

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 13, 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 James Ross
Councilman William O'Neill
Councilwoman Brenda Cagle
Town Clerk Sue McCann
Attorney for the Town Christine Chale
Absent: Councilman Harry Colgan

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The revised statement dated March 31, 2014 was read as follows: Opening Balance - \$2,455,870.33; Receipts - \$201,034.28; Disbursed - \$4,786,339.14; Balance - \$4,870,565.47. The monthly statement dated April 30, 2014 was read as follows: Opening Balance - \$4,870,565.47; Receipts - \$105,911.15; Disbursed - \$440,809.20; Balance - \$4,535,667.42. There were the following budget adjustments: General A Fund – Total increase in appropriations of \$51,156; General B Fund - Total increase in appropriations - \$11,241; Water Works O&M SW Fund – Total increase in appropriations - \$4,822; SF Fire Fund – Total increase in revenue - \$36,772; Total increase in appropriations - \$27,000; CPF Fund - \$31,772; SF Fire Protection - \$22,000

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

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

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period April 1 – April 30, 2014 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$2,241.18; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$95.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health - \$67.50; Amount remitted to NYS DEC - \$666.07; Total State, County & Local revenue - \$3,069.75.

Town Clerk Sue McCann received correspondence from the Board of Elections informing her that there will be no primary election on June 24th so they will not need our poll site then. They will, however, have a State primary on September 9th for the general election on November 4th.

Abstract dated April 2014: Vouchers 17481 through 17612 totals - \$285,083.79.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Cagle announced the following:

- Food drive sponsored by the Red Hook Seniors and the Red Hook Seniors Services Committee on June 17th. Donations can be dropped off at the fire house from 1 – 3 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m.
- Tour de Red Hook this weekend, registration at 12:30 p.m. at the Rec. Park.

Supervisor Crane made the following announcements: Read a letter she composed to William Gorton, Acting Director of NYS DOT requesting resurfacing and remaking of all lanes the entire length of Route 9G from Stony Brook Road/Lasher Road south to NYS Route 199.

-May 15 Remembrance Day, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office at 9:30 a.m.

-NY Solar Summit on June 3 at John Jay College. Supervisor Crane will attend.

Attorney Christine Chale announced that they have formed a firm, Rodenhausen & Chale, in the same location.

Supervisor Crane announced:

-RH Over 40 1st Annual Rotation softball invitational on May 18 at the Recreation Park. It is a fund raising softball game to benefit the Red Hook School classroom gardens

Attorney Chale announced a hazardous waste day in Rhinebeck on June 7. More information is on the Town's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments. There were none.

RED HOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2014 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Supervisor Crane welcomed RHCSO Superintendent Paul Finch and Budget Officer Bruce Martin who gave the budget presentation. The school budget vote is on May 20th from noon to 9 p.m. at Mill Road School in the 3-5 gym. Voters can also register on May 14th from noon – 9pm on the 3-5 side. Any registered voters in the general election can vote.

RED HOOK & TIVOLI LIBRARY BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Supervisor Crane introduced Erica Freudenberger from the Red Hook library and Felicia Keesing from the Tivoli library.

Erica Freudenberger, Director of the Red Hook Library, gave the presentation regarding their budget. She explained the way libraries are funded through the Town and through the School District. Funding is not keeping pace with their growth.

Felicia Keesing, President of the Board of the Tivoli Free Library, gave the presentation focusing on their financial situation and demand for services.

Supervisor Crane thanked them for all they do for the community.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS – VINCENT COLUCCIO

Supervisor Crane introduced the Chair of the Disaster Preparedness Committee. The first topic he addressed is FEMA training which was recommended. He briefly explained that training. He attended a Municipal Flood Planning meeting recently and explained the committee’s concerns regarding storms. FEMA does not require that government officials take training in preparedness and response. The committee wants to keep the door open for any official who wants to take training. He put together a handout to make it easy to negotiate the FEMA website. He also explained the issue of collaboration in emergency situations in the local and county levels. The County has a state of the art office and they were happy to collaborate with Red Hook and several local towns. The meeting with the County will be on May 28 at 4 p.m. in Poughkeepsie. He invited members of the Town Board to attend.

CITIZENS FOR LOCAL POWER DISCUSSION – JESSICA BARRY

Supervisor Crane introduced Jessica Barry, representing Citizens for Local Power.

Jessica passed out information. She explained that she is a co-founder of Citizens for Local Power. They are a grass roots group based in Ulster County and they are working to create a locally based clean energy economy. She explained their formation and their desire to have more control over local energy sources, and she also explained their opposition to the New Capacity Zone. They believe it is an unfair rate hike imposed and they prepared a resolution in opposition. Local towns and communities have come out to defend the Hudson Valley in opposition to that rate hike. She pointed out the summary of issues and the resolution they are asking the Town to pass.

Supervisor Crane prepared a draft resolution for the Board to review. She referred to the resolution included in the package. She read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2014 #7

RE: OPPOSING THE NEW CAPACITY ZONE

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

Adopted	Ayes	4	Crane, Ross, O’Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Colgan
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Jessica added that they are looking for tools to help municipalities be proactive regarding energy use. One of those tools is called Community Choice Aggregation. She explained the model used in six states. It allows municipalities to come together and form a type of public utility to represent rate payers and negotiate energy prices. She explained the benefits of the aggregation and asked the Board to send a letter of support to their State legislators.

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Ross moved to appoint Ken Migliorelli as the Ag. & Open Space representative on the Zoning Review Committee term to expire December 31, 2015.

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

Supervisor Crane announced that there is a position on the Planning Board and two alternate positions as well.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Crane received a letter from CAC Chair Laurie Husted requesting that \$1,000 from the NYSERDA rebate be set aside to hire a graduate or undergraduate student intern to assist the Town with our promises as a NYS Climate Smart Community.

Councilwoman Cagle said it ties into the work the CAC is doing.

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to let the CAC use \$1,000 of the reimbursement from NYSERDA.

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

Supervisor Crane shared the following correspondence:

- A notice from the Secretary of State that there is another initiative offering Local Government Efficiency grant.
- Letter from Jacques Donovan who is proposing a lot line adjustment on a 10 acre parcel protected by a conservation easement on the Feller estate. He is the executor. Scenic Hudson agrees to the adjustment. She drafted a letter concurring as long as all conditions made by Scenic Hudson are adhered to.
- A letter to Governor Cuomo asking that a local law be adopted supporting speed reductions with local control.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to support legislation allowing localities to adopt their own speed limits.

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

ATTORNEY CLIENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to go to Attorney Client/Executive Session at 9:28 p.m. regarding the hiring and firing of an individual.

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

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

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to reopen the Town Board meeting at 10:55 p.m. accepting two proposals from Rodenhausen Chale LLP, Attorneys for the Town and Bond Council.

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

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to adjourn at 11:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sue McCann, Town Clerk