

**RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**November 2, 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  
Town Clerk Sue McCann  
Absent: Councilman James Ross  
Also Present: Bookkeeper Ann Conway  
Budget Officer Rose Rider

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Town Clerk McCann read the public hearing notice.

Supervisor McKeon began with a slide presentation of the budget highlights which are keeping the tax levy flat. We had a healthy unappropriated balance and our revenues exceeded expectations.

He opened for comments.

Councilman Colgan said his biggest concern is staying within the strictures of what the State has been setting for us.

Supervisor McKeon explained that you get to recapture 1½ % of your levy each year that you did not tap into in previous years. He gave examples of how the Town could recapture over the years. We have a very healthy unappropriated reserve balance.

*Resident Jerry Bankowski* referred to the fire district portion of the budget with questions and concerns.

Supervisor McKeon pointed out two minor changes regarding workman's comp. We are increasing our contributions to both fire companies.

*Jerry Bankowski* wants to make sure the Town is receiving financial statements from the Fire Company and refers to a balance at the end of 2014.

Supervisor McKeon explained that they've since acquired a truck and we applied for a grant toward an ambulance.

The Board continued discussion regarding the fire districts and funding.

Supervisor McKeon asked if there were more comments. There were none. He thanked everyone involved in the process for the 2017 budget.

On a motion of Councilperson Imboden seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to close the public hearing.

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

Supervisor McKeon spoke to Councilman Ross who is in agreement with the budget as presented. The Board voted after Bookkeeper Ann Conway filed the proposed budget with the State Comptroller's office and received confirmation the budget is under the State cap.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to approve the adopted budget.

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

Councilman O'Neill asked that the public hearing on the fire agreements be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION**

Supervisor McKeon explained that the Highway Department’s bucket loader needed repair. We’ve been advised that we have a pump issue and it may not last. We should consider doing this now instead of waiting until 2017.

Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke said that it takes 6 – 9 weeks after it’s ordered to receive.

Supervisor McKeon said the resolution exceeds the amount needed to create a buffer.

Theresa explained the budget figure for the capital equipment is \$190,000. The bucket loader can exceed \$190,000 with the accessories needed.

**RESOLUTION 2016 #99**

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A BUCKET LOADER AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$210,000, THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$170,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

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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On a motion of Councilperson Imboden seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk