

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 8, 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: Supervisor Sue Crane
Councilman Harry Colgan
Councilman William O'Neill
Councilwoman Brenda Cagle
Town Clerk Sue McCann
Absent: Councilman James Ross

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The monthly Supervisor's statement dated March 31, 2014 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$2,455,870.33; Receipts - \$7,200,860.14; Disbursed - \$4,782,146.81; Balance - \$4,874,583.66. There were the following budget adjustments: In SF Fire, Other Funds, & Capital Projects: Increase appropriations \$12,000 - Red Hook FIRE contract PLUS for APs 2013 Capital Expenditures and Recruitment; \$10,000 - Tivoli FIRE contract PLUS for APs 2013 Capital Expenditures for a total increase in appropriations of \$22,000. Offset to the fund balance is appropriate the fund balance - \$22,000; reduce appropriated fund balance - \$22,000.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to accept the Supervisor's report with budget adjustments.

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

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Councilwoman Cagle noted the amount of \$405,391.66 in the Community Preservation Fund.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period March 1 - March 31, 2014 as read as follows: Total local shares remitted to Supervisor - \$1,733.88; amount paid to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$61.00; amount paid to NYS DOH for Marriage Licenses - \$45.00; amount paid to NYS DEC - \$23.62; Total State, County & Local revenue - \$1,863.50.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Crane announced the following:

- A kickoff Shared Services meeting for Highway consolidation study on April 2 was well attended.
 - April 26th at 10:00 a.m. there will be a tree dedication in honor of Johanna Moore for her many years of service, taking place at the recreation park pavilion.
 - May 6th the DC Supervisor's and Mayors Association will meet at Copperfield's in Millbrook to discuss the impact of the proposal to freeze budgets.
 - May 17 a bicycle tune up from 1 - 4 p.m. at the High School
 - May 18 is the Tour de Red Hook from 1 - 3 p.m. beginning at the recreation park pavilion.
 - County Executive Marc Molinaro signed a proposal to repeal the energy tax.
 - NYSDOT will begin installation of shoulders on both sides of 4.8 miles of Route 9G from Route 199 to the Columbia County line.
 - Free home repairs - Rebuilding Together. Income eligibility based. Call 845-454-7310.
 - DC Bar Association Mock Trial with Justice Martin in Town Hall on April 10 at 4 p.m.
- Councilwoman Cagle announced the winners of the DEC Environmental Camp, Nicholas Urbin and Hunter Nelson. She explained the process. VFW Commander Bill Moore made the presentations. The Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) is the sponsor and the VFW provides funding.

PROCLAMATION

Supervisor Crane prepared a proclamation for the grand opening of Cancun Restaurant in the Village of Red Hook.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments. There were none.

LIBRARY BUDGET OVERVIEW

Supervisor Crane referred to the overview the Board received of the budget expenses and incomes for the Red Hook library and Tivoli library. It will be in the Town Clerks Office for anyone interested in reading it. There will be a referendum on the school vote in May this year to decide whether or not to increase payment to the two libraries.

RESOLUTION

Supervisor Crane referred to a resolution authorizing Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy to go out for bid for a 10’ steel sander for the Highway Dept. Bids are due by 2:00 p.m. on May 6, 2014. Attorney Christine Chale read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2014 #6

RE: AUTHORIZING PURCHASING AGENT TO GO OUT FOR BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF 10 FOOT STEEL SANDER FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, WITH BIDS TO BE RECEIVED BY 2:00 P.M. ON MAY 6, 2014

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilman William O’Neill moved to approve the resolution as read.

Adopted	Ayes 4	Crane, Colgan, O’Neill, Cagle
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross
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TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) DISCUSSION

Councilwoman Cagle explained the federal funding administered by the State Highway Department. Our region will receive over \$6 million in grant money. The minimum project amount is \$250,000. The purpose of the grant funding is for infrastructure for off road transportation, particularly pedestrian and bicycle. It also has sub-categories for landscaping that might be helpful as it relates to the projects applied for. She would like to apply for sidewalks on the south side of Route 9 from Town Hall to Hannaford. Last year we submitted for a portion, but now would like to go for the whole thing. The deadline is June 11. The Board will wait until Councilwoman Cagle can provide the amount of money to request.

EDC REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR A TOWN EVENTS CALENDAR

Councilman Colgan explained the idea of an events calendar that the EDC would like to establish. The website that they are interested in using will cost the Town \$99.00 a year. It would provide information about “what’s happening in Red Hook”.

WATER DISTRICT OPTIONS –DISCUSSION

Supervisor Crane wanted to discuss some of the decisions in front of the Board revolving around municipal water for our residents. It is likely that we are going to have proposals for municipal water connections and we want to be sensitive and sensible in looking to the future in making these decisions. There is a proposal for development on Old Farm Road. The Hoffman property is the particular issue at hand. We are being asked to make a decision about the management of the water plant for that development. We have to look into our relationship with the Village who is proposing to sell Village water to them which is contiguous with their water system. For many years we talked about emergency possibilities between the Town of Red Hook Water District #1 and the Village water district. She asked Water Department Chair Henry VanParys about the establishment of the Red Hook Water District. She knows it began with volunteers. Hank VanParys explained the beginnings of Water District #1. There is a vault on the property for a Village connection. It was assumed that the Village had a 6 inch main but when they did the connection they found that it is a 4 inch main which limits the amount of water that can be pushed through. It would be a good supplement for the Village if they had a problem. The Town district does not have enough pressure, because the difference in elevation, to pump water to the Village if there is any water in their tank. He thinks an engineering study is needed, as well as a variable frequency drive pump. He explained how those pump work.

Councilman O'Neill asked if the 4" pipe is used.
 Hank told him it is used, it goes down Willowbrook Lane.
 Supervisor Crane asked about the size of the pipe going down Route 9.
 Hank didn't know for sure. We need to know the capability of existing pipes. Connections and meters are there, never been used. Capability is not determined.
 Supervisor Crane said we just want to be forward thinking and do the right thing while we can. She wants to make sure whatever arrangement is made serves everyone's needs.
 Hank said what is needed to make it work is pressure.
 Councilman Colgan said we have a lot of resources and it is a function of tying them together.
 Councilwoman Cagle asked about Hank's recommendation of engineering studies.
 Hank explained. We would have to amend DEC permits to allow pumping and servicing. Currently we are allowed to supply up to 720 homes.
 Councilman O'Neill asked if we connected to the Village, would they withdraw as needed, on demand or on a constant flow.
 Hank explained the pump sensor that senses pressure. It would come on as needed.
 Supervisor Crane would like to ask the Village officials to meet with some of us who are interested maybe as soon as next week. She wonders why there is discomfort in providing a backup to a project that we want to see succeed.
 Hank said one reason for discomfort is money. It cannot work without some investment. Who pays that? The Town Water District really can't.
 Councilman Colgan feels there should be some sort of district in the south end.
 Supervisor Crane suggested possibly an inter-municipal agreement that would spell out what an engineer agrees would solve the problem. She would like to talk with Bridget Barclay from DC Water & Waste Water. She asked Richard Rang who represents Kirchhoff if he had any thoughts.
 Richard Rang said they looked into the Village and Rokeby water systems to provide water for the TND on the Hoffman property. He explained the "safety net" of having connections that have three suppliers together. Future development of the corridor is also a consideration. He explained the water supply to the Hoffman project.
 The Board discussed various possibilities in reference to connections, flow, fire hydrants, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Crane opened for comments. There were none.

ATTORNEY/CLIENT

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to go into Attorney/Client session at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contracts.

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

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to adjourn Attorney/Client session at 10:20 p.m.

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

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to establish escrow of \$3,500 to be replenished for Preserves at Lakes Kill for Town Attorney review.

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

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Supervisor Crane moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
 Sue McCann, Town Clerk