

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 24, 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 Harry Colgan
Councilwoman Brenda Cagle
Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst
Absent: Councilman William O'Neill
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

The Supervisor's monthly statement dated August 31, 2014 was read as follows: Opening Balance - \$3,801,532.56; Receipts - \$650,436.07; Disbursed - \$782,085.32; Balance - \$3,669,883.31. There were no budget adjustments.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to accept the Supervisors report.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Cagle announced the Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Rhinebeck Highway Garage on October 4.

Councilman Colgan announced the Tivoli Street Painting day on October 4.

Attorney for the Town Christine Chale announced the Red Hook Rotary's used book sale in cooperation with the Red Hook Library, at Red Hook Village Hall on October 25. Books will be collected on October 4, 11, & 18 at the Red Hook Library from 10 a.m. to 2 pm.

Supervisor Crane announced the following: Lifeline discount telephone service program through the NYS Dept. of Public Services. Contact (518)474-1788 or (518)408-1061 for information.

-Northern Dutchess CROP Hunger Walk on October 26. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 1:00 p.m. It starts at St. Christopher's Annex on Benner Road. Call Cary Robinson, Chairperson, for more details (845)532-7552.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for comments. There were none.

HISTORIC RED HOOK PRESENTATION

Claudine Klose explained that Historic Red Hook is a result of a merger of the Egbert Benson Historical Society of Red Hook and The Friends of Elmendorph. There were three priorities; to have an engaged Board that can help tell Red Hooks story, a new look, and strong relations within the community. She introduced a few members of the Board, Beth Jones, Emily Majer, Patsy Vogel and Seth Kramer who were in attendance. She also named other Board members Jen Huber, Robert McKeon, Doug Strawinski, Amanda Bodian, Adam Aronson, and Chris Klose. They have an active history committee that meets once every two months. Our Town Historian, Wint Aldrich is forming an advisory committee and he has convinced Richard Jenrette to join and is approaching several others. She explained the new look, the new web site and various other activities they are involved in. They received a grant and just purchased an historic marker for the octagon building, the Red Hook Library. Their annual meeting is on October 1, and their web address is: historicrodhook.org. She passed out membership forms for anyone interested in supporting them.

Supervisor Crane thanked them for their participation in the Red Hook Bicentennial. Patsy Vogel approached her about it and took the reins. She is proud of the Bicentennial Committee and thanked everyone for the work they are also doing now.

CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLANNING

Disaster Preparedness Chairman Vincent Coluccio gave a brief overview of the Disaster Preparedness Committee's work with extreme weather issues. His presentation included concerns of the Red Hook Fire Department and Red Hook Highway Department. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Fire Department can contact them at the firehouse or at: www.redhookfire.org. At a recent DEC Emergency Response Center meeting, Red Hook's Disaster Preparedness Plan was used as an example for other municipalities to emulate. There is hope to hold another DEC training session at Bard College.

Councilwoman Cagle referred to ham radio operators. There are residents who would be willing to help man radios.

Vincent Coluccio suggested referring them to the Fire Chief.

Councilman Colgan said that the Tivoli Fire Department is very involved and covers about one third of the northern part of the Town.

Vincent Coluccio has spoken with Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke who said all of the agencies are in direct coordination with each other during emergencies and work well together.

Supervisor Crane thanked the volunteers in the community who helped with the Disaster Preparedness Committee, and praised John Douglas for his work in the early committee getting the manual prepared. She knows the manual needs to be updated on a regular basis. She thanked Vincent Coluccio for his presentation and for his enthusiasm.

PUBLIC HEARING

CDBG APPLICATION 2015 – ADA IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN HALL COMPLEX

Supervisor Crane explained why a public hearing is required.

Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst read the public hearing notice.

Supervisor Crane described the application we are considering submitting to Dutchess County Planning. The Town can only apply for ADA features for a public facility. She opened the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Linda Keeling referred to a letter she submitted. She asked about parking for vans in the plans for handicapped parking in the Town Hall lot.

Councilman Ross pointed out that the sketch shows one.

Councilwoman Cagle explained that one out of every six spaces is for a van.

Supervisor Crane asked if there were any more comments.

There were none. The public hearing was closed at 8:17 p.m.

Supervisor Crane read the resolution. The application is due October 17.

RESOLUTION 2014 #21

RE: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR HANDICAPPED ACCESS FEATURES FOR TOWN FACILITIES PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan move to approve the resolution.

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

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APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Crane referred to letters of interest for a position on the Planning Board and one for a position on the CAC.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to appoint Kallie Weinkle Robertson to fill the position on the Planning Board for a term to expire 12/31/2015.

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

Councilwoman Cagle read the letter of interest from Jen Cavanaugh.

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to appoint Jen Cavanaugh to the CAC for a term to expire 12/31/2015

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

Councilman Ross read the letter from interest from Kallie Weinkle Robertson for the public.

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Crane referred to the highway request for materials and read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2014 #22

RE: AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ICE CONTROL ABRASIVES, A REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT, AND A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR 2015

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolution.

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

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Councilman Colgan explained the need for the replacement of a 14 year old dump truck that has been repaired multiple times. He recommends replacement before the winter.

RESOLUTION 2014 #23

RE: APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A ONE TON DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

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

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Councilwoman Cagle asked how long it will take to get the new truck. Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke responded about 30 days.

CORNELL CONECTIVITY PROJECT

Councilwoman Cagle briefly explained that the Town has been chosen to participate in a pilot project in conjunction with Cornell University and the DEC Hudson River Estuary program. We were honored to have been selected and she explained the project. Cornell is testing a model they developed and how well it works with communities. We selected group of stakeholders and have a project team. Supervisor Crane and Councilwoman Cagle are representatives on that team. The project will be finalized about mid December and we will receive a conservation plan that emphasizes our habitat connectivity and a map as well. She thanked our stakeholders for participating.

BOARD REPORTS

ZBA – held three public hearings at their last meeting and all the variances were granted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Animal Control – there were 3 dogs at large, 6 wildlife calls referred to wildlife rehab, 1 dog bite whose case was turned over to the Town Attorney and 2 cats that were referred to the SPCA &

Bobbi Jo from Living Eden. Councilwoman Cagle reminded residents that dogs must be licensed.

Assessor's Office – They continue sales analysis, recording changes, met with consultants regarding commercial data review, met with State & County representatives to begin the 2015 modeling process. He gave data collection estimates to qualify for reappraisal revaluation.

Building Inspector – for the period August 25 – September 23, 2014 there were: 30 permits, 34 inspections, 14 certificates issued, 3 complaints, and total fees collected were \$2159.00

Water Department – Water Department Chair Henry VanParys updated the Board on activities in the Water Department. They had a pump problem last month and had a new pump and pipes installed. There is still an issue and it will be addressed with a smaller pump in order to maintain the volume they were pumping previously. The old steel tank has been removed.

Business Manager – Supervisor Crane commented that the new Business Manager, Ann Conway, is doing wonderfully.

Budget Officer – the tentative budget will be filed with the Town Clerk by September 30. October 6 & 7 were scheduled for budget meetings at 7:00 p.m.

Shared Services – Supervisor Crane reminded everyone about the on 9/29/14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Hook Village Hall. It will address shared services with highway department activities.

Highway Department – Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke told the Board that they will be paving at the Annandale triangle from September 29 – October 3.

Purchasing – The report for the period June 23 – September 23 showed 102 purchase orders issued, the largest to Callanan Industries for paving Norton Road. The dehumidifier was installed and a PO was issued to Ashley Mechanical for boiler maintenance in the garage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAC – they completed the Bike/Pedestrian counts for DC at the Village traffic light. Tabled with RUPCO/NYSERDA to promote energy audits at Hardscrabble. Participated in conference call with CUNY for USDOE Sunshot initiative to streamline permitting for solar power.

Trails Committee – Anna Sanjuan submitted a letter of interest to serve on the Trails Committee. Chair Howie Callies recommends her appointment.

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Supervisor Crane moved to appoint Anna Sanjuan to the Greenway and Trails Committee for a term to expire 12/31/2015.

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

Recreation Commission – They are wrapping up for the season and had a very successful summer recreation program. The County increased their financial assistance this year. The wetland mitigation is being worked on. There was vandalism at the roller rink. Supervisor Crane thanked Recreation Director John Kuhn for his diligence in receiving funds for the recreation program from the Dutchess County Youth Bureau.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Crane referred to various pieces of correspondence in the Board's packets. She asked the Board to review them since they will be on a future agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for comments.

Hank Wagner, reporter from the River Chronicle, asked about getting a copy of the tentative budget.

Supervisor Crane told him it will be submitted to the Town Clerk on September 30.

Hank asked about the location of the water department's main pump.

Councilman Ross told him there are two pumps where the wells are. The wells are across the street from the recreation park.

ATTORNEY CLIENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to go into Attorney Client/Executive session at 9:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contracts.

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

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Supervisor Crane moved to adjourn the Attorney Client/Executive Session at 11:12 p.m.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 11:13 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Claire W. Horst, Deputy Town Clerk