

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 9, 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
Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst

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 June 30, 2013 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$3,403,161.18; Receipts - \$2,396,939.27; Disbursed - \$2,104,494.01; Balance - \$3,695,606.44. There were the following budget adjustments: General B Fund – Total increase in appropriations - \$1,439.00; Highway DB Fund – Total increase in appropriations - \$6,200.00; Water Works O&M SW Fund - \$2,000.00.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilwoman Cagle 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 June 1 – June 30, 2013 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to Supervisor - \$1,076.33; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$52.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$67.50; Amount remitted to NYS Environmental Conservation - \$705.58; Total State, County & Local revenues - \$1,901.41

June 2013 Abstract – Vouchers 16344 through 16424 were approved for payment by the Town Board for the month of June.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Crane made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to Mill Road Elementary School teacher Sandy Hickey for receiving the NY State Firemen's Association Teacher of the Year award.
- She attended a seminar that Bard College hosted at the Elmendorph Inn through the Center for Civic Engagement. Representatives from the local community met with international representatives from 16 countries.
- Acknowledged Linda Stoddard for the work she did getting donations from the banks for the Senior Picnic that was held June 26. She also thanked the local banks, the Office of the Aging, and the Senior Citizen's committee
- Jeremy Taylor, Eagle Scout is the son of Mike Taylor and Denise Barton. She explained that she mistakenly said he was the son of Rob Taylor.
- Town Hall will close at noon on Fridays for the months of July and August.

Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke said the Highway Department will keep their already scheduled summer hours.

- Red Hook/Rhinebeck Elks Lodge #2022 - Community Day on July 27 from noon to 4 p.m.

Councilman O'Neill announced that the Town received a Greenway Grant for \$7,500. He thanked those who worked on the grant application. The grant will be used to continue the Town's efforts to protect historic and scenic resources. The funds will go toward legal review of the new regulations as well as for amendments of the Town's scenic roads program.

Supervisor Crane noted that our planner, Greenplan, developed the application for that grant and she thanked Ted Fink and Michelle Greig.

Councilwoman Cagle congratulated the Dog Park Committee for collecting \$11,500 in donations to help move it along. She acknowledged Paul Piastro and Bruce Washburn. Their goal is to have it open by this month.

Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke announced the weight limit reduction on the Linden Avenue Bridge. At this time it is open to passenger cars only.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

There were none.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BECOMING AN AMICUS CURIAE IN ACTIONS INVOLVING MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Supervisor Crane asked Attorney Chale to explain the resolution.

Attorney Chale said this supports the decision that Towns can regulate gas drilling through home rule powers. We adopted some regulations ourselves. This is a further appeal effort.

Councilwoman Cagle said this just says we support this as a home rule.

Attorney Chale said this says we are in favor of the position of communities.

Supervisor Crane said we voted for years in favor of home rule at the Association of Town's meetings. She read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2013 #53

RE: THAT THE TOWN OF RED HOOK APPROVE BECOMING AN AMICUS CURIAE IN ACTIONS INVOLVING MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEWYORK

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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MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY FUNDS FOR PAVING STONE CHURCH ROAD TO NORTON ROAD

Supervisor Crane explained that this is related to permanent improvement of Town highways. She read the agreement.

Highway Superintendent Therese Burke said due to the rain the road work will be put off for one to two weeks.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to approve the agreement for expenditure of highway funds.

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

BOND RESOLUTION FOR OLD HIGHWAY GARAGE DEMOLITION

Supervisor Crane explained the resolution. We are asking for the Board's consideration of the bond resolution. There will be associated costs with the demolition and she explained those unexpected costs. The bond resolution is for a 5 year term not to exceed \$100,000. If the expenses aren't that high we will not borrow it all.

Councilman Colgan commented that this is a must do, it is not an option.

Councilwoman Cagle asked if there is soil contamination.

Supervisor Crane told her that we have the results of the initial samplings and there was not a spill. After the tank is removed they will sample again. The resolution can be amended if the costs associated with the project are in excess. She read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2013 #54

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD HIGHWAY GARAGE IN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK

AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

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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BOARD REPORTS

Planning – The Board reviewed an application for Certificate of Appropriateness in Barrytown, granted site plan approval to an expansion at Devereux, continued to review the proposed Hoffman TND subdivision, continued to review a minor subdivision on North Road and continued to review a minor subdivision on Budds Corners Road.

Zoning – Heard the Public Hearing for Trevor and Joanna Baker, approved the fence as shown on the Bakers plot plan and granted the variance. They also heard the review of appeal of Lorraine A. Reeve's application for property on Benner Road.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assessor's Office – NY Real Property Services gave a change in level of assessment of .9979. We are maintaining a 100% assessment for 2013 and the roll has been completed and reconciled. Linda Stoddard is going to help the Assessor's office with data entry and she and Deputy Assessor Diana Picciano are going to continue taking photographs. A representative from NYS Real Property feels we are on target and can get this done by the end of the fiscal year.

Budget Officer – Rose Rider, Budget Officer, attended a Local Government Leadership Institute in New Paltz. They introduced the new Fiscal Stress Monitoring System for Municipalities and School Systems. She explained the presentation, and is in the process of reviewing the self assessment tool.

Building Inspector – Building Inspector Steve Cole attended the 26th annual Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference and successfully completed 19 hours of in-service training. The report for the period June 11- July 9, 2013 was as follows: Complaints – 2; Certificates issued – 25; Total fees collected - \$3179.00; Inspection report – 46; Permit reports – 18.

Grant Application – Supervisor Crane thanked Paula Schoonmaker for shepherding the St. Margaret's grant applications. She managed to get through the process and we are very close to closure. She agreed to work on the grant application for shared services with the Villages and hand delivered the application. Supervisor Crane also thanked Councilwoman Cagle for helping Paula run a spreadsheet for the application.

Highway Dept. – Supervisor Crane asked Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke to thank the highway crew for the work they did digging up the old tank by hand to prevent anything from happening. We appreciate them going above and beyond especially in the terrible weather.

Village Police – In the month of May there were 60 total incidents reported, 6 arrests, and 38 total tickets issued. In June there were 69 total incidents, 3 arrests, and 22 total tickets issued.

Purchasing – During the period of May 22 to July 9, 2013 there were 60 purchase orders issued in the amount of \$154,821.43. The largest to Callanan Industries.

Water Department – The report for the month of May showed that the wells are above level even though they are pumping more per day. Some valve replacement and repairs are being made and they are clearing around fences at the pump house and tank. There was a hydrant flushing in May and they are still working on meter replacement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ag. & Open Space Committee – Working on different tourism related agricultural projects.

CPFP – They intend to meet to do the work required if we are to use CPF funds for two proposals we have for PDR.

CAC – Heard a presentation by a group called Citizens for Local Power. It is a municipal consortium that is working to get more communities to band together for the purpose of negotiating with utilities. They continue to participate in the County's bicycle count and review Planning Board minutes,

Disaster Preparedness – FEMA Command System was a discussion at the last meeting. They'd like to provide training to municipal employees. There is a guide on the Town's website. Co-Chair Tim Muldoon cleared up information about emergency shelters. The Red Cross makes the decisions in that regard. Pets may not be brought to shelters during an emergency. DART is the organization to contact regarding pets.

Intermunicipal Task Force – Continue to discuss and review two pending applications for PDR. They also studied a proposed change in zoning as contained in a draft from Greenplan, Inc.
Recreation Commission - We now have a tobacco free park and signs have been posted. Residents have been very cooperative. Final repairs from the hurricane are being done. The Summer Rec. Program is in full swing and there will be two new youth members on the Recreation Commission.

St. Margaret's Committee – Their recommendation for the building is that the main floor be used for community purposes, the second floor should be rented out to non-profit organizations and the basement should be used to store archives.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Crane referred the Board to correspondence in their packets for their consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.
There were none.

ATTORNEY/CLIENT

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to go into Attorney/Client session at 8:36 p.m. regarding contracts.

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

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to adjourn the Attorney/Client session.

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

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Horst, Deputy Town Clerk