

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 12, 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
Councilman Harry Colgan
Councilwoman Brenda Cagle
Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst
Also Present: Christine Chale, Attorney for the Town

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

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF THE SUPERVISOR

The Supervisor's report dated July 31, 2014 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$4,093,692.45; Receipts - \$457,077.76; Disbursed - \$749,237.65; Balance - \$3,801,532.56. There were no budget adjustments.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilman Ross moved to accept the Supervisor's monthly statement.

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 July 1 – 31, 2014 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$1,470.12; Amount remitted to NY State Ag. & Markets - \$80.00; Amount remitted to NY State Dept. of Health - \$157.50; Amount remitted to NY State Environmental Conservation - \$155.88; Total State, County & Local revenue - \$1,863.50.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Cagle announced the following:

- Red Hook and the Chocolate Festival on November 1, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce
- Tivoli Village Green Committee will hold a Solar Energy Conference on September 9 at 7p.m. in Tivoli Village Hall

Supervisor Crane announced the following:

- She received a letter from a Life Scout requesting support for his Eagle Scout project at Tivoli Memorial Park. His email address is: tivolishane@gmail.com for anyone interested in making a donation toward cost of materials.
- CDBG 2015 – there will be a public hearing on applications and procedures on August 20 at 10 a.m. at Dutchess County Planning in Poughkeepsie. Supervisor Crane explained the difference in allocations this year. She met with Ann Saylor from DC Planning which was a requirement to make sure that the focus of the application will qualify. We will only qualify for funds for ADA projects. The Town engineer will develop a proposal asking for funding for handicapped accessible parking lot features. We should have the public hearing for this application on September 24, and the deadline for the application to DC Planning is October 17.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments. There were none.

TRANSFER WATER DISTRICT RESERVE FUNDS

Supervisor Crane received a request from Water Department Chair, Henry VanParys asking to transfer \$20,000 from the SW Fund Balance to the SW Reconstruction Reserve.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to transfer the funds to the reconstruction reserve as requested.

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

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY GRANT APPLICATION

Councilwoman Cagle explained the annual Conservancy Trail grant. The application is due September 5, 2014. She asked the Board to consider applying for the grant on behalf of the Town. The coalition of people interested in trails will have input on how the grant would read. The municipality may apply for up to \$10,000 and if multiple municipalities apply they may apply for up to \$20,000. It is a dollar for dollar match and the grant money may pay for no more than 50% of the project. We have a lot of help and there are people committed to writing the grant if the Town approves. She suggested applying for \$10,000 and she feels \$5,000 of that can be of “in-kind” services. Since the grant is due September 5, she asked to schedule a special meeting on August 27. The grant is for planning and design, not construction. The group is going to discuss the grant application opportunity. She isn’t sure if they want to apply as multiple municipalities.

Supervisor Crane said we can apply as one Town, if the Villages want to be added we can have a special meeting to change that. \$10,000 is realistic.

Councilman Ross feels it’s worth a try.

The Board agreed to apply for the Greenway Grant for trails.

RESOLUTION 2014 #16

RE: HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY GRANT APPLICATION

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to apply to Hudson River Valley Greenway for the Conservancy Trail grant of up to \$10,000 for project cost not to exceed \$20,000.

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

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHARED SERVICES HIGHWAY GRANT

Councilman Colgan gave an update on the grant being used to study the shared services of highway operations. Hopefully, it will address our growing tax problem. He cited other shared services, such as Dog Park, Assessor, Building Dept., Economic Development, Highway Garage and the Intermunicipal Task Force which he referred to as an “engine of creativity and energy” in the Town. He will keep us informed.

Supervisor Crane said they are really diving into details of highway operations. The consultant who is an objective party is good at analyzing costs and disparities between the three departments. The end result is going to be very revealing.

REPORTS

ZBA – They will meet tomorrow and have 3 area variances on the agenda.

Tree Committee – Chair Nancy Guski explained that they are in the process of preparing documentation for reimbursement for the forestry grant. On August 20 there will be a Re-Leaf meeting in New Paltz where they will be planning for a fall workshop in Newburgh on October 17. The major emphasis of their budget this year is maintenance. They are making an effort to keep the blue spruce going at the recreation park; they were given professional root ball treatment. The committee will take part in Hardscrabble Day. She announced that Rose Zengen resigned from the committee and they will miss her energy. There is an opening on the committee due to the resignation. The Forestry Management Plan has been sent to the CAC and Planning for comments. Eventually she will ask the Town to adopt it.

Animal Control – There were 2 dogs at large, 5 wildlife calls referred to wildlife control, 6 calls about cats and referred them to the SPCA and Bobbi Jo from Living Eden. Next month she will issue tickets to those dog owners on the delinquent list who have not yet relicensed.

Assessor – The August report included various activities the office has been involved with. It also gave data collection estimates to qualify for reappraisal revaluation.

Business Manager – Supervisor Crane commented that Ann Conway has managed to pull off in only her second week of work, a Supervisor’s report. She’s accomplished all the vouchers for payment. We are fortunate to have her here.

Budget Officer – Rose Rider is meeting with department heads. The cap will be lowered to less than 2% and yet the medical benefits increase can be as high as 19%. She intends to work with Rose and have the tentative budget to the Town Clerk by September 30.

Building Inspector – The report for the period of July 8 to August 12, 2014 showed 5 complaints, 24 certificates, 40 inspections, 29 permits, and total fees collected were \$2667.00.

Highway Dept. – Supervisor Crane will ask for patience regarding the purchase of a 1 ton dump truck with plow. The decision will be made after we see where we are with the budget.

Recycling – Recycling Manager TJ Hackett submitted a letter in which he thanked Mr. Phil Seymour for his volunteer work. He’s hauled away items that were dumped, and disposed of them at no cost to the Town. Operational wise things are going well. He would like to try a trial tire collection working with a vendor. He is checking costs to see if it would be worth pursuing. He’s also looking into a yard waste drop point, they’re asking for running water at the center, a heater for the goods exchange building, and tree planting at the center to add character and scenic beauty. He thanked the Board for their continued support.

Police Dept. - The Red Hook Police Dept’s. June report showed: 90 total incidents, 11 arrests, 34 tickets issued. The DC Sheriff’s June report showed 81 total incidents.

Water Dept. – The report shows that the wells are holding their own and everything else is satisfactory. Work orders were reviewed, plans for 2014 are the same, and the specifics of work needed for 2015 is being reviewed.

Ag. & Open Space Committee – Their last meeting has been rescheduled and they will meet jointly with the ZRC to review agricultural fencing.

Intermunicipal Task Force – They continue to review road standards for rural/suburban roads and for roads within the TND as proposed by the developer for the Old Farm Rd. project. The consensus of the Task Force regarding roads have been referred to Greenplan, Inc. They hope for a grant to get the entire Town’s Highway Specs. updated.

Recreation Commission – Rec. Director John Kuhn’s reports were briefly summarized. July report - Summer Rec. programs ran as planned, poison ivy post-emergent treatment was done, the Rhinebeck Legion Band Concert was scheduled for St. Margaret’s Home. August report included wetlands mitigation at the Rec. Park extension, erosion & grading plan documents were requested, summer programs were very successful, concert at St. Margaret’s Home was well received, parking signs were donated by Dave Fell of Dutchess Signs, there will be Fall baseball, there was damage to roller rink and the Roller Hockey League will help with repairs, there were various repairs, and removal of locust trees in the playground are a priority. They are beginning their plans for next year’s programs.

Supervisor Crane said John Kuhn applied for a grant through DC Youth Bureau again this year. He was notified that he was granted about \$5,000. She thanked him for his diligence.

FEMA Audit – FEMA representatives came in and records are being checked for reimbursement from HUD. Rec. Director John Kuhn and Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke put in a lot of work and got the Town a fair share of what was available. We’re very proud of them.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Crane told the Board that there is correspondence for them to review. One concerns drainage on Mill Road. It was referred to Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

Hank Wagner, a reporter for the new River Chronicle introduced himself. The paper will launch in approximately three weeks.

ATTORNEY/CLIENT

Supervisor Crane asked for a vote to go into attorney/client session for review of contracts.

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Councilman Ross moved to go into Attorney/Client session at 8:35 p.m.

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

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Councilman Ross moved to adjourn the Attorney/Client session at 11:00 p.m.

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

COMMENCE ACTION

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved that the Town of Red Hook authorize Christine Chale and the firm of Rodenhause, Chale LLP and Jay Kelley of Rizzo & Kelley to commence an action against Carrie Lee Harrison and Ricky G. Harrison,

the owners of the property at 345 E. Kerley Corners Road, Tivoli, NY 12583, and all other necessary parties on behalf of the Town of Red Hook in connection with violation of Chapter 73 of the Code of the Town of Red Hook.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 11:05 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Claire W. Horst, Deputy Town Clerk