

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 11, 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 Harry Colgan
Councilman William O’Neill
Councilwoman Brenda Cagle
Town Clerk Sue McCann

Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale

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

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

The Supervisor’s report dated May 31, 2013 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$3,485,043.03; Receipts - \$205,542.64; Disbursed - \$287,424.49; Balance - \$3,403,161.18. There were the following budget adjustments: General A Fund Total Reduce Revenues - \$12,006; Total Increase Revenues - \$4,842; Total Reduce Appropriations - \$13,811; Total Increase Appropriations - \$6,647. General B Fund Total Increase Revenues - \$10,000; Total Reduce Appropriations - \$3,450; Total Increase Appropriations - \$13,450. Highway DB Fund Total Reduce Revenues - \$2,954; Total Increase Revenues - \$28,453. Other Funds and Capital Projects Total Reduce Appropriations - \$2,802; Total Increase Appropriations - \$2,802.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to approve the Supervisor’s Report with budget adjustments.

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

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Supervisor Crane informed the Board that Business Manager Deborah Coon provided the Town of Red Hook Budgeted Expenditures for consideration. Budget discussions will begin within a month. She pointed out the mortgage tax revenue. We are optimistic that we will receive the amount we budgeted this year which is \$138,000. She explained that Dutchess County has discussed the opening of a Workers Compensation Self-Insured Program with various Supervisors in the area. If we feel our Town would benefit from it we should express interest. Several of our counterparts told her they’ve saved significantly. We will have an opportunity to pass a resolution tonight. She referred to a hand out from the Workers Comp. Coordinator which determines what our rating would be. We currently pay NYMER \$49,117 annually. If we join this pool of participants it appears that we will pay \$6,879 for a half year which begins July 1. A company named PMA is the administrator of the County’s program.

Councilman Ross asked how long this has been in effect and if they are rated. Supervisor Crane said they offered this to municipalities this year. They are very highly rated. Councilman Ross is concerned that it looks too good.

Supervisor Crane said the Director of Risk Management has had extensive experience. Where this is tricky is that we have to have the answer by this Thursday so that we can legitimately cancel the policy we have to sign on for July 1. Dutchess County has promised to examine the medical insurance possibility with all of us pooling together. It would be a huge savings.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

The Town Clerk’s report for the period May 1 through May 31, 2013 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$2,596.28; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$63.00; Amount remitted to NYS Department of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$135.00; Amount remitted to NYS Environmental Conservation - \$796.47; Total State, County and Local Revenue - \$3,590.75.

May 2013 Abstract – Vouchers #16231 through 16343 were approved for payment by the Board for the month of May.

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Town Clerk Sue McCann published and posted a notice of solicitation of applications for the Red Hook Community Preservation Plan.

RESOLUTION – EAGLE SCOUT JEREMY M.B. TAYLOR

Supervisor Crane read the resolution honoring Jeremy M.B. Taylor, Eagle Scout.

RESOLUTION 2013 #42

RE: HONORING JEREMY M.B.TAYLOR IN ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

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

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

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Proposed Local Law F to correct inconsistent provisions of the Zoning Law regarding required votes for actions of the Town of Red Hook Zoning Board of Appeals

Town Clerk Sue McCann read the public hearing notice that was published in the Poughkeepsie Journal, Kingston Freeman, posted on the Town’s website, the Town Clerk’s Office and sent to the two Villages.

Supervisor Crane opened the public hearing for comments.

There were no comments.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to close the public hearing.

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

-Adopt a new Chapter 64 of the Code of the Town of Red Hook entitled “Dog Parks”

Town Clerk Sue McCann read the public hearing notice that was published in the Poughkeepsie Journal, Kingston Freeman, posted on the Town’s website, the Town Clerk’s Office and sent to the two Villages.

Supervisor Crane opened the public hearing for comments.

Bruce Washburn of Rhinebeck told the Board that everything is lined up and ready to go. They hope to open in July.

Residents in attendance were in favor of the dog park.

Supervisor Crane asked if there were any more 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	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Crane announced that the Red Hook High School graduation is June 22 at 11:00 a.m., Linden Ave. Middle School

Councilman O’Neill congratulated the high school boys and girls Lacrosse teams and high school track team’s Grace Weisbecker, NYS pole vault champion. He also announced that the Red Hook Alumni Association’s annual business meeting is on July 27 at 7 p.m. at Hillside Manor, Kingston.

Councilwoman Cagle announced a workshop on Green Infrastructure for Storm Water Management on June 21 from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Taconic Regional Office in Staatsburg. It would be of interest for some of our Planning and Zoning Board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

- Requesting assistance from the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority regarding the proposed Hoffman TND subdivision at Old Farm Road

Attorney Chale explained that the developer is exploring their options and would like to pursue discussion with DCWWA. DCWWA wants to hear from the Town about it. She then explained the resolution.

Councilman Ross said that this application came from both the applicant and the Planning Board.

Councilman Colgan asked to what extent the Town would own the matter in the future.

Attorney Chale explained there are a couple of different options for establishment of this type of community system. She explained those options. In their review DCWWA would ask that the type of system meet their standards. They would theoretically potentially act as a backup to take over the system if that became necessary in the future. That is one reason it might be useful to have them investigate. There are no commitments this is an invitation to them.

RESOLUTION 2013 #43

RE: REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER AUTHORITY REGARDING THE PROPOSED HOFFMAN TND SUBDIVISION AT OLD FARM ROAD

On a motion of Councilwoman Brenda Cagle 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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Supervisor Crane announced the free summer recreation programs are available to the children in Red Hook.

- Authorizing Central Hudson to proceed with street lighting change-outs.

Supervisor Crane explained the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2013 #44

RE: AUTHORIZING CENTRAL HUDSON TO PROCEED WITH STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK LIGHTING DISTRICTS

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

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

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Councilman Ross understands that there is a credit and no cost to the Town.

Supervisor Crane said yes, there is a benefit to us and it reduces our carbon footprint as well.

- SEQR review (EAF short form) of Local Law E (proposed) of 2013 entitled “Dog Parks”

Attorney Chale reviewed the resolution with the Town Board which is to declare the negative declaration.

RESOLUTION 2013 #45

RE: ADOPTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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

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

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- Authorizing adoption of Local Law E (proposed) of 2013 to adopt a new Ch. 64 of the Code of the Town of Red Hook entitled "Dog Parks"
Supervisor Crane explained and read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2013 #46

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW E (PROPOSED) OF 2013

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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- Approving intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Rhinebeck re: Dog Parks
Attorney Chale explained the resolution.
Supervisor Crane read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2013 #47

RE: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF RHINEBECK REGARDING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES REGARDING RHINEBECK DOG PARK

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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- Approving Local Law F re: Zoning Law revision
Supervisor Crane explained the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2013 #48

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW F (PROPOSED) OF 2013

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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- Authorizing filing of certificate with Secretary of State regarding Notices of Claim
Attorney Chale explained the resolution. Legislation was adopted to permit the filing of a Notice of Claim with the Secretary of State instead of Town Clerks. The Association of Towns recommends identifying the person the Secretary of State sends the notice to. She explained why the law was enacted. The Association of Towns is not in favor of this but suggested we pass the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2013 #49

RE: AUTHORIZING FILING OF CERTIFICATE WITH SECRETARY OF STATE REGARDING NOTICES OF CLAIM

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

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

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- Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to issue an RFP for demolition of the former Highway Garage including disposition of scrap materials.

Supervisor Crane explained the resolution. She read the Short Environmental Assessment Form for unlisted actions only.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Ross moved to accept the Short Environmental Assessment Form

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

Supervisor Crane read the following resolution.
Attorney Chale suggested minor revisions to the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2013 #50

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER HIGHWAY GARAGE IN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK

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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- Election to be a participant in the Dutchess Count Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Plan
Supervisor Crane explained the resolution. She suggested voting to withdraw from the current plan if the Board chooses to vote for the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2013 #51

RE: ELECTION BY THE TOWN OF RED HOOK TO BE A PARTICIPANT IN THE DUTCHESS COUNTY SELF-INSURED WORKERS' COMPENSATION PLAN

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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On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to withdraw from the current compensation plan by July 1, 2013.

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

- To submit a joint Town and Village application to the 2013 Dutchess Count Shared Services Grant Program to facilitate shared highway services

Supervisor Crane explained the resolution. It authorizes the Town to act as lead agency. Training is one of the things the County's program is willing to support in an effort to reach efficiencies between governments that have some overlap. Whatever the goal is for the grant would have to be accomplished within 18 months. The Town and Villages will prepare Intermunicipal Agreements, and enter into contracts for training, equipment and consulting fees for a joint and total financial obligation not to exceed \$120,000; with each entity responsible for its portion of any percent required as match by the grant program. She asked the Board if they thought the estimated amount should be amended. It should be a reasonable request. The deadline for the application is June 27th.

Councilman Colgan said this is difficult to do but it is an opportunity we just can't pass up. Supervisor Crane pointed out the general guidelines in the packet the Board has. This is our opportunity to act as lead agency. An objective we've all talked about is cooperative highway services. It is a large chunk of our budget but if we can apply for this we might be better off in terms of our budgets. She will meet with the Villages to see how they feel. We have an

application into NYS Dept. of State for a study. We could use that money to get someone to do an analysis. This program is not for equipment it is for new efforts.
Councilman O'Neill read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2013 #52

RE: AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD TO SUBMIT A JOINT TOWN AND VILLAGE APPLICATION TO THE 2013 DUTCHESS COUNTY SHARED SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM TO FACILITATE SHARED HIGHWAY SERVICES

On a motion of Councilman William O'Neill seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Cagle moved to approve the resolution.

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

There were none.

Councilwoman Cagle mentioned that she spoke with Red Hook Village Mayor Blundell who asked her to express that he responded to a letter from the Water Department. He is willing to have a conversation about public water supply with our Town.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk