

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 26, 2014

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: Councilman James Ross
Councilman Harry Colgan
Councilman William O'Neill
Councilwoman Brenda Cagle
Town Clerk Sue McCann
Absent: Supervisor Sue Crane

Deputy Supervisor James Ross welcomed everyone and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERVISOR'S REVISED MONTHLY REPORT

Deputy Supervisor Ross read the revised monthly statement dated January 31, 2014. Opening balance - \$2,622,175.31; Receipts - \$113,527.85; Disbursed - \$332,041.58; Balance - \$2,403,661.58. There were no budget adjustments.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to accept the revised January 31, 2014 statement.

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

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The monthly statement of the Supervisor dated February 28, 2014 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$2,403,661.58; Receipts - \$324,866.87; Disbursed - \$272,658.12; Balance - \$2,455,870.33. There were no budget adjustments.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to accept the February 28, 2014 statement.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Supervisor Ross announced the Highway Shared Services public kickoff meeting. It will take place on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The meeting is to inform the public about the shared services study.

Councilman O'Neill congratulated the Red Hook High School boy's basketball team for their success this year going to Glens Falls.

Councilwoman Cagle announced that Red Hook CAN is looking for volunteers. The library is sponsoring a Job Search 101 on the first and third Tuesday of the month. April 20 is Arbor Day and May 4 is the annual Tour de Red Hook family bike ride.

ROUTE 9G SAFETY DISCUSSION

Councilwoman Cagle gave an update. She and Supervisor Crane attended two meetings on the topic. All parties were there because of the recent deaths in that area. A flashing light will be installed at the intersection by Memorial Day weekend. By the summer the State is also going to widen the shoulders of 9G from Route 199 to the Columbia County line. This has already been in their work plan. The Greenway & Trails Committee and the Tivoli Greens Committee has been working with Bard and the DEC in making improvements to the trail that runs through Tivoli Bays. Bard and the DEC are going to provide the labor and materials and are going to ask our volunteer committees to perform maintenance. Bard College is working on techniques to better define the corridor in the area where the college entrance borders 9G.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Deputy Supervisor Ross opened for public comments.

A Red Hook Observer reporter asked about the road widening. He is getting a different story from the DOT. He is looking for an accurate report. Councilwoman Cagle said she'll check into it. The shoulder width is in question.

BOARD REPORTS

Planning Board – The Planning Board approved three new business projects and continues to review two major subdivisions. They recently began to review Bard College's application to construct a new parking lot for Olin Hall using green infrastructure.

ZBA – No business – will meet in early April.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Water Department – Water Department Chair Henry VanParys presented recommendations regarding the Kirchhoff Development (Hoffman) property. He reviewed the items the Water Board agreed on regarding that development. If the Village is to be the primary water supplier, the Water Board recommends that they agree to a viable interconnection with the Town Water District. The Town should agree to be a back up supplier. Engineering studies can determine what is needed for the route of the interconnection and the adequacy of our water supply. Councilman O'Neill asked if we should set up a meeting with the Village and the Town Water Board.

Richard Rang addressed using Rokeby and the Village water systems. They could each provide about 50%. He explained the standards and processing plans and approvals.

Animal Control – There were two at large dogs, three wildlife calls, called 48 owners who were delinquent. One cat was returned to owner.

Assessor – Councilman O'Neill met with the Assessor twice in March. Another meeting is scheduled for this week. They continue to work on the annual update reassessment for the current roll to be published May 1. They did not meet the State standard to submit a reappraisal reassessment for 2014 that would have resulted in the Town being able to apply for an incentive rebate which is about \$5.00 per parcel. That is a concern and the Board is trying to understand why that happened. Revaluations are continuing.

Budget Officer – Started work on updating the capital expenditure 5 year plan. All items requested will be reviewed. A form for each request will be kept on file for future years. The process should establish a more formal method of review each year in order to determine the need for capital expenditures.

Building Department – For the period February 24 to March 25, 2014 there were: 9 permits; 35 inspections; 2 complaints; 16 CO's issued.

Grant – Councilwoman Cagle attended a DOT grant workshop today. We may reapply for funding for the sidewalks.

Highway – They are requesting replacement of a one ton dump truck. Specs for the truck were provided. The truck is a year round workhorse and will replace a 14 year old truck.

DC Sheriff – In January there were 76 total incidents; in February there were 83 total incidents.

Purchasing – During the period February 25 – March 25, 2014 there were 38 purchase orders issued in the amount of \$69,540.19. The Highway Shared Services Consultant contract was approved and issued to Rondout & Fairweather of Kingston, New York. The kick off meeting is Wednesday, April 2. The public is invited to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ag. & Open Space Committee – They will meet with the ZRC on April 10 regarding agricultural fencing.

CAC – High School Seniors are encouraged to apply for the \$500 Ruth Oja Scholarship if interested in majoring in environmental studies. Volunteers are being sought to assist migrating amphibians and learn more about their movements. Red Hook has nine known crossings.

EDC – Met today and discussed starting a website "What's Happening in Red Hook".

Intermunicipal Task Force – They discussed the projected TND on Old Farm Road with the development officials. They also agreed that the research by Historic Red Hook be extended to complete further review

Recreation Commission – They cleared the ice from the driveway entrance and are preparing the recreation park for use. Weather is causing them to be behind. They are also working on a new Summer Camp Program. It will be promoted within a month.

St. Margaret's Committee – The committee is looking for new members. There have been complaints about unauthorized vehicles like ATVs and are considering signage to discourage it. Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro will attend the next meeting to help them with the

phone survey for the Town. They also had a representative from Valley Oil to talk about the heating system.

Senior Services Committee –Two issues they are addressing is Friends of Seniors and Aging in Place. Both issues were explained.

Greenway & Trails Committee – The widening of Route 9G was discussed. The Tour de Red Hook is planned for May 4. The possibility of building a boardwalk as an alternative to rocks and culverts to traverse the 75 foot wet area on the Aspinwall access trail was also discussed.

Tree Committee – Their planting day, Arbor Day is April 26.

Zoning Review Committee – Will be meeting with the Ag. & Open Space Committee on April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall.

On a motion of Deputy Supervisor James Ross seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss contracts.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk