

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 10, 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
Councilman William O’Neill
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.

RECOGNITION OF EAGLE SCOUT MICHAEL CALLEJO

Supervisor Crane introduced Michael Callejo who became an Eagle Scout and celebrated the Court of Honor this past weekend. She read the resolution honoring Michael Callejo Eagle Scout Michael Callejo said that Troop 42 has always been supported by the Town of Red Hook and he thanked the Board for being involved with the community. He thanked Supervisor Sue Crane and Mr. Bill Crane for always being at their Court of Honor. A person stands the tallest when they come to help one another and he feels that he walks through a village of giants when he walks through Red Hook. Thank you.

Supervisor Crane commented that the Board realizes we are not the giants; it’s the volunteers in the community that are the giants. The Boy Scouts among them.

RESOLUTION 2014 # 31

RE: HONORING MICHAEL CALLEJO FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

(The resolution was presented at the Court of Honor the previous weekend)

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

The monthly statement of the Supervisor for the period ending September 30, 2104 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$3,669,883.31; Receipts - \$3,005,869.98; Disbursed - \$3,385,822.89; Balance - \$3,289,930.40. The report was done with our new banking system. There was a budget adjustment in the General A Fund – Reduce appropriations - \$4,673; increase appropriations - \$4,673. In the Water Works O & M W Fund there is an increase in appropriations - \$22,425.

All the transfers from Key Bank to M & T Bank have been successful.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to accept the Supervisor’s Report as read with budget adjustments.

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

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TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

The Town Clerk’s report for the period October 1 – October 31, 2014 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$1,192.53; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$60.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health - \$67.50; Amount remitted to NYS Environmental Conservation - \$1,760.22; Total State, County & Local revenues - \$3,080.25.

PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET 2015 (continued)

Supervisor Crane asked if there were any further comments regarding the Town of Red Hook budget. There were none. She explained the process before the budget gets approved.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to close the public hearing.

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

Bookkeeper to the Supervisor returned to her office to file the budget with the State Comptroller's Office.

HIGHWAY RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Colgan read resolutions for Highway bids.

Authorizing Purchase of Hot Mix Asphalt for Highway Department Purposes for 2015

RESOLUTION 2014 #32

RE: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF HOT MIX ASPHALT FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURPOSES FOR 2015

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

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

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RESOLUTION 2014 #33

RE: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ICE CONTROL ABRASIVES FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURPOSES FOR 2015

On a motion of Councilman Harry Colgan 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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RESOLUTION 2014 #34

RE: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SERVICES AND MATERIALS PURSUANT TO THE TOWN PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR 2015

On a motion of Councilman Harry Colgan 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Cagle read a letter the Town received from NY State DOT that the Town's request for transportation alternatives programs funds as been approved. The NYS DOT liaison, Carolyn Ryan, will contact the Town to assist in a project management plan. The amount of the funding was \$733,824.00 which is 80% of the total cost. The project is to complete the sidewalk on the east side of S. Broadway from Town Hall to Hardscrabble Plaza and to complete the sidewalk on the west side of S. Broadway. The estimated completion date is in 2017.

Supervisor Crane said it was a competitive grant program and we are honored. She thanked those who wrote the grants, Brenda Cagle, Paula Schoonmaker, Laurie Husted and Jenny Stokum. There is another grant that we received, the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant. The Greenway Conservancy Trails Grant we received was for \$8,000. We intend to match our portion partly with "in-kind" service. The scope of the grant is to hire a trails coordinator to examine our old trails plans and incorporate some new ideas.

BUDGET 2015 (Public Hearing continued)

Bookkeeper to the Supervisor Ann Conway, returned to the meeting. The budget has been accepted by the New York State Comptroller's Office as we met the property tax cap freeze.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilman Ross moved to approve the 2015 budget.

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

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW A

Adoption of Local Law A (proposed) of 2014 regarding stop signs

Town Clerk Sue McCann read the public hearing notice.

Supervisor Crane opened the public hearing for comments. There were none.

Councilman Ross read the Local Law amending Chapter 131 of the Code of the Town of Red Hook entitled ‘Vehicles and Traffic’ adding stop intersections including new stops at Williams and Starbarrack Roads.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to close the Public Hearing.

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

RESOLUTION 2014 #35

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW A (PROPOSED) OF 2014, TO BE KNOWN AS LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2014

On a motion of Councilman Harry Colgan 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Cagle announced that the health exchange navigators will be at the Red Hook Public Library on Mondays in November and December from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling 800-453-4666 or the Library at 758-3241.

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Councilman O’Neill began by informing the Board that he and Councilman Ross negotiated fire contracts with members of the Red Hook Fire Company and separately with the Village of Tivoli Fire Company. The proposed fire service agreements have the same provisions as the previous two year contracts.

Supervisor Crane opened the public hearing regarding the two fire contracts.

Town Clerk Sue McCann read the public hearing notice.

Supervisor Crane opened for comments. There were none. She closed the public hearing.

Councilman O’Neill read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2014 #36

RE: APPROVING TOWN OF RED HOOK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK AND THE RED HOOK FIRE COMPANY, INC. FOR 2015 AND 2016 AND A FIRE PROTECITON DISTRICT FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND THE VILLAGE OF TIVOLI FOR 2015 AND 2016

On a motion of Councilman William O’Neill 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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APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Crane referred to needed reappointments to the Assessment Review Board.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to reappoint Jay Greenblatt to the Assessment Review Board for a term to expire December 31, 2019.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to reappoint Carl Dowden as Chair of the Assessment Review Board for a term to expire December 31, 2015.

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

PRESENTATION: DC WATER & WASTEWATER AUTHORITY PROVIDING WATER TO HOFFMAN DEVELOPMENT – BRIDGET BARCLAY

Supervisor Crane introduced Bridget Barclay, Executive Director of DC Water & Wastewater Authority to talk about the proposal that might be an answer for the need for water for the proposed development.

Executive Director Bridget Barclay began her presentation explaining the DCWWA. They have been in existence since 1992 and are in nine municipalities in Dutchess County. She then explained the options they've been working on with the proposed Hoffman property to provide water services. In regard to the Hoffman property they are looking into incorporating the Rokeby Water System into a large consolidated system. They are interested in looking at regionalization and consolidation whenever those opportunities come up.

Councilwoman Cagle asked about a town wide water system as we move forward.

Bridget doesn't know that there is a way to structure a specific project. It's hard to anticipate now what is down the road. A question is what the water supply source is going to be.

Phil Seymour asked about tapping into the development southwest of the movie theater.

Bridget said that is the Rokeby Water system and it is always good to have connections in times of emergency.

Councilwoman Cagle asked if it is normal that DC does the distribution and not the supply.

Bridget explained the systems that they currently own and operate. Most have their own water.

Councilman Ross commented that he has been in favor of the DWWA taking over the water and sewer system.

Richard Rang said they've looked at various alternatives and see a benefit to a regionalized system. At this point in time they chose to move forward with connection to the Village to service the Hoffman project, have the County form a zone of assessment to operate. The design of that system does not preclude other possibilities.

Supervisor Crane asked about grant seeking. Does Dutchess County seek funding?

Bridget said they do. They pursue grant funding and low interest loan programs. There is more demand than there is money out there. She explained programs they are eligible for.

Supervisor Crane read a letter she received November 3, 2014 regarding intent to provide water supply services for the Hoffman Farm project. The letter was notification from DCWWA. If the Town objects they ask for a response within 60 days of receipt of the notice. There was also a second letter explaining DCWWA's intent to assume ownership of the waste water collection and treatment system to be constructed within the Hoffman Farm project.

Bridget Barclay explained that it is a requirement to provide notification and then the municipality can object within a time period before they move forward.

Rob Morrison, Planner and Engineer for the project, commented that in terms of the SEQRA process they are trying to give clarity to the method that they are going to provide water and wastewater to the project. It would help the process if the Board is in favor, to provide a resolution.

Councilman O'Neill proposed to direct the Town Attorney to provide a resolution for the next meeting. Why should we wait?

Attorney Chale will draft a resolution for the November 18th meeting.

Supervisor Crane thanked Bridget Barclay.

Richard Rang added that he's worked with Bridget Barclay for a while on projects and as a private sponsor he has the utmost confidence in the DCWWA's ability to manage, operate and maintain these systems.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Crane opened for comments.

Phil Seymour spoke about the proposed sidewalks on the east side of Route 9. He counted houses in Red Hook Estates, Rokeby Estates and Colburn's Trailer Park. There are over 220 units that go across the road to Holy Cow. One concern is that doing the sidewalk project will eliminate a lot of trees. We've spent millions of dollars preserving farmland and open space and here, in our most visible spot we are going to eliminate trees. It's contradictory to what we are doing with the open space plan. Another issue is that there are Towns where the Boards are passing resolutions eliminating future sidewalks and curbs because of the look it creates. He has a problem with sidewalks all through the Town. A problem associated with this is in the

business district, the new zoning proposal where you have to bring new buildings to the property line. It is going to create a safety hazard. Right now you can see every business and have time to slow down to make that driveway. Having businesses close to the road can be a sight hazard. Old buildings were set back, we are not in the Village, and we are in the Town. Buildings should be set back; he said the Town should re-look at the zoning. Take a drive down the road and see how nice it is to see green space in front of the buildings. He asked for common sense alternatives.

The holiday calendar was discussed and will be posted on the Town calendar.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to go into Attorney Client/Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contracts and a personnel matter.

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

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn the Attorney Client/Executive Session at 10:32 p.m.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to consent to have the Planning Board serve as lead agency on the Hoffman Farm project.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to go into contract with Weston and Sampson for staking wetlands in the new rec. park.

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

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk