RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING April 26, 2017

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 Councilman James Ross Town Clerk Sue McCann

Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale

Absent: Councilperson Sarah Imboden

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor McKeon opened for comments.

Linda Keeling referred to an email she sent out regarding signage for Papa's Best Batch. Nothing has been done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor McKeon announced the following:

- -DC Sheriff will hold a remembrance ceremony on May 25th at 9:30 a.m. It is the 300th anniversary of the DC Sheriff's Office
- -Dress for Success May 4 through 7 at Poughkeepsie Plaza Mall
- -Arbor Day Celebration, April 29 beginning at 10 a.m.
- -Eagle Scout ceremony Saturday at 3 p.m. at St. Christopher's on Benner Road
- -Tivoli Firehouse Dinner this Saturday
- -Apple Blossom Day May 13.

AGREEMENT TO EXPEND HIGHWAY FUNDS

Supervisor McKeon explained the amended agreement to expend highway funds for paving of Mill Road.

RESOLUTION 2017 #20

RE: TO APPROVE HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES

On a motion of <u>Supervisor Robert McKeon</u> seconded by <u>Councilman Harry Colgan</u> moved to approve the amended agreement regarding highway expenditures.

Adopted Ayes 4 McKeon, Ross, O'Neill, Colgan

Navs 0

Absent 1 Imboden

Copy attached

Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke read the memo she sent dated April 26, 2017 regarding the resurfacing proposal on Oriole Mills Road. She added an article about dirt roads to the end of her memo. She pointed out the area of the road to be covered and brought samples of stone that will be used. She is sensitive to the rural nature of the road so they will use the older fashioned treatment.

Supervisor McKeon asked for pictures as examples. He's had correspondence and phone calls regarding the project.

Highway Superintendent Burke commented that Supervisor McKeon wanted a SEQRA. Supervisor McKeon told her yes, we have been looking at what our legal obligations are. Highway Superintendent Burke said the travel way is delineated by the width of the road. She gave distances. They plan on sticking to 20 feet so we do not go outside the travelled way. Supervisor McKeon commented that we should do markings before.

Highway Superintendent Burke called the DEC and they told her this is usually a Type II action. We are not excavating. She prepared a SEQRA review for Supervisor McKeon knowing he would feel more comfortable with one. She reached out to Cornell Local Roads, the DEC and people from NYS Association of Towns. SEQRA is very unusual for a situation like this.

Highway Superintendent Burke explained the safety issue and extra work regarding that portion of the road. She is looking for the Board's approval for this project.

Councilman O'Neill asked why this is any different than the repaving of Mill Road. Why are we spending so much time about paving Oriole Mills Road?

Highway Superintendent Burke explained that the Supervisor wanted to get opinions from the residents nearby because it is a sensitive area. It is not a private road, it is a public road.

Supervisor McKeon said there is a distinction between repaving an already paved road and paving a portion of a road.

Councilman O'Neill sees no difference. This project is to repave from Yantz Road to Old Rock City Road.

Supervisor McKeon wants to review everything and put this on the agenda for the next meeting. He wants advice from our engineer, planner and attorney. There are some residents with very strong feelings.

Highway Superintendent Burke explained that we do not want to change the character of the road we want to make it safer.

Councilman Ross said we should declare the Town Board as lead agency.

Highway Superintendent Burke said this road has been on the docket since 2008. She does not want to put this off any longer. She never considered SEQRA on any road.

Councilman O'Neill asked if we heard from Camp Rising Sun. Do they enter into this discussion?

Highway Superintendent Burke said we never heard from them.

Supervisor McKeon sent out letters informing residents.

Highway Superintendent Burke pointed out where they are situated.

Supervisor McKeon is going to try to reach out to them.

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to have the Town act as lead agency on the unlisted action of Oriole Mills Road resurfacing project.

Adopted Ayes 4 McKeon, Ross, O'Neill, Colgan

Nays 0

Absent 1 Imboden

DUTCHESS COUNTY MUNICIPAL INNOVATION GRANT – 2017 DISCUSSION

Supervisor McKeon explained that the County has a shared services grant. He included ideas and asked for ideas to be forwarded to him regarding the grant which is due May 19.

RED CHURCH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION DISCUSSION

Supervisor McKeon referred to the abandonment of the cemetery by the Red Church Cemetery Association. Once we begin to take it over, there are some former trustees who would be willing to help. There is grant funding for these programs in NY for maintenance. More information is needed regarding the Red Church itself.

Councilman Colgan asked if anyone showed interest in maintaining the building.

Supervisor McKeon said there is. We want to understand and respect the constraints that were placed upon the property.

Councilman O'Neill asked if there was a committee for this.

Supervisor McKeon answered not yet. He hopes that Councilman Colgan will be the liaison to such a committee.

Councilman Colgan is willing to be the liaison.

Supervisor McKeon said June 1 is the cemetery association's 100th anniversary. Maybe that would be an opportunity to get out more information.

REORGANIZATION

Councilman O'Neill told the Board that the Ag. & Open Space Committee recommends John Hardeman as Chair to replace Norman Greig and Peter Hubbell both of whom resigned as cochairs.

REPORTS

<u>Planning Board</u> – In April they reviewed five applications and held two public hearings. <u>ZBA</u> – In April they held a public hearing for three area variances to construct a detached garage.

<u>Building & Zoning</u> – The April report showed 15 permits; 34 inspections; 6 CO/CC; 1 complaint; \$5512.00 in revenue

<u>Purchasing</u> – During the period March 29 – April 26, 2017, 34 purchase orders were issued. The sidewalk project contract with BTM has been approved by the DOT, charging stations RFP's were sent to 4 vendors, working on replacement of our tennis courts at the recreation park which will be a public bid project.

<u>Village Police</u> – The March report showed 80 total incidents, 13 arrests and 45 tickets issued. <u>Water District</u> – The March report showed normal levels pumped, both wells running normally, well 2 is going to be updated, Crawford & Associates will submit a proposal to review and recommend updates, and provided us with a Water Plant Assessment – Control Upgrade Study Estimate in the amount of \$4,500. They also met with them to review our current operation at the pump house facility. The draft proposal was \$3,806. Tests for various chemicals will be done this year, filters are satisfactory, plenty of chlorine is on hand and they are in the process of rehabbing a well. The 2017 work item list includes tank inspection, well rehab, Ross valve inspection, hydrant removed at 2 Alder street, fence repair at the water tower.

<u>CAC</u> – They gave an Energize Red Hook update. 7 home audits have been scheduled. The library has information regarding the program, and residents can sign up anytime. They thanked the Town hall staff and Supervisor for supporting a compost program as part of the 8th grade Better World project. They announced the availability of the Ruth Oja Environmental Scholarship to college bound Red Hook students.

Recreation Commission – They are looking for a director for the summer program, clean up is ongoing. New bases and pitchers plates were installed on all fields, snack bar storage door will be installed soon, recycling containers will also be put out, water was turned on, and the snack bar has opened for the season. The fishing contest was a success. 400 fish were stocked in the stream. Remaining trees in the pre-school playground must be professionally cut down, the tennis courts rebuild is planned for this year, basketball court cracks will be repaired and a job description for the Summer Program Director was provided.

Intermunicipal Task Force – They continued to review proposed zoning language to regulate signs in the Town, and continued its discussion of proposed zoning regulations regarding solar energy and uses in a proposed Hamlet Business District adjacent to Upper Red Hook.

Tree Commission – Four Tree Committee members and one Village Green member attended the Tree City Recognition Ceremony in Albany, trees have been delivered, mulch purchased, Katsura tree has been planted, and holes will be dug for planting the four trees. Arbor Day celebration plans have been finalized, pruning has begun at the north end of the Recreation Park, Triebels Garage Centennial Tree dedication date will be set, Nancy Guski tree plaque will be ordered and Mill Road School tree program will begin soon.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor McKeon shared the following correspondence:

- -NYS Department of Transportation informed us that our application for the bike path on Route 199 project was not selected.
- -EDC letter asking the Town Board to endorse the settlement of refugees.
- -NYS Ag. & Markets inspection report.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor McKeon opened for comments.

Linda Keeling announced that Triebel's Centennial is this Friday at 11 a.m., and the Arbor Day Celebration is Saturday, free tree seedlings will be distributed.

ATTORNEY/CLIENT

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to go into Attorney/Client session at 8:40 p.m.

Adopted Ayes 4 McKeon, Ross, O'Neill, Colgan

Nays 0

Absent 1 Imboden

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilman Ross moved to close the Attorney/Client session.

Adopted Ayes 4 McKeon, Ross, O'Neill, Colgan

Nays 0

Absent 1 Imboden

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilman O'Neill move to re-open the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Adopted Ayes 4 McKeon, Ross, O'Neill, Colgan

Nays 0

Absent 1 Imboden

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilman Ross moved to authorize the Supervisor to engage Tighe and Bond as engineers on the same terms and conditions as our standard engineering contract and at current rates for certain projects pending the issuance of an RFP schedule for fall 2017.

Adopted Ayes 3 McKeon, Ross, Colgan

Nays 1 O'Neill Absent 1 Imboden

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Ross the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Adopted Ayes 4 McKeon, Ross, O'Neill, Colgan

Nays 0

Absent 1 Imboden

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk