

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 12, 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 Harry Colgan
Councilman William O'Neill
Councilperson Sarah Imboden
Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst
Absent: Councilman James Ross

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

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION

Supervisor McKeon presented Travis K. Kassner with a certificate for completion of his requirement for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Travis reconstructed a walkway at the Vanderbilt Historic site in Hyde Park. He read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2016 #24

RE: HONORING TRAVIS K. KASSNER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

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

Adopted	Ayes 4	McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

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DEC CAMP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

CAC Chair Jennifer Cavanaugh explained the environmental summer camp and announced the winners of the DEC Scholarship.

Commander William Moore of the Red Hook VFW presented a scholarship to Michael Holtman. Bruce Cuttler from Hendrick Hudson Hall presented a scholarship to Sara Scott.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's report dated March 31, 2016 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$2,973,626.94; Receipts - \$4,273,678.18; Disbursed - \$1,466,618.64; Balance - \$5,805,676.48

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

Adopted	Ayes 4	McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

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Supervisor McKeon pointed out the budget adjustments prepared by the Town Bookkeeper.

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

Adopted	Ayes 4	McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period March 1 – March 31, 2016 was read as follows: Amount remitted to the Supervisor - \$1,785.06; Amount paid to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$68.00; Amount

paid to NYS Dept. of Health - \$45.00; Amount paid to NYS DEC - \$462.94; Total State, County & Local revenue - \$2,361.00.

On a motion of Councilperson Imboden seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to approve the Town Clerk's report.

Adopted	Ayes 4	McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor McKeon announced the following:

- Annual Spring Clean-Up will be Sunday, April 24 from 1 – 3 p.m. Sign in at 12:30 p.m.
- Bike Rodeo & Tour de'Red Hook - May 14, 1 – 4 p.m. at the High School, rain date May 15.
- Apple Blossom Day May 7
- Red Hook Film Fest on May 7 in the evening following Apple Blossom Day
- Racing through History at the Fairgrounds on May 7, from 10 a.m. 5 p.m.
- Bank of Greene County sent word that we received a grant for the Senior Picnic
- County announced the municipal shared services grant program, applications due June 17.
- Mid-Hudson Addiction Recovery Center luncheon May 6 at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel.
- Division of Youth Services hosting a youth mental health first aid training May 19 at Cornell Cooperative from 9 – 5
- Adult Mental Health Public Forum on May 3 on Mansion St., Poughkeepsie
- Condolences to families of recently deceased residents.

Councilperson Imboden announced the Arbor Day Celebration on April 30 at Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a similar event in Tivoli that same day.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor McKeon opened for comments.

Linda Keeling asked about the Greenway grant.

Supervisor McKeon explained that we received \$10,000 for completion of the CPF project plan. He explained the updates needed and what the money will pay for in developing the plan.

Danielle Maloney from PANDA 23 explained their various shows, programming and events.

They provide three unpaid shoots a year. Shows can be seen by going to www.panda23.org for those who choose to watch on line. Losing funding could isolate a large number of residents.

Maryann Harvey, Treasurer of PANDA 23, distributed a copy of their financial report to the Board. The Town of Red Hook is their largest sponsor. She explained the need for equipment and they hope to be able to go HD soon. They appreciate the Towns support.

Chris Klose proposed that the Town consider a letter or a resolution supporting PANDA in its mission of democracy and encourage the Village of Red Hook to continue supporting PANDA.

Willa Fields, student at Bard College, was unaware of PANDA and said she will tune in to PANDA on their YouTube page.

PANDA CONTRACT DISCUSSION

Supervisor McKeon heard from the Village of Red Hook that they are considering not renewing their contract with PANDA due to budget constraints. He spoke with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and other Town Supervisors about the contract. We are fully funded until the end of 2016. He thinks it is important to maintain the public view of town government and community events.

We receive franchise fees from Time Warner and those fees are in excess of what we pay for the access channel. A portion of those fees are dedicated to providing airing shows for the community. We should always make provisions for our residents to know what is going on. He would be supportive of writing to the Village encouraging them to stay with PANDA.

Councilman Colgan is often stopped by residents who talk about what they see on PANDA. It gets interesting programs and messages to the public. He has expressed his feelings to the people in the Village. They are a part of what goes on in Red Hook and would hate to see them not renew the contract with PANDA.

Councilman O'Neill said the purpose is to decide whether the Town is going to renew the agreement. He is in favor of doing that. The Village of Red Hook has reasons we have to respect. We don't know what their situation is in their proposed budget. Maybe they can sit with PANDA to talk about an agreement. There are many citizens who probably rely on PANDA. He explained franchise agreements. He hopes the Village of Red Hook will continue as a municipal participant.

MaryAnn Harvey said they heard that if the Village of Red Hook pulls out, the Town of Rhinebeck will also which will make them go dark. They won't be able to survive.

Danielle Maloney said Rhinebeck is trying to save money too to stay under the tax cap. Maryann Harvey said PANDA pays Time Warner about \$500 a month. That will be a discussion the President of PANDA will address.

Councilperson Imboden has never been a cable subscriber and accesses everything from computer, smart phones, etc. She explained her feelings regarding PANDA's mission and their role in the community. She does not feel the Town should write a letter to the Village to encourage them to renew a contract.

Chris Klose commented that this is an opportunity for cooperation and communication. The letter from the Village about PANDA being a tax burden is disingenuous. The Board should help bring all municipalities together for community cooperation.

Councilperson Imboden explained the concern the Village has about their budget. Let's be clear about the budget numbers. How are we making sure we are using communications platforms to help cut budget costs?

Councilman Colgan said we are at the point now where one remaining method of communication is PANDA. Our local papers have died. It is one way to communicate with residents. He sees it as absolutely essential.

Supervisor McKeon mentioned that the County shared services application are due by June and the Village could be lead agency and solicit membership from other municipalities to apply for funding if they feel they don't have that money in their budget. Our County Executive was instrumental in making PANDA the entity that it is and he might be supportive. He also received a letter from former Supervisor Sue Crane supporting PANDA.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to authorize the Supervisor to encourage the Village of Red Hook to explore ways to stay with our partnership until such time as we can figure a way to provide public access to our meetings and other events in our community.

Adopted	Ayes	3	McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill
	Nays	1	Imboden
	Absent	1	Ross

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Supervisor McKeon referred to communication from Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke asking for authorization to declare the following items as surplus:

1987 FWD Truck, plow and wing, scrap metal value \$600

1987 FWD Truck Chassis (for parts), scrap metal value \$400

Chevy Silverado draw hitch minimum value \$100

2015 Chevy Silverado tailgate, minimum value \$200

2015 Chevy Silverado bumper, minimum value \$200

RESOLUTION 2016 #25

RE: AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS ITEMS OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK

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

Adopted	Ayes	4	McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Ross

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AMENDING ZONING AS IT RELATES TO FENCES

Supervisor McKeon explained the issue regarding agricultural fencing and less permitting requirements. He referred to the latest draft and explained the local law. He asked the Board if they had any comments

After much discussion the Board voted on the resolutions relating to fencing and SEQR documents.

have 1200 registered voters, the County Board of Elections would have no alternative other than to rearrange District 5 at which point he suggested they reach out to Reverend Chilton and ask to add an additional site for Bard College campus. He suggested a Town resolution regarding a polling site at Bard College.

Councilman Colgan explained the fact that this has been tried in the past. He suggested adding a district and also proposed rearranging polling districts so that maybe some from the Forest Park neighborhood could move to St. John's in Barrytown.

Councilperson Imboden is in favor of both options. Moving the site or redistricting and keeping the St. John's site. Whatever encourages everyone to vote and increase access to the polls.

Parking would have to be worked out.

Councilman Colgan feels the residents of Barrytown would be very upset if it were moved.

Many of them can walk to the site.

Erin Cannan works at Bard College and gave reasons supporting a voting district there. She encouraged the Board to be more forceful. This has been going on since 2009. Student support in the community is important and makes them feel welcome.

Bonnie Goad, Bard employee, added that she appreciates the sense of community at St. Johns, but be mindful of the law. Traditions are special, but they might have to be moved to meet the requirements of the law, transportation, accessibility and a space requirement. Take tradition and merge the two to meet the needs of the community.

Linda Keeling has worked as an election inspector at St. Johns and when shuttles bring students it creates long lines for both the students and residents. A wheelchair would have to access the site through the kitchen.

Supervisor McKeon read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2016 # 29

RE: REGARDING ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 5

On a motion of Councilman William O'Neill seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolution communicating the need to locate a polling site at Bard College for safe, convenient access by the registered voters of Election District 5

Adopted	Ayes 4	McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

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APPOINTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Councilperson Imboden referred to two separate agreements from DCSPCA who the Town is considering for dog control. She explained both agreements, but has questions on the contract. Supervisor McKeon suggested calling a special meeting to wrap up the remaining questions. It doesn't seem that we are at the point where we can decide right now.

Councilman Colgan commented that time is of the essence.

Councilperson Imboden is waiting for return calls from the SPCA.

Attorney Chale just received the agreements today and wants to review them. The main issue is services on weekends.

Councilperson Imboden said another issue is picking up dogs after hours. They are supposed to add to the agreement.

Supervisor McKeon suggested separately having an arrangement with Rhinebeck's Dog Control Officer and holding facility as a backup for after hours and weekends.

Councilperson Imboden will talk with Rhinebeck. She doesn't want to increase the load on anyone in the Town Hall.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEE VACATION/SICK POLICY

Supervisor McKeon explained the policy. He included a survey from surrounding municipalities for the Board. A proposal was discussed. It allows part-time employees who are budgeted to work more than 12 hours a week to be able to take a paid vacation and sick days. It is important to maintain the staff here at Town Hall. He explained how policy would work and it will be retroactive to January 1, 2016.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilperson Imboden moved to adopt the Town of Red Hook human resources policy and procedure as it relates to the paid benefit

time, vacation and sick, for part time staff as articulated in the document modified by the removal of the second sentence under 'vacation time' in the first paragraph.

Adopted	Ayes	4	McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Ross

REORGANIZATION

ZRC – We received a letter of interest from Jeff Kaiser. Supervisor McKeon explained representation that opened the spot for community representative.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to appoint Jeff Kaiser as Community Representative to the ZRC to fill the vacancy made by Michael Robertson for a term to expire December 31, 2017, and to move Ken Migliorelli to EDC representative, Chris Klose to ZBA representative and Michael Robertson to Ag. & Open Space Committee representative.

Adopted	Ayes	4	McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Ross

Senior Services Committee – Resident Vicki Perry sent a letter of interest.

On a motion Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to appoint Vicki Perry to the Senior Services Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2017.

Adopted	Ayes	4	McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Ross

SIDEWALK EXTENSION DISCUSSION

Supervisor McKeon began discussion in regard to reaching out to landowners Roger Hoffman and Jim Ross about granting an easement for the sidewalks to connect to Route 9. A few feet of the sidewalk would be on their property.

Attorney Chale spoke to Councilman (Jim) Ross who expressed the willingness to deed the property to the Town, provided shrubs are replaced. He expressed some concerns about liability and asked if it would be an easement or conveyance. She spoke about design and engineering safety purposes on the map. The Board will have to talk about what kind of agreement can be structured. She suggested discussing specific terms and conditions in Attorney/Client session.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE LWRP REVIEW

Supervisor McKeon was contacted by the Department of State who is looking at municipalities to try and ascertain the efficacy of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, both locally and up and down the river. Michele Greig answered their questions about how we administer and reviewed the plan and asked if the Town needed their assistance in administering it. They asked how we are doing with our projects. He listed various project plans and improvements. They will come down and do a site visit for the LWRP, then we will have a follow up meeting about ways to assist us. They have money for help, and Supervisor McKeon asked for ideas from the Board to apply for funds.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor McKeon shared the following correspondence:

- Thank you from the Special Olympics for our contribution
- Received transfer tax CPF report for March 2016 from the Dutchess County Clerk
- State DOT informed the Town about a multi-county speed contest and races which will run through Dutchess County June 10 – 14. The State is looking for any input. They are unaware of any reasons objecting to this event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor McKeon opened for comments. There were none.

ATTORNEY/CLIENT SESSION

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to go to Attorney/Client session at 10:05 p.m.

Adopted Ayes 4 McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Ross

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilperson Imboden moved to close the Attorney/Client session and move into Executive session.

Adopted Ayes 4 McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Ross

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilperson Imboden the Town Board closed the Executive session and resumed the Town Board meeting.

Adopted Ayes 4 McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Ross

On a motion Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilperson Imboden moved to authorize the Supervisor to negotiate a real estate transaction as outlined in Executive Session.

Adopted Ayes 4 McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Ross

On a motion of Councilperson Imboden seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 11:24 p.m.

Adopted Ayes 4 McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Ross

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Horst, Deputy Town Clerk