

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 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 Harry Colgan
Councilman William O'Neill
Town Clerk Sue McCann
Absent: Councilwoman Brenda Cagle
Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale

Supervisor Crane welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. She acknowledged the Veteran's Day service sponsored by VFW Post 7765 that took place at the Memorial Park.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period October 1 – October 31, 2013 was read as follows:
Total local shares remitted to Supervisor - \$1,270.67; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$65.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$157.50; Amount remitted to NYS DEC – \$2,301.33; Total State, County & Local revenue - \$3,794.50

Supervisor Crane congratulated Town Clerk Sue McCann, Councilman Bill O'Neill and Councilman Jim Ross on their re-election.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Crane made the following announcements:

- The old highway demolition is complete. It has been totally cleaned up and she thanked Washington Estate Transport, Inc. who did such a wonderful job with that demolition. The results are amazing. She also thanked Amy Haight from Crawford & Associates who oversaw the project on the Town's behalf, Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke and Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy, Councilman Colgan, Building Inspector Steve Cole, Attorney Chale, the Town Board, the Town Clerk and Environ-Clean who made sure it was done correctly and safely. We will develop a plan for the future of the campus.
- The Shared Services Grant through Dutchess County Shared Services Grant competition was awarded to the Town in the amount of \$79,000 to study collaboration among the Villages of Red Hook, Tivoli and the Town of Red Hook to look at ways to be more efficient and effective in eliminating duplication of service while providing better service. She, Tivoli Mayor Bryan Cranna, Village of Red Hook Mayor Ed Blundell and Councilman Colgan will be meeting regularly to explore exactly what each municipality is looking for and what their needs are and how to move forward with a practical solution to each of their problems. They are expected to collaborate whenever possible. Since Highway is the largest expenditure in all three budgets it makes sense to take a close look at this and see if there are ways to save money and still deliver superior services.
- Red Hook is part of an exciting new project that is funded by the Department of Energy. They put out a \$2.4 million initiative to have proposals to lower costs of installing solar. She explained how the Town got involved in being a part of the program. It is a project to explore ways to streamline the solar installation process and lower the cost of solar by using an innovative financing solution and information technology solution. 16 municipalities across the State have been selected to participate and the Town of Red Hook was one. CAC Chair Laurie Husted has agreed to be the contact person.
- Town Hall will close at noon the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, close Thanksgiving Day, and Friday after Thanksgiving. Town Hall will also be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for comments.
There were none.

BUDGET 2014 REPORT/DISCUSSION

Supervisor Crane explained the issue of the tax cap override; there is purchase of development rights commitments, highway garage demolition, recreation park tractor had to be part of our capital plan, the Scism Road Bridge money expended as a result of the storm and flooding. She will answer any questions from the public if they wish to call her. We would like the State to reconsider the fact that municipalities may not exempt capital expenditures from that override. In the case of schools those are exempt. The Board believes there are long term expenses that the Town must invest in. This is a good budget. It was filed with New York State.

TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD STREET STANDARDS DISCUSSION

Supervisor Crane asked Councilman O'Neill to lead this discussion.

Councilman O'Neill explained the four page draft created by the Town Planner with the Task Force dated October 28, 2013. It sets forth the proposed standards for the TND. This is new for the Town. There has been a lot of discussion with developers and it addresses the street standards that would be applied within the Traditional Neighborhood District. A resolution to amend the road specifications of the Town is proposed. For years we've has functioned by the highway specs adopted in 1992, last revised in 1995. The Attorney for the Town will review the four page draft. Some changes have been made and will hopefully be finalized this Friday to be presented to the Town Board for their consideration.

BOARD REPORTS

ZBA – meets tomorrow evening. They have reviews of appeal and a public hearing.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Dog Park – The grand opening of the dog park was November 2.

Assessor's Office – Councilman Ross presented the report generated by Assessor Scott Hobson.

Building Inspector – For the period 10/23/13 – 11/06/13 there were 7 permits; 14 certificates; 50 inspections; 2 complaints; and \$950.00 in permit fees collected.

Highway Department – The Highway Superintendent made recommendations for the 2014 bids. Ice control abrasives – A. Colarusso & Son, Inc.; Hot Mix Asphalt – A. Colarusso & Son, Inc.; Tree removal – Everhart Tee Care; Materials recommendations are Callanan Quarry, Red Wing Properties, Inc and A. Colarusso & Son, Inc. The recommendation for the 10' Steel Sander Body is to award to Zwack, Inc. Resolutions will be prepared next month for the bid awards.

Purchasing – Worked on the demolition of the old highway garage (Quonset hut).

Police – Village Police report for the month of October: total incidents -76; total arrests – 6; total tickets issued – 12. Dutchess County Sheriff's office: total incidents – 94 in October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ag. & Open Space Committee – had a presentation on taxes and assessments for farms.

EDC – Jacob Bump applied to become a member of the EDC. He has been attending their meetings and has a major investment in the community.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilman Ross moved to appoint Jacob Bump to the Economic Development Committee.

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

Councilman Colgan said regarding the transfer tax commercial properties are taxed the same as on residential properties. Commercial properties are taking a substantial hit regarding tax. That tax is created by State law and changes would have to be made at a State level. Talking to a State representative is how we'd go about changing it since they would have to take it into consideration to alter the legislation. He will talk to our State representatives.

Intermunicipal Task Force – They are reviewing standards for roads in the TND.

Recreation Commission – Outlined everything done to close the park. Discussion is ongoing regarding future events, one possibly being a fund raiser. Maintenance is also ongoing.

Sister City Committee – Their goal is to better inform the community of events. In January they will talk to the Board about what has been developing.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comment.

There were none.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to go to Attorney/Client session at 8:30 p.m.

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

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Supervisor Crane moved to close the Attorney/Client session.

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

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk