

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 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 James Ross
Councilman William O’Neill
Councilman Harry Colgan
Councilwoman Brenda Cagle
Town Clerk Sue McCann

Also Present: Christine Chale, Attorney for the Town

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

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Crane presented a revised/amended report dated July 31, 2014. Opening balance - \$4,093,692.45; Receipts - \$456,600.58; Disbursed - \$748,760.47; Balance - \$3,801,532.56. There were the following budget adjustments: General B fund – \$30,000 total increase in appropriations; Highway DB fund - \$15,119 total increase in appropriations; Water Works O & M fund - \$8,000 total increase in appropriations; SF Fire, Other Funds & Capital Projects – \$66,474 total increase in revenues, \$284,993 total increase in appropriations, \$218,519 offset appropriate fund balance.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Ross moved to accept the revised/amended Supervisor’s report with budget adjustments.

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 August 1 – August 31, 2014 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$1,614.86; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$75.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health - \$135.00; Amount remitted to NYS DEC - \$3,681.14; Total State, County and local revenue - \$5,506.00

Town Clerk Sue McCann announced that her office is now selling sporting licenses.

Abstract for June 2014: Voucher #'s 17681 – 17796, Total - \$387,852.01

Abstract for July 2014: Voucher #'s 17797 – 17916, Total - \$276,917.09

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Cagle announced that on October 4 at Rhinebeck Highway Garage there will be an electronic and household hazardous waste collection. Call 463-6020 for an appointment.

Councilman Colgan announced Tivoli Street Painting Festival on October 5

Supervisor Crane announced that a proclamation will be issued to resident Estelle Butler who will be turning 100 years old on September 11th.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

Linda Keeling commented that the St. Margaret’s Committee should be looking at geothermal and solar panels. She suggested applying for grants.

There were no further comments

COURT GRANT RESOLUTION – TOWN JUSTICE JONAH TRIEBWASSER

Judge Triebwasser asked the Board to approve the Justice Court’s request for a grant application. To date they have obtained over \$75,000 in grants. Judge Triebwasser explained the grant which would be used to replace insulation in the Town court room. It will also purchase a new shredder and there is also a security issue that needs to be explored. The resolution is to apply for a grant up to \$30,000.

Supervisor Crane asked if anyone had questions for Judge Triebwasser. There were none.

RESOLUTION 2014 #17

RE: AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF RED HOOK TO PURSUE A GRANT APPLICATION TO OBTAIN FUNDING FOR THE TOWN OF R.H. JUSTICE COURT

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to authorize the Town Justices to pursue any and all grant applications from the Justice Court Assistance Program Grant requesting funds not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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

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THE HOOK TRAIL PRESENTATION – ROBERT GEORGE & BRYAN ROBERTS

Supervisor Crane introduced Robert George and Bryan Roberts who gave the presentation. Robert George explained the concept of the “Hook Trail” which would encompass all of our population’s centers, villages, Bard College, historic sites, neighborhoods, schools, etc. Bryan Roberts explained why it is important to Red Hook. It is essential for healthy lifestyles and can contribute to the local economy. People can safely transport without using automobiles. Councilwoman Cagle mentioned that Robert has been one of the main forces in renewal of enthusiasm in trails in Red Hook. She asked him to explain the off road trail along Route 9G. Robert referred to their website – hooktrail.com or hooktrail.org. The sites show renderings of concepts that parallel roadways and goes into additional trails. Bryan Roberts has been hired as a consultant as a trails coordinator with Winnakee Land Trust. They are working on trail initiatives and his focus is in northern Dutchess County. Supervisor Crane thanked them for their contribution and their leadership. She thanked Trails Chair Howie Callies and Trails member Bruce Cuttler for their work. Councilwoman Cagle referred to the trails grant application. She thanked Paula Schoonmaker, Laurie Husted and Karen Unger of Bard College, Jen Stokum, Assemblyman Cahill, DC Legislator Micki Strawinski, Village of Red Hook Mayor Ed Blundell, Village of Tivoli Mayor Bryan Cranna, Trails Committee Chair, Howie Callies, EDC Chair Chris Klose, Bard College and Robert George Design Group.

HIGHWAY SPECIFICATIONS AMENDMENTS DISCUSSION

Attorney for the Town Christine Chale explained the amendments to the highway specifications. The Board discussed various changes in the amendment. Supervisor Crane read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2014 #18

RE: CLASSIFYING ACTION AND ESTABLISHING LEAD AGENCY TYPE 1 ACTION

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

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

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Supervisor Crane read the next resolution referring the proposed amendment of Highway specifications to the Dutchess County Dept. of Planning and Development.

RESOLUTION 2014 #19

RE: REFERRING PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO TOWN OF RED HOOK HIGHWAY SPECIFICATIONS TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion of Councilman James Ross seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolution as read.

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

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BUDGET CALENDAR DISCUSSION

Supervisor Crane asked the Board to consider dates to meet for budget workshops in October. They decided to meet on October 6 and October 7 at 7:00 p.m. More dates will be set at the next Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Crane received notice from NY State Retirement System that the estimated contribution for the Town will be \$152,615, due December 2016. Pre-payment can be made in 2015.

DUTCHESS COUNTY CDBG APPLICATION 2015 DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Crane referred to a proposed map of the Town Hall campus. She explained that the application for the CDBG is for accessibility to our public facility. It is the only qualifying subject that we can apply for. She suggested setting the public hearing for September 24 at 8:00 p.m. She read the resolution.

The Board discussed the proposed design for the ADA layout of the parking lot.

RESOLUTION 2014 #20

RE: ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Cagle moved to set the public hearing regarding the 2015 CDBG for September 24, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

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

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ATTORNEY CLIENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to go to Attorney Client/Executive session at 8:35 p.m. regarding contracts and possible hiring or firing of a particular person or persons.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Before the Board moved into Executive Session Supervisor Crane opened for public comments. *Howie Callies* presented a map as an addendum to Robert’s presentation regarding the Hook Trail, showing the layout of trails.

PANDA representative announced their annual meeting on October 8 at 7:00 p.m.

On a motion of Councilman O’Neill seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to adjourn the Attorney Client/Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman O’Neill moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk