

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2013

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
Town Clerk Sue McCann
Absent: Councilman Harry Colgan
Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale
Business Manager Deborah Coon

Supervisor Crane welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Deputy Supervisor James Ross will run the night's meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's report dated December 31, 2012 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$2,378,184.88; Receipts - \$226,293.35; Disbursed - \$554,884.04; Balance - \$2,049,594.19. Deputy Supervisor Ross reviewed the revenue appropriation adjustments.

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to accept the Supervisor's report as read with the appropriate budget adjustments.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Colgan

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period January 1 through January 31, 2013 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$7,868.31; Amount paid to NYS Dept of Health - \$22.50; Amount paid to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$89.00; Amount paid to NYS Environmental Conservation - \$146.44; Total State, County & Local revenues - \$8,126.25.

Town Clerk Sue McCann explained that as of today the total amount of taxes received is \$1,401,422.71. Two checks have been issued to the Town for a total of \$999,877.02. She read January's abstract for vouchers #15688 - 15815. In the General A Fund - \$46,737.74; General B Fund - \$20,283.58; Highway DB Fund - \$25,653.05; Capital Projects: Scism Road Bridge - \$177,323.35; Highway Garage - \$37,296.42; SF Fire - \$68,686.00, SL Lighting - \$2,195.74; SW Water O&M - \$5,498.70; Total Abstract - \$383,674.58

Copy of Abstract attached

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Crane made the following announcements:

- We are invited to the Association of Towns meeting this year. She offered to attend the Wednesday meeting but will step aside if an alternate will come forward. Councilman O'Neill offered to act as alternate.

- February 13 - at 6:15 p.m. at the Red Hook High School, the gym will be dedicated to Jack Lewis. He was an incredible community servant.

- The February 27 Town Board meeting will be in Tivoli at the Watts De Peyster Hall, 2nd floor

- Town volunteer Dick Franklin discovered an Empire State antique carousel in the Farmers Museum in Cooperstown. He made a carving representing our Town which will be placed on that carousel. We are very grateful to him. It is an amazing installation.

- Mona Mathes and Barbara Melinsky of the Old Dutch Village Garden Club which is celebrating their 60th anniversary made a contribution for some gardening projects at St. Margaret's Home. They presented a \$200 check to beautify the garden.

Supervisor Crane thanked them for their presentation.

Councilwoman Cagle announced that the tentative date for the Tour De Red Hook is on May 19th and the tentative date for the Spring Cleanup is April 20. The Red Hook Arts Network will have a film festival on February 23 at the firehouse. Tickets are available around town.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Deputy Supervisor Ross opened for public comments.
There were none.

FINAL REPORT 2012 BUDGET – DEBORAH COON

Business Manager Deborah Coon presented the “Ross Report” which is the results of the operation of the year 2012 fund balance. In the General A Fund the fund balance went up \$56,000; General B Fund is up \$75,000; Highway DB Fund is up \$158,000. She explained that the fund balance is just over one million dollars and that is the first time it’s been over one million dollars since 2007. The SF Fund for the fire district is up \$16,000. The street lighting district went down \$1,500 because the Board opted to appropriate some of that fund balance to reduce taxes in 2011. The water district saw an increase of \$29,000. The annual report is due the last day of February and is filed with the State Comptroller on line. She will generate a year-end report and will try to get it to the Board at the February 27 meeting. Deb explained the importance of the fund balance. Right now it is a good healthy fund balance and it is a good buffer to use in the event of an emergency. To get a credit rating through Standard and Poor’s they look at how finances are managed. We recently went through an interview process with a representative from Standard and Poor’s and we retained our AA – rating, which is very good. Supervisor Crane thanked Business Manager Deb Coon for the work she does. Deputy Supervisor Ross thanked Deb for being on top of the budget all the time and said its prudent management.

ENERGY STAR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDMENT

Councilwoman Cagle said they don’t have a draft yet but wanted to update everyone about what is in the works and why we are examining this again. The Building and Zoning Dept. became aware that the Energy Star Certification has been updated to version 3. It includes elements that our Building & Zoning Dept. felt we may not want to include. They suggested that we consider just going through a HERS rating index rather than go through a whole Energy Star Certification process. It is in discussion and there is just a rough draft not ready yet. She spoke with someone from the Department of State in the code enforcement area and he is going help work on this. Deputy Supervisor Ross said it makes a lot of sense because it sounds like it will simplify the process and not exclude any of our local contractors.

TOWN LIGHTING DISTRICT DISCUSSION

Deputy Supervisor Ross explained that the streetlights within the Town are there for public safety for the entire Town population. That is the “town wide” that we all pay for in our taxes. Then there are the consolidated lighting districts which are different districts such as in developments where there are streetlights put in at the time of the development that are paid for by the consolidated district. He gave examples. The cost to Central Hudson of operating and maintaining those lights are paid for by those taxpayers who live within the consolidated lighting district. What brought this up is that there are streetlights on Echo Valley Road that we presumed were part of the consolidated district but are part of Town wide. The Town Board is working on this. Two of the lights were taken care of and one has been put in as part of Town wide district. The other lights will become part of the consolidated district since they were never properly brought into the consolidated district. We have three lighting districts. There is the Town wide, a consolidated and a separate district through Bard College. Echo Valley Road needs to be added to the consolidated district.

Attorney Chale said we appreciate the help we received from Central Hudson. Two lights became Town wide and two other lights installed will become part of the consolidated lighting district.

Attorney Chale suggested holding off on setting a public hearing until after following up with Central Hudson.

Supervisor Crane suggesting being ready with that at the March 12 meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

- Approve Association of Towns 2013 Annual Meeting (Amendments of Bylaws and Legislative Resolutions)

RESOLUTION 2013 #5

RE: APPROVING ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS 2013 ANNUAL MEETING
(AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS AND LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS)

On a motion of Deputy Supervisor James Ross seconded by Councilman William O'Neill moved to approve the Association of Towns proposed amendments to the bylaws and the legislative resolutions as presented to us.

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

- Approval of Bus Stop Sign and Shelter IMA with Dutchess County for LOOP signs and shelters.

Deputy Supervisor Ross read the proposal: Exhibit A – Dutchess County Bus Stop Sign and Shelter Program.

Supervisor Crane read Exhibit B regarding bus stop shelters.

Deputy Supervisor Ross hasn't seen an agreement, just a proposal at this point.

Supervisor Crane thinks it would make a lot of sense to locate one on a corner near where a large number of seniors live.

Councilwoman Cagle said they talked about a couple of locations. One would be by Bard College main entrance and another at the intersection of Routes 199 and 9G. The intersection of Rokeby and Route 9 was another suggestion.

Deputy Supervisor Ross feels we should run possible liabilities by our insurance carrier.

A question arose about maintenance involved.

Supervisor Crane read guidelines for the Town's part regarding snow removal and maintenance.

Councilman O'Neill asked why the Town has to enter into an agreement since the Villages have an agreement. What is it going to cost down the road for liability and maintenance?

The Resolution was tabled for review.

- Support Sister Cities International

Supervisor Crane explained the Sister City program. The resolution authorizes her to extend our relationship to the Town of Kfar Tavor in Galilee as we have with the Town of Mas'ah in Palestine.

RESOLUTION 2013 #6

RE: SUPPORT SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATION BETWEEN RED HOOK AND THE ISRAELI TOWN OF KFAR TAVOR IN GALILEE

On a motion of Deputy Supervisor James Ross seconded by Councilman William O'Neill moved to approve the resolution.

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

- Authorizing the Town Board to Expend Highway Funds

Deputy Supervisor Ross asked Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke if she wanted to explain the expenditure.

Highway Supervisor Burke explained the budget for road repair. This is for funding for specific roads.

RESOLUTION 2013 #7

RE: AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT TO EXPEND HIGHWAY FUNDS

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

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

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- Consent to Red Hook Planning Board to serve as Lead Agency

Deputy Supervisor Ross referred to the Lead Agency coordination request on the Hoffman Traditional Neighborhood Development subdivision and site plan applications.

Nays 0
Absent 1 Colgan

Conservation Advisory Council

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to reappoint Susan Ellis, Jane Ferguson, Ann Rubin and Ross Gould for terms to expire December 31, 2014 and Laurie Husted as Chair for a term to expire December 31, 2013

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

Disaster Preparedness Committee

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to reappoint Tim Muldoon, Richard Franklin, Vincent Coluccio, Eleanor Troy, Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke, Perry Sheldon, Chuck Simmons, Pete Coon, Tom Crisci and Patrick Hildenbrand for terms to expire December 31, 2014 and Tim Muldoon as Chair for a term to expire December 31, 2013.

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

Economic Development Committee

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to reappoint Beth Jones, Dan Budd, Todd Baright, Laura Pensiero, and George Verrilli for terms to expire December 31, 2014 and Chris Klose as Chair for a term to expire December 31, 2013.

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

Ethics Board

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to reappoint Gail Nussbaum for a term to expire December 31, 2017 and Fred Cartier as Chair for a term to expire December 31, 2013.

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

Greenway & Trails Committee

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ross moved to reappoint Rose Ann Fritz Koffler, John Kuhn, and Doug Strawinski for terms to expire December 31, 2014 and appoint Howie Callies as Chair for a term to expire December 31, 2013.

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

IT Committee

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to reappoint Steve Cole, Claire Horst, and Deborah Coon for terms to expire December 31, 2014, Wayne Hildenbrand as Chair for a term to expire December 31, 2013 and Assessor Scott Hobson, Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke and Jeanette Walter as consultants.

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

Intermunicipal Shared Services Task Force

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ross moved to reappoint Harry Colgan, Sue Crane, Brent Kovalchik, Bryan Cranna and Linda Gonnella for terms to expire December 31, 2013.

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

Intermunicipal Task Force

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Ross move to appoint Tim Lynch from Tivoli ZBA and Robert McKeon as members for terms to expire December 31, 2013.

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

Planning Board

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Supervisor Crane moved to reappoint Christine Kane as Chair with a term to expire December 31, 2013 and reappoint Christine Kane for a term to expire December 31, 2019 and Michelle Turck for a term to expire December 31, 2013.

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

Recreation Commission

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to reappoint Doug Strawinski as Chair for a term to expire December 31, 2013, reappoint Doug Strawinski, Barbara Fiore and Shannon Miller for terms to expire December 31, 2014.

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

St. Margaret's Committee

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ross moved to appoint Rosemarie Zengen as Part Time Secretary.

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

Senior Services Committee

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Supervisor Crane moved to reappoint Andrew Kehr as Chair for a term to expire December 31, 2013, and to reappoint Andrew Kehr, Rose Rider, Nick Lacourte, and Dick Franklin for terms to expire December 31, 2014.

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

Sister Cities Working Group

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ross moved to reappoint Jill Lundquist, Jeff Levine, and Jen Huber for terms to expire December 31, 2013.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ross moved to reappoint Nick Annas as Chair for a term to expire December 31, 2013.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Deputy Supervisor Ross opened for public comments.
There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to go into executive session at 10:45 p.m. regarding contract negotiations.

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

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to close the executive session at 11:25 p.m.

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

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to accept the proposal submitted by the President of the Board of Education presented to the Town Supervisor of Red Hook last Thursday with authority to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement.

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

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Deputy Supervisor Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk