

**RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**December 11, 2012**

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 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Town Clerk Sue McCann read the public hearing notice.  
Supervisor Crane opened for comments.  
There were none.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to close the Public Hearing.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	

**RESOLUTION 2012 #72**

RE: APPROVING TOWN OF RED HOOK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK AND THE RED HOOK FIRE COMPANY, INC. FOR 2013 AND 2014 AND A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND THE VILLAGE OF TIVOLI FOR 2013 AND 2014

On a motion of Councilman William O'Neill seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	

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**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

The Supervisor's report dated November 30, 2012 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$2,560,266.59; Receipts - \$471,022.90; Disbursed - \$653,104.61; Balance - \$2,378,184.88. There were the following budget adjustments: General A Fund: total reduce revenues - \$19,709, total increase revenues - \$4,551; total reduce appropriations - \$24,594; total increase appropriations - \$9,436. General B Fund: total increase revenues - \$2,050; total reduce appropriations - \$619; total increase appropriations - \$2,669. In the Highway DB Fund – Total increase revenues - \$800, total increase appropriations - \$1,722; offset to the fund balance appropriate fund balance \$922.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to accept the Supervisor's Report with budget adjustments.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	

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**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk's report for the period November 1 – November 30, 2012 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$1,222.25; amount remitted to NYS Ag. &

Markets - \$71.00; amount remitted to NYS Dept of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$22.50; amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Racing & Wagering - \$15.00; amount remitted to NYS Environmental Conservation - \$1,769.75; Total State, County & Local revenues - \$3,100.50.

Supervisor Crane thanked Town Clerk Sue McCann and Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst for a successful audit of the Town Clerk's office and as Tax Receiver. They do a wonderful, professional job and we are lucky to have them.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Crane made the following announcements:

- The December 26<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting is cancelled. The last meeting will be on December 28 at 10:00 a.m.
- Thanked volunteers and staff for a successful year.
- Acknowledged our Attorney for the Town Christine Chale for a good working relationship
- The Board wishes everyone happy holidays.

Councilwoman Cagle announced a free/reduced cost home energy assessment through NYSEDA. She explained how to apply on line and financing is also available. She urged residents to sign up.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Linda Keeling asked if the Greig Farm music festival will be on tonight's agenda.

Supervisor Crane told her that Mr. Levy was not able to be in Town and meet with the Building Inspector. Once that meeting takes place then they can come before the Town Board.

### **ANIMAL CARE SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Supervisor Crane explained that this agreement is for kennel services for off hours.

#### **RESOLUTION 2012 #73**

RE: APPROVING AN ANIMAL CARE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND STEPHANIE FITZPATRICK

On a motion of Councilwoman Brenda Cagle seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	

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### **RESOLUTIONS**

Business Manager Deb Coon asked the Town Board to pass the resolution for compliance with section 2019-A and the Unified Court System's Action Plan for the Justice Courts. CPA Lori Doty performed the audit.

#### **RESOLUTION 2012 #74**

RE: ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE REQUIRED AUDIT OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK JUSTICE COURT WAS CONDUCTED

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

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	

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Attorney Chale reviewed the following resolution with the Board.

## RESOLUTION 2012 #75

RE: SECOND AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF THE GREIG FAMILY FARM

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

Adopted      Ayes    5            Crane, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle  
                 Nays    0

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### REPORTS

Assessor – Their principal focus remains on collecting data and verifying inventory for the planned town-wide reappraisal next year. They are preparing to mail out exemption renewals in the near future. Assessor Scott Hobson summarized their progress to date.

Planning Board – The Planning Board continued to discuss a major residential subdivision on Feller Newmark Road and a 3 lot subdivision on North Drive. Discussion of Anderson Commons was reopened, and application review for a 96 unit residential development off Old Farm Road began.

Tree Committee – Tree inventory has been completed and they plan to do an inventory at the Recreation Park. Jeanne Duntz prepared a wonderful lunch for the planters. They are applying for a Tree City Growth Award and are also researching setbacks for planting. On December 5<sup>th</sup> Chair Nancy Guski and Linda Keeling attended a workshop on the Emerald Ash Borer. In January they will start writing a Forestry Plan.

Building Inspector – The office handled complaints, collected \$568 in permit fees, performed 40 inspections, generated 17 permit reports, and handed in their yearend report for January through December 2012. The Building Inspectors agreement with the Village of Tivoli is being reviewed and might possibly contain changes due to more activity.

Dog Control – During the month of November there were still two dogs available for adoption. A dog was brought into Dr. MacDonald's and will be up for adoption because no owner came forward. There were two dogs at large and returned that night. The owner licensed the dogs the following week. A complaint about a barking dog and no shelter was addressed with the owner who corrected the dog houses so they were up to NY State law and licensed all three dogs. Two dogs were reported missing and still not found; one resident had a dog stolen from his property. NY State Police were called and the dog was recovered and returned. Subject was arrested and arraigned in RH Town Court on larceny and trespassing charges. A dog bite was reported, the dog owner was counseled of the dog law and he licensed four dogs to that property. There were 38 dog license renewals, 18 new licenses issued and 22 were still outstanding.

Highway Dept. – The Scism Road Bridge is in place.

Police – The report from the Red Hook Village Police department dated October 2012 reported 40 total incidents, 5 arrests, and 27 tickets issued. From the DC Sheriff's Dept. for the month of November there were 102 total incidents. Supervisor Crane explained that we have pretty broad coverage between the Sheriff and the Village.

Purchasing – Purchasing activity for the period October 24 through December 11, 2012 was reported. There were 52 purchase orders issued, the largest to Callanan Industries for blacktop. The Board approved the award to Greenplan Inc as professional Planners, 5 RFP's were reevaluated. A purchase order was awarded to Frank Vosburgh and Sons for clearing the sidewalks on Route 9, three vendors were solicited for the job.

Ag. & Open Space Committee – The Chair of the committee wrote to the Planning Board regarding the proposed development on Feller Newmark Road.

CAC – Their transportation subcommittee connected with the County Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Council who offered a free bike shelter and bike rack on the LOOP bus route, provided we install and maintain it. Possible Town locations were suggested.

Councilman Ross asked if we have Town property to place them on.

Attorney Chale suggested contacting them to set possible suggested sites for the shelters.

Councilwoman Cagle will contact Cynthia Ruiz from DC Transportation about setting this in motion. The waste subcommittee toured the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency's dual stream facility and the new compost facility. They are interested in working with the Village to reach out to local businesses to see if they would like to pilot a compost collection program.

Several committee members attended a wetland workshop hosted by Hudsonia. The water

subcommittee is reviewing grant possibilities for aquifer protection. Modest upgrades have been made to the CAC website to make it a more useful tool for the community.

Disaster Preparedness – They are updating information for the handbook. Chair, Tim Muldoon is involved with the Red Cross and gathers information from them.

EDC – They will be meeting this Thursday and have developed an on-line survey for businesses.

Intermunicipal Task Force –developed a draft proposal regarding historic structures and the Historic Landmark Overlay district.

Recreation Committee – The committee reported that they had a successful summer. They are working on the Rec. Park extension, particularly on access from Aspinwall Road. The previous snack bar owner will not be returning this year and ask if they should pursue another operator. New roofs on the dugouts, maintenance building, snack bar and pavilion may be necessary.

St. Margaret's Committee – Restoration is continuing. The overhead of porch is 90% complete except for painting, the roof is secure and the columns are back in place.

Senior Services – Rhinebeck Committee on Aging Chairperson, Nina Lynch spoke to the committee regarding resources for senior citizens. They received a letter of resignation from Kelly Mosher dated December 6.

Trails Committee – The committee has been discussing plans for fundraising.

Ethics Committee – held three meetings this year and welcomed Sal Guido as their newest member.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Crane shared the following correspondence:

- 2011 annual report from Becky Thornton, President of Dutchess Land Conservancy
- She attended a ceremony for Eagle Scout Alexander Gruber
- Draft for discussion of a Town/School intermunicipal agreement for the Board's review

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Crane opened for comments.

There were none.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk