Councilwoman Micki Strawinski  
Councilman Harry Colgan  
Councilman William O'Neill  
Town Clerk Sue McCann  
Absent: Councilman James Ross  
Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale

Supervisor Crane welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Crane made the following announcements:

- Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy's wife Mary passed away on October 8, 2011. She's been a resident of the community for many years and our hearts go out to the family.
- We received the NY Planning Federation Award for 2011. Councilman Colgan explained the award we received because of our Centers and Greenspace Plan zoning; a model of sustained zoning for NYS. About 150 members from all over New York State were in attendance.
- Charlie Nugent, a long time Red Hook volunteer, has received the Dutchess County Hall of Fame Sports Museum award. Mr. Nugent was nominated by Recreation Director, John Kuhn. He served the Town for 25 years and coached various sports. She read a long list of his volunteer activities.
- Michael Jankowiak, achieving rank of Eagle Scout provided AED defibrillators and training to the Red Hook sports field. She asked the Board to sign a certificate which is to be presented to him.
- The Supervisor's Report will be given at the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. She was in an extensive and intensive interview with Standard & Poor's and she is gratified to learn we received an AA- bond rating.

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

The Town Clerk's report for the period September 1 through September 30, 2011 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$1982.59; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$74.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health for marriage licenses - \$202.50; Amount remitted to NYS Environmental Conservation - \$7,314.81; Total State, County and Local revenue - \$9,573.90.

Town Clerk Sue McCann also announced that she reconciled the second quarter water payments. The total warrant came to \$23,464.25. She also received the Settlement of Collector's Account from the DC Commissioner of Finance. The total warrant is \$6,900,593.68. She reminded residents to renew local first. Renew Local First- we keep 12.7 % of the transactions when renewing your car registration or drivers license at local DMV Offices in Dutchess County.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Crane opened for comments from the public.

*Linda Keeling* has successfully filed and served Dutchess County Board of Elections with an Article 78 Action to keep Save-Our-Town on the ballot.

### **CONFERENCE CENTER & SPA UPDATE**

Supervisor Crane introduced Ted Saad and Ed Guski.

Ted Saad explained that they were in attendance to update everyone on their plan to create a resort at the Skypark Airport. He gave an overview of their plan to create a hotel, spa, restaurant with meeting space and a community center. Their goal is to have almost zero carbon output that would be located on a farm which would create produce for the hotel and services for the spa. They'd like it to be an anchor business for Red Hook to develop. There is a huge demand on the east side of the river for hotels and places to stay.

Ed Guski explained that one reason Red Hook was chosen is because there is a need. It would serve the community, Bard College, local schools, and weddings could be held there. They are

in contact with many organizations and have a big management team. He thanked the Board for their support.

The web address for the center is Choyeresortandspa.com. They are also looking for investors and their goal is to open in 2013.

Supervisor Crane commented that it has a beautiful view shed. The complex is something Red Hook has been trying to do.

Ted added that there are hundreds of jobs to be had through this project and an enormous tax levy base. That is meaningful money for the Town and sticks to the core values of the Town.

Linda Keeling asked if airplanes will be incorporated.

Ted said they will not have an airstrip, there isn't room.

Marge Roberts ask if it can be compared to something.

Ted told her it doesn't compare to anything. It will be a destination. This business will feed itself. There will be a gym, spa memberships, tennis courts, pools, and of course there is the Red Hook golf course. The grounds can be used for cross country skiing, hiking, and there will be an animal habitat along the stream on the property.

Linda Keeling asked if they will implement green technology.

Ted explained that they hope to reuse rain water, storm water and he explained the number of technologies they hope to implement with hopes to have people go there because it is ecological.

### **NYS DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN PRESENTATION – JOE LAIZ**

Supervisor Crane introduced Joe Laiz who was there to talk about a deferred compensation program for employees.

Joe handed out an information packet that employees would receive. He began by giving a brief history of deferred compensation. He explained that it is a part of a trio of programs. 401K is for the private sector, 403B for not-for-profits, and 457 which is governmental. It allows for employees to have a portion of their pay deducted on a pre-tax basis. 95% of the time a percentage of the salary is used. He explained the difference between this and a 401K.

Councilwoman Strawinski asked if there are other municipalities in Dutchess County participating.

Joe told her that most municipalities in Dutchess County are now in the plan.

Supervisor Crane verified the steps to take to put the plan in action.

Joe said it might be advisable to have him available every two years for the employees.

Supervisor Crane suggested having the Board discuss this with Business Manager Deb Marks who could furnish a copy of the resolution to Joe Laiz. She asked Attorney Chale if she would create a resolution and this will be brought back to the Board at the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Supervisor Crane referred to the proposed local law and resolution that relates to the tax levy. The Town is considering a resolution adopting that local law. She read the resolution.

### **RESOLUTION 2011 #88**

RE: AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW NO. E. (PROPOSED) OF 2011, TO BE KNOWN AS LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2011, REGARDING 2012 PROPERTY TAX CAP OVERRIDE

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolution.

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| Adopted | Ayes 4   | Crane, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill |
|         | Nays 0   |                                    |
|         | Absent 1 | Ross                               |

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The vote was taken after the following discussion:

Councilwoman Strawinski feels this is an unfortunate piece of legislation handed to us by Albany and because of other situations we are in, this is something that doesn't come easy, we have no choice in this matter. Many municipalities will be in the same situation.

Councilman Colgan said this is a work in progress and is a function of fiscal responsibility.

Supervisor Crane agrees and the Board will continue to be as responsible as possible. We have bonds that must be paid that were voted on by the community. She referred to notes from Business Manager Deb Marks that might help the Board to focus on what is driving the finances in the budget. She recommended that the Board look at it before the next meeting.

Supervisor Crane explained the resolution. The training that took place on October 5, 2011 was credit bearing for many. She read the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2011 #89**

RE: APPROVING A LAND USE TRAINING COURSE PRESENTED BY MICHELE ROBINSON GREIG OF GREENPLAN, INC. AND VICTORIA POLIDORO OF RAPPORT MEYERS LLP FOR TOWN OF RED HOOK PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilwoman Micki Strawinski moved to approve the resolution.

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| Adopted | Ayes 4   | Crane, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill |
|         | Nays 0   |                                    |
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**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT – METAL DETECTORS**

Supervisor Crane explained that in order for us to apply for grant money the Town Board votes to have those applications submitted. Justice Jonah Triebwasser and Justice Jeff Martin had suggested a metal detector for the court. Our concern was that the hallway would not be ADA compliant if we installed something large enough to prevent a wheelchair from coming in and out. She and Justice Triebwasser measured and he discussed her concerns with the company. The one we would receive would be smaller and lighter than the one in the Village. If anyone comes into court with a wheelchair they could be hand wanded by an officer and the detector could be moved out of the way in that case.

Councilman O'Neill said it seems they answered the question that it is different than the one in the Village. He is in favor of it.

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to authorize the grant money for the purchase of the metal detector.

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| Adopted | Ayes 4   | Crane, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill |
|         | Nays 0   |                                    |
|         | Absent 1 | Ross                               |

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Crane asked for public comments.

*Linda Keeling* asked about the bench if the metal detector is brought in.

Supervisor Crane said the bench will have to be moved. We will find a space for it.

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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| Adopted | Ayes 4   | Crane, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill |
|         | Nays 0   |                                    |
|         | Absent 1 | Ross                               |

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk