

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 9, 2016

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 Robert McKeon
Councilman James Ross
Councilman Harry Colgan
Councilman William O'Neill
Councilperson Sarah Imboden
Town Clerk Sue McCann

Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale

Supervisor McKeon called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The report dated January 31, 2016 was read as follows: Opening balance – \$3,444,551.91; Receipts - \$156,779.24; Disbursed - \$441,163.16; Balance - \$3,155,167.99

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to approve the Supervisor's report.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
Nays 0

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Supervisor McKeon reviewed the budget adjustments with the Board.

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilperson Imboden moved to approve the budget adjustments.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
Nays 0

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period January 1 – January 31, 2016 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$6,483.77; Amount remitted to NY State Ag. & Markets - \$83.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$45.00; Amount remitted to NYSDEC - \$30.23; Total State, County & Local revenue - \$6,642.00.

Town Clerk Sue McCann reminded residents that there is a New York State law to have your dog licensed even if it does not leave your property. Current rabies information is required.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to accept the Town Clerk's report.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
Nays 0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor McKeon announced the following:

- Reminder about the Special Olympics, starting February 20, taking place in various venues.
- Red Hook Church Cemetery annual meeting March 22 at 7 p.m. in the Masonic Hall.
- Dutchess Land Conservancy is hosting a Spring Barn Dinner Dance on May 7 in North East.
- Mid-Hudson Regional EDC public meeting on February 10 at Marist College at 10:30.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor McKeon opened for comments.

Linda Keeling asked for the specifics regarding the ADA upgrades and the time frame.

Supervisor McKeon explained that the specs. are available at the Town Clerk's Office for her to review. We are making both lavatory facilities accessible for individuals with special needs. We hope to do most of the work over the weekend so that there is very little interruption. Pre-construction meeting is scheduled for a week from today.

TOWN EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN PRESENTATION – BRAD PALMITER

Supervisor McKeon introduced Brad Palmiter, of Marshall Sterling Insurance. Each year we are presented with various options regarding health insurance.

Brad Palmiter reviewed the handouts he provided. It compares the insurance the Town has now with a newly proposed plan. He reviewed projected utilization rates.

Supervisor McKeon said as of today’s date the utilization rate is 69.8%.

Brad explained the “run out” time and said the rate could possibly be 75%. Dental and Vision portions have no increase. He asked if there were questions.

Supervisor McKeon pointed out that with our existing plan there was a chance that some of our employees could be asked to contribute almost \$12,000 depending on their health situation.

What is nice about the Liberty 8 program is that there is not such a risk, they’d have to pay a little more for prescriptions.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilperson Imboden moved to approve MVP Liberty 8 Silver Plan.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0

The vote was taken after the following discussion:

Councilman Ross asked about comparing it to the Liberty Silver 3 Plan.

Supervisor McKeon explained that after the deductible there is no co-pay for our employees.

They discussed the differences between two plans as it relates to deductibles and co-pays.

Councilperson Imboden said we committed a certain level of health care to our employees and she feels more comfortable going with the Silver 8.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ANIMAL CARE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND PAUL NASSETTA, D/B/A/ PARADICE KENNELS FOR TEMPORARY BACK UP KENNEL SERVICES

Supervisor McKeon referred to an agreement and resolution that was presented to the Board. He asked Councilperson Imboden (liaison to the Dog Control Officer) if she would explain.

Councilperson Imboden explained the contract for temporary kennel services. It is for specific dogs that are listed in the contract and is just for backup for our normal contract. Red Hook Veterinary Hospital cannot hold dangerous dogs and this kennel can.

Supervisor McKeon understands that Councilperson Imboden and Stephanie Fitzpatrick our Dog Control Officer both visited the temporary kennel.

Councilperson Imboden said we still have to resolve the question of whether the kennel spaces are the size they have to be. Pending that, she feels comfortable recommending approving the temporary kennel. There is a State guideline and they are still firming up some numbers. She explained the size of the kennels and said if needed he might be able to modify the size of the kennel. She believes the size of this kennel is appropriate. She will be very careful about the measurements.

Dog Control Officer Stephanie Fitzpatrick explained the kennels and reinforcement if needed.

Councilperson Imboden said this kennel used to have the dog control contract with the City of Poughkeepsie and has experience with dangerous dogs. The kennel owner is aware of what we are doing and is willing to take it on. We wouldn’t put the dogs in a facility that we didn’t think was appropriate.

RESOLUTION 2016 #11

RE: APPROVING AN ANIMAL CARE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND PAUL NASSETTA, D/B/A PARADICE KENNELS FOR TEMPORARY BACKUP KENNEL SERVICES

On a motion of Councilman William O’Neill seconded by Councilperson Sarah Imboden moved to approve the agreement pending size.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0

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REORGANIZATION

Supervisor McKeon clarified that on the Town appointments we did not have a motion to approve from the Safety Officer to the Director of Purchasing.
Safety Officer- Highway Superintendent
Disaster Preparedness & Civil Defense – Supervisor
Emergency Interim Successors- Robert McKeon, Theresa Burke, James Ross, Harry Colgan
Receiver of Taxes- Sue McCann
Registrar of Vital Statistics – Sue McCann
Water Rents Collector- Sue McCann
Issuing Agent-Handicapped parking permits – Sue McCann
Building Inspector II – Stephen Cole
ZEO/Building Inspector-P/T – Lou Fiorese
Director of Purchasing – Theodore Kudzy

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilperson Imboden moved to approve the listed appointments.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0

UPDATE HISTORIC DISTRICT ZONING

Resolution Classifying Action & Establishing Lead Agency – Type 1 Action

Supervisor McKeon explained that the Town has been updating our zoning law as it relates to the historic district area and sites. We had two informational sessions and many meetings discussing the proposed changes. We are ready to hold a public hearing and classify the Town as lead agency in the SEQR review for the updates. He referred to the documents the Board members had.

Councilman O’Neill read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2016 #12

RE: SEQR CLASSIFYING ACTION & ESTABLISHING LEAD AGENCY TYPE 1 ACTION

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

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0

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On a motion of Councilman O’Neill seconded by Councilperson Imboden moved that the Town Board accept the full environmental assessment and authorize the Supervisor to sign and date today, February 9, 2016.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0

Resolution Establishing a Date for a Public Hearing regarding the Adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook of Local Law C (Proposed) of 2016 Regarding Zoning

Councilman O’Neill reviewed the resolution setting the public hearing for February 24, 2016 at 7:35 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2016 #13

RE: ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW C (PROPOSED) OF 2016 REGARDING ZONING

On a motion of Councilman William O’Neill seconded by Councilperson Sarah Imboden moved to set the public hearing for February 24, 2016 at 7:35 p.m.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0

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Councilman Ross added that we have to make it perfectly clear about other areas of our Zoning Code. It also involves other sections of our Town.
Councilperson Imboden commented that it doesn't specifically refer to the two districts. They are not mentioned and it is important to figure out way to clarify it.
Supervisor McKeon explained some of the changes in the proposed zoning.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC BIDS FOR THE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT MODIFICATIONS

Supervisor McKeon explained the bidding project and the slight modifications. Documents will be available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Councilman Ross read the resolution.

RESOLUTON 2016 #14

RE: AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC BIDS FOR THE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT MODIFICATIONS

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

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays	0	

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY GRANT FOR THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN UPDATE

Supervisor McKeon explained that we are required by law to update our Community Preservation Project Plan every three years. The deadline is May 1, 2016.

Councilperson Imboden read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2016 #15

RE: SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY RED HOOK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECT PLAN UPDATE

On a motion of Councilperson Sarah Imboden seconded by Councilman William O'Neill moved to approve the resolution as read.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays	0	

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SOLARIZE NORTHERN DUTCHESS

Supervisor McKeon explained that this is in regard to the use of the Town logo in any promotional materials.

Councilperson Imboden explained the campaign running from March until June. Red Hook is the hub community for five Towns and three Villages in Northern Dutchess for Solarize Hudson Valley. It is an educational opportunity for residents and commercial land owners to solarize buildings and receive a discount through trusted installers that will be vetted through the program. The Towns that signed on will be asked to use their logo for flyers.

Attorney Chale suggested that the documents be reviewed where our logo is being used and monitor how it is being used.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to authorize the use of the Town logo on promotional materials provided we have those materials supervised by our representative, Councilperson Imboden.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays	0	

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor McKeon shared the following correspondence:

- 'Ban the Box' from DC regarding removing certain questions from employment applications

- Municipal LED Streetlights opportunity information from Patrice Courtney Strong, independent contractor to NYSERDA
- Upper Route 9G Corridor Management Plan advisory committee meeting on February 19 from 10 a.m. – noon at Red Hook Town Hall. Information will be posted on the Town’s website. Comments are welcome.
- NYSDEC informed the Town that a permit was issued for dredging a pond on Guski Road

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor McKeon opened for comments. There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ATTORNEY CLIENT SESSION

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to go into executive session at 8:47 p.m.to discuss the hiring and/or firing of a particular individual, then go to Attorney/Client Session.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
	Nays	0	

On a motion of Councilperson Imboden seconded by Councilman O’Neill moved to adjourn the Executive Session/Attorney Client Session at 10:23 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
	Nays	0	

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilman O’Neill moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
	Nays	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk