

**RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**September 27, 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 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor McKeon announced the Red Hook Fire Company will hold their fall event on October 19, from 5 – 7 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Supervisor McKeon opened for comments.

Fred Delgrosso spoke about his property on Williams Road, referring to it as a user road. He has been dealing with issues with the Town for the last four years regarding his property. He feels that everyone has been making their own rules and regulations. The property has been in his family for over fifty years. He explained the situation regarding right of way vs. user road, and issues with placing a garage and a shed. He feels he's been deceived. Problems have been ongoing with road issues, including snow plowing. He wants to know what his rights are and what the Town's rights are. Does he have to put up with whatever the Town wants to do?

Supervisor McKeon appreciates Mrs. Delgrosso coming to the Board with his concerns.

Mr. Delgrosso said he is doing this for safety reasons. He has grandchildren and is concerned for their safety. He wants this straightened out. The school knows the turn he is referring to is dangerous. It is a hidden secret for 50 years that this is a user road.

Supervisor McKeon asked Mr. Delgrosso to put his request in writing in order for the Board to understand what he is asking for.

Mr. Delgrosso handed information to the Town Clerk.

There were no more comments.

**TENTATIVE 2018 BUDGET WITH HIGHLIGHTS**

Supervisor McKeon referred to the 2018 tentative budget proposal which was filed today with the Town Clerk. He will pass the budget booklets to the Board at the end of the meeting. The 2018 budget keeps the taxes flat for the second consecutive year. Our credit rating was raised in 2016 and our risk assessment ratio is lower this year. Fiscal stress factor is nearly perfect with a 1.7% rating from the Comptroller's office. This proposal keeps taxes flat while still investing in the community. He explained the community investments in the 2018 and 2019 budgets and increasing efficiencies and the money saved. We've been successful with grants, totaling well over one million dollars. Projected small increases in fund balance for the end of 2018. The Board set budget review dates of October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. A public hearing has to be held by November 9<sup>th</sup> and the budget has to be adopted by November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING – 2018 CDBG APPLICATION**

Supervisor McKeon referred to the resolution setting a public hearing for a 2018 CDBG application. We'd like to apply again to complete ADA compliant work at the challenger field. We'd also like to hear other ideas from the public. The hearing is set for October 10, 2017 at 7:35 p.m. We will apply for \$150,000.

Councilman O'Neill read the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2017 #63**

RE: ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

On a motion of Councilman William O’Neill seconded by Supervisor Robert McKeon moved to set a Public Hearing for October 10, 2017 at 7:35 p.m.

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

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**DISCUSSION – SOLAR ZONING UPDATE**

Supervisor McKeon gave an update of the draft being reviewed by our attorney. He asked the Board to submit any comments they might have and at the next meeting we will see what if any action we’d like to take.

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID – WATER PUMP CONTROLS**

Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution.

Water Department Chair Henry VanParys explained the bid and the process of reducing the cost. Councilman Ross read the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2017 #64**

RE: AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF RED HOOK TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR WATER PUMP HOUSE CONTROLS UPGRADE PROJECT AT WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK

On a motion of Councilman James Ross seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolution to award the contract to Black Electric, Inc.

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

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #2 – SIDEWALK EXTENSION**

Supervisor McKeon explained that we were contacted by DOT who is reviewing the sidewalk project. They noticed that the crosswalk area by Holy Cow is grass and they would like to replace that area with about 22 feet of concrete attached to the striping in Hardscrabble Plaza. They want to make that perpendicular to the Route 9 sidewalk so that people can walk into the Plaza without walking on grass. He provided a visual. The estimated cost will not exceed \$5,000 and the Town will be reimbursed 100%. He summarized the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2017 #65**

RE: AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE OF 100% OF THE FEDERAL AID AND STATE “MARCHISELLI” PROGRAM AID ELIGIBLE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE

On a motion of Supervisor Robert McKeon seconded by Councilperson Sarah Imboden moved to approve the resolution.

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

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**DISCUSSION – STREETLIGHT PROJECT UPDATE**

Supervisor McKeon explained that our attorney is working on the agreements that are a part of the acquisition from Central Hudson. The consortium is looking to go out for the RFP on November 15. It is for the third portion of the project, installation and maintenance. The Town will be the lead applicant and the consortium the co-applicants.

**REPORTS**

Planning Board – They commenced or continued review of eight applications, and held public hearings for and granted conditional approval to two projects.

Zoning Board of Appeals – At their August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting they had three public hearings.

Assessor – They are taking care of residents who have had a change in their exemption amount due to an increase in their income; completed two tax bill corrections with the County for Ag. exemption and a Veteran’s exemption. The County will correct the tax bills. They are in the process of settling the two SCAR petitions that were received in July. The Deputy Assessor is preparing exemption renewals for the mailings. No sales from the county were received, but she did her own report and there are 13 sales from July 31 to August 31. All sales were single family homes; the lowest price was \$90,000 and the highest \$660,000. They continue to work with the Building Department regarding permits, continue updating parcel inventory and she tries to go out into the field when her Deputy is here.

Building/Zoning – The September report showed 33 permits issued, 12 inspections, 21 CO/CC’s, no complaints and \$6256.00 in revenue.

Police Department – The August report showed 67 total incidents, 17 arrests, and 66 tickets issued.

Dog Control – In July there were 35 total calls. A dog bit another dog and was reported to the Health Department. In August there were 48 calls, and a woman who was walking two dogs lost control of them. The dogs tried to attack a small dog, owners did not want to file a complaint.

Water District #1 – There was a problem with trees blocking the communications regarding pumps so an antenna was raised. Fencing around the tower will be repaired; a tree that fell will be removed. Purchase of meters and remote readers was discussed, water storage standpipe was inspected, a new water connection was discussed, and dead end hydrant flushing is scheduled for October 17.

Intermunicipal Task Force – continued discussion of large commercial extraction of natural resources and strategies for the implementation of the moratorium. Studying and reviewing a draft of a proposed local law regarding food trucks.

Recreation Commission – tennis courts are being rebuilt, various maintenance projects are ongoing.

Tree Preservation Commission - they had low turnout on Hardscrabble Day, the Red Park pool sign is nearly complete and two diseased Hawthorn trees were removed, members met with the Highway Superintendent to discuss right of way regulations and how they relate to tree planting.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Supervisor McKeon brought budget adjustments to the Board’s attention. He explained. In the General A Fund – offset to the fund balance is \$3,000; Highway DB Fund – offset to the fund balance is \$56,000; Other Funds and Capital Projects – total increase in appropriations is \$30,000, Offsets – appropriate fund balance - \$89,000.

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

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Supervisor McKeon opened for comments. There were none.

**SUPERVISOR’S TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Town Clerk McCann acknowledged that she received the Supervisor’s 2018 tentative budget today.

**ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to go into Attorney/Client at 8:37 p.m.

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

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn Attorney/Client session at 9:31 p.m.

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

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan re-opened the Town Board meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
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On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilperson Imboden moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk