

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 14, 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
Councilperson Sarah Imboden
Town Clerk Sue McCann
Absent: Councilman James Ross

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's report dated August 31, 2017 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$5,710,391.97; Receipts - \$1,467,270.46; Disbursed - \$2,338,669.21; Balance - \$4,838,993.22. In September we received a check in the Community Preservation Fund for approx. \$27,000 bringing our balance to \$900,000.

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 brought budget adjustments prior to closing August 2017 to the Board's attention.

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Colgan 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 August 1 – 31, 2017 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$1,609.64; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$74.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health - \$135.00; Amount remitted to NYS DEC - \$2,118.36; Total State, County & Local revenues - \$3,937.00.

Town Clerk McCann announced the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Event which will take place on Saturday, October 21, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency in Poughkeepsie. Registration and \$10 prepayment is required. Information is posted on the Town web www.redhook.org.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to accept the Town Clerk's report as read.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor McKeon announced the following:

- Hardscrabble Day this Saturday beginning 10:00 a.m.
- Tivoli Street Painting on Saturday, September 23, beginning at 9 a.m.
- Last Friday the Board had a special meeting to approve a Greenway Grant application that relates to the activities under the moratorium of large scale extractive operations.

-We received notice that we are awarded two municipal grants that we applied for. One relates to the analysis of a municipal solar farm project and the other for shared court facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor McKeon opened for comments.

Linda Keeling commented that the letter she wrote for the public hearing was not read, nor was it acknowledged in the official minutes. Legislation can only be complete if air quality is also added to the moratorium. She read her letter aloud.

Supervisor McKeon responded that Town Clerk McCann acknowledged that we received two pieces of correspondence. Regarding air quality, the moratorium is to preclude specific activities with water bottling and mining.

Linda Keeling commented that her letter was not read at the public hearing, making it incomplete and not enforceable.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LETTING OF SEALED BIDS AND REQUESTING PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF VARIOUS MATERIALS – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Supervisor McKeon explained the bidding process for basic materials utilized by the Highway Department. He shared the list of materials and read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2017 #61

RE: AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ICE CONTROL ABRASIVES, A REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT AND A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR 2018

On a motion of Supervisor Robert McKeon seconded by Councilman William O’Neill move to approve the resolution.

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

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONNECTION – WATER DISTRICT #1

Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution. A homeowner in the Town’s water district would like to connect. They will pay the costs. An agreement has been drafted and signed and he pointed out where the house is located.

Councilman O’Neill read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2017 #62

RE: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN OUT OF DISTRICT WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT

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

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

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DISCUSSION – SOLAR ZONING

Supervisor McKeon presented a proposed draft Local Law from the Intermunicipal Task Force to amend the Zoning Law regarding solar zoning. He asked Denis Collet CAC member to give some highlights.

Denis gave a short presentation highlighting the areas they are addressing in solar zoning. We presently have no zoning regarding solar installation and no way to regulate it. He explained the ideas regarding the legislation. Anything we can do to encourage solar in our community will be helpful in our future. He showed various types of solar and gave some details.

Supervisor McKeon pointed out information from Dutchess County Planning Federation regarding solar zoning and shared recommendations. He suggested the Board read and compare the information.

Councilman Colgan agrees that we have to have solar but we have to preserve the quality of life in Red Hook.

Supervisor McKeon will take up the issue at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor McKeon opened for public comments.

Linda Keeling told the Board that NRG has been going door to door about a solar farm in the area.

Supervisor McKeon explained that companies are going door to door soliciting customers. They have no affiliation with the solar farm we are working on and they are not working with approval from the Town.

Town Clerk McCann received a complaint saying the company said they are approved by the Town of Red Hook.

Denis Collet explained what NRG has done. They gave a proposal that power can be purchased from them and he explained their plan and costs. The intention is to get subscribers to sign up and pay.

Councilman O'Neill asked if they have to be licensed in NY to solicit contracts.

Denis did not know.

Supervisor McKeon said that is a private enterprise, not associated with the Town. We will tell residents if the solar project does get constructed. Residents should call us before going into a contract with an entity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to go into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. regarding a matter under litigation.

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 Executive Session at 8:40 a.m.

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

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk