

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2015

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: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's report dated July 31, 2015 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$4,113,974.07; Receipts - \$391,716.34; Disbursed - \$540,462.20; Balance - \$3,965,228.21
Bookkeeper Ann Conway sent a note regarding the master trails study requesting the use of parklands fund to pay the planning and design in the amount of \$3560.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to use parklands funds to pay \$3560 for planning and design of master trails.

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

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilman Ross moved to accept the July 31, 2015 Supervisor's 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 August 1 – August 31, 2015 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to Supervisor - \$1,614.57; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$96.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health - \$112.50; Amount remitted to NYS DEC - \$2,944.18; Total State, County & Local revenue - \$4,767.25

ABSTRACT – (copy attached)

August 2015 Vouchers 19286 – 19388 Total Abstract - \$191,841.99

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Cagle announced the following:

- October 10, Winnakee Land Trust is sponsoring the Dutchess County Trails Conference from 9:30 – 4:00 at the Cornell Boathouse at Marist College. Call 876-4213 if interested in attending.
- TJ Hackett, Recycling Center Manager said we will probably not have an electronic waste collection until January.

Councilman Colgan announced the Tivoli Street Painting Day on October 3.

Supervisor Crane announced the following:

- Scenic Hudson's Farmland Cycling Tour beginning at Poets Walk on September 19 at 9 a.m.
- Hudson River Ramble magazine lists things to do in the area. The magazine is available at Town Hall.
- Free health care mobile clinic sponsored by Migliorelli Farms on Sept. 21, from noon to 5:00 Lane. Call S. Miller at (518)256-4534. No appointment necessary.

Town Clerk Sue McCann made the following announcement:

- Electronic Waste Collection at the DC Fairgrounds on September 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Red Hook and Rhinebeck residents.

LINDEN AVENUE BRIDGE

Supervisor Crane introduced Bob Balkind from Dutchess County DPW to answer questions about the construction of the Linden Avenue Bridge.

Bob Balkind explained the process they have to abide by regarding the scheduling of the Linden Avenue Bridge project. Closing on properties needed is scheduled in the next week or two, and then the project will go out to bid. Unfortunately after inspection it was deemed too dangerous and had to be closed. They understand the inconvenience. Their goal is to get the bridge out to bid as soon as possible, get demolition done this fall and start construction in the spring. That is their hope. There is also a possibility that it will be left intact in order for the sidewalk to stay useable, then be demolished and rebuilt starting in spring.

Supervisor Crane asked if the Board had questions.

Councilman Colgan commented that if it's going to be open for foot traffic, then it will have to be taken care of in the snow.

Bob said if they can keep it there with the sidewalk intact they will make provisions to keep that plowed. They will communicate about that. If there is a need to keep it clear they will arrange for it. He also provided an update regarding the repaving of Broadway in the Village of Tivoli.

There appears to be a significant void under some of the concrete portions of the road. They are looking into how extensive that is, and the amount of drainage they'd have to work on. It will probably be done by the end of September.

Councilwoman Cagle asked if the tree work has been done in regard to the Linden Ave. Bridge. Bob said, yes it was done.

Councilwoman Cagle asked him to speak about the new bridge.

Bob got out his plans for the Board to view.

Supervisor Crane said that she was told by NYSDOT that acquisition of right of way is always the lengthiest process of any project.

Bob responded that every State agency has to do it the same way.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for comments.

Robert George is going to post more concept drawings on their Facebook page, Red Hook on Ice. He passed out the drawings to the Board members and asked if the Board had a timeline in regard to endorsing the concept.

Supervisor Crane looked into this and explained a preservation covenant that we entered into before we began restoration of St. Margaret's Home. Because the property is listed on the National Historic Registry, it will affect the timeline because it involves alterations to the subject property. Before plans for proposed construction or demolition are finalized the State has to be notified of the work to be performed. The requirement is pretty stringent based on the covenant. This is something the Town has to wrestle with. We will need legal advice and advice from our Town Historian.

Robert said as a designer/builder, it doesn't look like a big "speed bump". He offered to look into it.

Supervisor Crane explained because it is Town property it has to be left to the Town.

Councilman O'Neill asked if the parcel has to stay owned by the Town and it could be leased, would there be restrictions, and if it is on the National Historic Registry are there restrictions, including selling it to Robert George? We don't know the answers to some of the questions.

Councilman Colgan referred to a State agency who has a fair amount of money invested in that building and they want to know everything that happens with it. They will have to be on board. Supervisor Crane will get Town Historian Wint Aldrich's contact information for Mr. George.

Kim McGrath spoke on behalf of Red Hook Community Art's Network, (Red Hook CAN). She said they were lucky enough to use St. Margaret's in August for a weekend art event. It was one of the most exciting events that she's been part of in this Town. It is a beautiful building and they were honored to use that space. They thanked the Town for allowing them to use the building and they are interested in using it in the future.

Supervisor Crane agreed that it was a fun event. She is happy that it worked out.

PUBLIC HEARING

Authorizing Adoption of Local Law D (proposed) of 2015 Regarding Procurement

Town Clerk McCann read the Public Hearing notice.

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

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

Supervisor Crane explained the Local Law and read the resolution. She asked if there were any comments. There were none.

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

RESOLUTION 2015 # 36

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW D (PROPOSED) OF 2015 REGARDING PROCUREMENT

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane 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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PUBLIC HEARING

Authorizing Adoption of Local Law C (proposed) of 2015 Regarding Crosswalks
Town Clerk McCann read the Public Hearing notice.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Ross moved to open the public hearing.

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

Supervisor Crane asked if there were any comments.

Councilman Colgan explained the crosswalk will be installed on Norton Road. He read the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION 2015 # 37

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW D (PROPOSED) OF 2015 REGARDING CROSSWALKS

On a motion of Councilman Harry Colgan seconded by Councilman William O'Neill moved to approve the resolution as read.

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

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Attorney for the Town Christine Chale and Supervisor Crane thanked Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke for the work she did for the installation of a crosswalk.

RESOLUTIONS

-Fairway Lane and Tee Lane Lighting District

Attorney Chale explained the significance of the final order for service by Central Hudson.

RESOLUTION 2015 #38

RE: FINAL ORDER ESTABLISHING THE EXTENSION OF THE CONSOLIDATED LIGHTING DISTRICT FOR FAIRWAY LANE AND TEE LANE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 209-d OF TOWN LAW

On a motion of Councilman William O'Neill seconded by Supervisor Sue Crane moved to approve the resolution.

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

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-Echo Valley, Willard and Blue Echo Roads Lighting District

Attorney Chale explained that this is the same process as for the previous resolution

RESOLUTION 2015 #39

RE: FINAL ORDER ESTABLISHING THE EXTENSION OF THE CONSOLIDATED LIGHTING DISTRICT FOR ECHO VALLEY, WILLARD AND BLUE ECHO ROADS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 209-d OF TOWN LAW

On a motion of Councilman William O'Neill seconded by Supervisor Sue Crane moved to approve the resolution.

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

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WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Attorney Chale explained the process that the water board goes through. This is simply an indication that they plan on going out for proposals.

Supervisor Crane said this agreement has been reviewed.

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to approve the Water Board's agreement for professional services for Water System Operator.

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

RESOLUTIONS (Cont.)

-Authorizing Solicitation of Bids for CDBG Town Hall Campus Project

Supervisor Crane explained the resolution for request for proposal.

RESOLUTION 2015 #40

RE: AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC BIDS FOR THE CDBG TOWN HALL CAMPUS PROJECT

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

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

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-Authorizing Occupational Safety & Health Administration Policy

Supervisor Crane explained the policy which the Board previously reviewed. She asked if they had any modifications. The Board members responded no. She read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2015 #41

RE: AUTHORIZING THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF RED HOOK

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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AGRICULTURAL FENCES – LOCAL LAW DEFINITION CHANGE – SECTION 143-4 IN ZONING CODE

Councilman O'Neill explained how the issue of agricultural fences came about and how they arrived at the proposed language. He'd like to check with Planning and have the issue on the agenda for the next Town Board meeting. At this time it is still a work in progress.

CDBG APPLICATION 2016 – DUE OCTOBER 16, 2015

Supervisor Crane said that if we wish to apply for the CDBG money, we need to set a date for public input about the application. The deadline is October 16. The new regulations prohibit the Town from applying for a lot of things that were valid in the past. ADA compliant projects are still eligible. She suggested setting a date for public input. Resident Linda Keeling is willing to prepare something free of charge if we wish to apply to update St. Margaret’s ADA issues. Since St. Margaret’s is municipal property it would be eligible and she will ask the Recreation Director what would be needed at the recreation park. We don’t have to apply every year. The maximum is \$100,000 per municipality.

The Board continued discussion and they decided to at least get an application in and hold an informational meeting on September 23.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Cane shared the following correspondence:

- The Poughkeepsie Transportation Council is holding a long range transportation plan workshop September 21 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Hyde Park Town Hall
- Theresa Burke said the transportation commission had a Route 9 G corridor meeting in Red Hook. The group looked at all intersections on that corridor from Rt.199 to the Tivoli intersection. Representatives were from the State, County, Transportation Council people, Bard College, engineers and the Town of Red Hook. Safety issues will be reported. 38% of the crashes have been from deer. It was a very thorough study.
- Community Action Agency is asking the Town to consider its importance in the community and for financial assistance. They are willing to come in to explain services they provide.
- Supervisor Crane and Councilman O’Neill met with a group of people talking with Time Warner about negotiating their contract. The Public Service Commission is sponsoring a series of regional information sessions regarding two proceedings before them. There will be a session on September 24 at Poughkeepsie Town Hall one at 2 p.m. and one at 6 p.m., public hearings will be at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to go into Attorney Client and Executive sessions at 9:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the hiring/firing of an individual or individuals.

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 11:30 p.m.

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 11:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk