

A regular monthly meeting of the Red Hook Town Board was held at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY, on Tuesday, January 10, 2006.

Present Deputy Supervisor – William O’Neill  
Councilman – James Ross  
Councilwoman – Sue Crane  
Councilwoman – Jean Bordewich  
Councilman – Harold Ramsey  
Town Clerk – Susan McCann

Absent Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump

Deputy Supervisor O’Neill called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

Deputy O’Neill read Supervisor’s monthly statement for December 31, 2005 – copy attached.

Town Board approved budget adjustments in the General A Fund

Total Increase Revenues debit: 15, 486.00  
Total Reduce Appropriations debit: 16,050.00  
Total Increase Appropriations credit: 14,243.00  
Offset to the Appropriate Fund Balance credit: 17,293.00

Debits 31,536.00 Credits: 31,536.00

In the General B Fund

Total Increase Revenues debit: 17,715.00  
Total Reduce Appropriations debit: 13,000.00  
Total Increase Appropriations credit: 1,143.00  
Offset to the Appropriated Fund Balance credit: 29,572.00

Debits: 30,715.00 Credits 30,715.00

In the Highway DB Fund

Total Increase Appropriations credit: 3,793.00  
Offset to the Appropriated Fund Balance debit: 3,793.00

Debits: 3,793.00 Credits: 3,793.00

On a motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich, the Supervisor’s Monthly Statement was accepted.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays 0

Town Clerk Sue McCann read Town Clerk report for December 31, 2005 submitted by Margaret Doty.

Total State, County and Local revenues was \$1,631.00

Local shares remitted to Supervisor was \$1,173.93, total non-local revenues: \$457.07

The Town Clerks office is selling recycling stickers. The office will be open on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Stickers are also available through the mail with name, address, phone number, license plate number and a self addressed stamped envelope, along with \$12.00.

Town Clerk Sue McCann also presented the Town Clerk Financial Statement for 2005 to all Board members

On a motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, the Town Clerks report was accepted as read.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays 0

Deputy O'Neill opened the floor to a 15 minute comment period, asking that no one speak more than 2 minutes.

#### Privilege of the Floor

Fergus Bordewich, R.H. spoke in favor of Ruth Oja. She is civic minded and worked for the Town's benefit. Embarrassed by the Board's tone.

Jonah Triebwasser, resident – spoke of excellent work Ruth Oja has done, vote her back in as Chairman and reappoint her.

Micki Strawinski – spoke at last meeting. Newcomer who wants to work with the Town Board – spoke in favor of Ruth Oja.

Harry Colgan, Tivoli – Also had concerns about Ruth and will make no attempt to change feelings. If she is not reappointed it's the Town's loss. Put feelings aside.

Beth Prenot, Orlich Rd. – Please consider what is best for our Town. Recycling really is important.

Linda Keeling, Pitcher Lane – in reference to the on line petition – that petition is not a valid petition. There is no way to check to see if valid address and signature – Not legal.

Rosemarie Zengen, Save Our Town Political Party – many of my fellow Democrats in this room are missing the mark. My petition was personally signed by people who feel its time for a change with the CAC and time to replace Kathy Stewart - references letter written by Ruth Oja.

Peter Hubbell, Upper Red Hook – not here to support or oppose Mrs. Oja's appointment but address petty politics. Rise above that. Do the right thing for the right reasons.

Karen Schneller MacDonald – whatever you decide about Ruth Oja, let's get to the facts and I challenge the Board to look at the Trails plan.

Lisa Pullaro, Jefferson Rd. – comments are brief and on a different topic. Spoke of positive accomplishments for Rokeby Gardens. Thanked Councilman Ramsey for his help with Neighborhood Watch signs. Group has been very active, next meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> at the VFW. No parking issues. Once again, thank Councilman Ramsey and the entire Board.

Jeff Perry, resident – was here last week, thanked the Board for their honesty. Referenced Ruth's letter and says Ruth wants to continue to serve.

Peter Girardi – brought up term limits and stands by that. He's worked with Ruth and respects her. She is qualified but he still believes she should get off – he believes in term limits. Loyalty to party comes second to loyalty to Red Hook.

With no further public comments, Deputy O'Neill closed comment period at 8:02 p.m.

Deputy O'Neill reported on St Margaret's update. Donation of St. Margaret's by Hannaford is being discussed by Town Attorney and Hannaford. Concern is the size of the lot. The Town wants a little more property, should be larger than the 1.473 acres. Amy Dubin walked the property with Hannaford and will report to Planning Board. This Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. St. Margaret's committee will be meeting at Town Hall with Victor Cornelius on status of grant. Once donation is made, the Town will complete the application to have the property listed on the National Historic Registry.

Councilwoman Bordewich said all committee appointments will not be finished tonight.

Deputy O'Neill gives update on Central Hudson which we are still pursuing. He made contact with Mr. Bickman who represents Central Hudson. Board voted for an updated appraisal for those specific parcels. Appraisal will be done by the end of the month. Joel Sachs composed a letter to the Public Service Commission in response to a letter that the

PSC had received from a Central Hudson attorney in NYC concerning Towns position with respect to the resolution passed concerning eminent domain. He'll report back.

Deputy O'Neill announced meeting January 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. with the Trails Task Force.

Deputy O'Neill ...next on the agenda is the Towns Highway Garage

Councilman Ramsey said last month we decided to do a needs assessment which he presented to the Board members. Still working on location. Do we go ahead with engineer and have him look over plans and fix errors? Councilwoman Bordewich – feels we should read needs assessment. Councilman Ramsey – problem was with HVAC and plumbing – he won't be doing the whole building over again.

Deputy O'Neill suggest it be put on January 17<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Board to invite Highway Superintendent Wayne Hildenbrand for the Jan 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilman Ramsey discussed new business item concerning Rokeby Estates. Has Draft Ordinance to restrict parking. Councilman Ramsey summarizes ordinance from Town Attorney's office - requested by residents of Rokeby Estates because their well head is a critical asset.

#### RESOLUTION 2006 #1

RE – Town Ordinance Governing Parking on Town Roads

Councilman Harold Ramsey moves to accept this ordinance before going for a public hearing, seconded by Councilman James Ross.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS DRAFTED

Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nay: 0

Councilwoman Bordewich...should we accept it changes can be made. Councilman Ramsey ... small changes... we can still have a public hearing. Councilwoman Bordewich ...willing to do that if we could get information before meeting in future it would help.

Councilman Ramsey thanked Jeanne Douglas for her help.

On a motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich, we set a Public Hearing for February 14 at 7:15 p.m. The motion was carried.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Councilwoman Bordewich also thanked Jeanne Douglas and Attorney Trezza for the work on draft ordinance.

Supervisor O'Neill suggests we cancel public hearing on zoning changes concerning flag lots and lighting which was scheduled for January 17, 2006. Planning Chair Christine Kane and Planner Greenplan were unable to meet with Board to discuss these changes.

On a motion of Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, the public hearing on flag lots and lighting for January 17, 2006 has been cancelled.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Deputy O'Neill reported Steve Cole, Building Inspector, spoke to the Association of Towns concerning outdoor wood furnaces and suggested that the town have a moratorium until zoning can research the subject.

On a motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ross, the Town Board moves for a 3 month moratorium on external wood burning boilers. This is on the recommendation of our Building Inspector and the Association of Towns. Councilman Ross briefly explains what these external wood furnaces are and they are creating a smoke problem. The state is also looking into these furnaces. Councilwoman Bordewich points out that the emissions are very unhealthy and are many times greater than wood stoves.

Deputy O'Neill wonders what the appropriate remedy or action is available to a Town Board. Do we declare a moratorium or ask our Building Inspector not to issue permits? After some discussion a decision was made to pass a moratorium tonight and send it to our attorney. Councilman Ramsey questions if we need to pass a law for a moratorium. He asked that the original motion be withdrawn.

On a motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ross, we ask our Attorney and Zoning Enforcement Officer to work on drafting a moratorium or prohibition of the wood furnaces/boiler for three months.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Councilman Ramsey announced he'd like to thank Assemblyman Manning, Legislator Molinaro and Tara Sullivan for their assistance for the traffic light on 9G and Kelly Road scheduled for 2007. Councilwoman Bordewich also wished to express her thanks.

Councilman Ramsey – Glynwood Center's Keep Farming Program due Monday. Thanked MaryAnn Johnson and Doug Moat for a program to be put in place between the EDC and Ag. Committee. They have asked for a letter of support from Town Officials.

Councilwoman Bordewich presented the first set of appointment for reorganization for 2006. Appointed except as indicated by note or as hold over. [Appointments read – copy attached.](#)

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilwoman Crane moves to accept appointments as read.

Councilman Ramsey requests Budget Officer should read: Marirose Blum Bump.

Motion amended to read Budget Officer – Marirose Blum Bump.

On a motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilwoman Crane moves to accept appointments as read.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Councilman Ross...Jean, there are still some things that are on those pages still in discussion that you did not include in that motion.

Councilwoman Bordewich...what was read was what we are actually appointing. Receiver of Taxes doesn't need to be reappointed because the term expires in 2006.

Councilman Ross... our present Town Attorney handed in his resignation effective April 30, 2006. I move we reappoint our present Town Attorney and his secretary until April 30<sup>th</sup> while we search for his replacement.. Councilwoman Bordewich would like to continue then as a holdover until we know what we are doing. Councilman Ross...I thought it was our intention to honor our Town Attorney's request.

On motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Ross, moves we reappoint Al Trezza and Secretary Jeanne Douglas until May 1, 2006.

Adopted Ayes: 3 Ross, Crane, Ramsey  
Nays: 1 Bordewich

Councilwoman Bordewich...Mileage is standard rate determined by the IRS. All these appointments are annual unless otherwise noted. Councilwoman Bordewich continues with miscellaneous.

A. Meetings – Town Board Meetings 2006 7:30 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday: topics workshop

Monday preceding 2<sup>ND</sup> Tues Business meeting (if needed): topics workshop

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday: monthly business meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday (if needed): non-agenda workshop

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (if needed): non-agenda workshop

B. Monthly and Annual Reports to Town Board, C. Town Board Organizational Responsibility, D. Town Departments. (copy attached)

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, adopted as read.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Councilwoman Bordewich stated next is Town Board Liaisons to Town Departments which the Board will do at a later date.

Councilwoman Bordewich notes that committee members are expected to attend two thirds or more of scheduled meetings. Failure to do so may result in removal from the committee. Committee appointments – on most of our committee's members are for 2 years. Chairs are a one year appointment.

Councilwoman Bordewich reads appointments for Agriculture and Open Space Advisory. Chair – Robert McKeon – 2006, Richard Biezynski – 2007, Ken Migliorelli – 2007, Larry Thetford – 2007, Vacant – 2007, Craig Vogel – 2007, Vacant – 2006, Clerk/PT: Elizabeth Wilkins.

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilwoman Crane we reappointment, as read, members for 2 years, chair for 1 year.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Councilwoman Bordewich moves on to Assessment Review Committee which has 5 members for a 5 year appointment...George Reid – 2010, Secretary PT Diana Picciano, Alternate: Jim Belliveau 2006 (reappoint for one year as alternate)

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, we accept Assessment Review Board appointments as read.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Councilwoman Bordewich reads Conservation Advisory Council...Brenda Cagle – 2007, Laurie Husted – 2007, Mary Ann Johnson – 2007, James Rapoli – 2007, Rich Schiavo – 2007, Secretary, PT Susan Ellis.

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, moves to make appointments as read.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich...I move we reappoint Ruth Oja as chair of CAC. Motion failed for each of second. Ruth Oja will not be reappointed.

Councilwoman Bordewich...we need criteria and term limits for boards and committees. Ruth will be on the committee but not chair. Councilwoman Bordewich spoke about Ruth's accomplishments and is sorry she is not reappointed and thanks her.

Councilwoman Bordewich continues reading with Design Review/Hamlet committee appointments. Chair – Geoffrey Carter – 2006, Geoffrey Carter – 2007, Henry Fournier – 2007, Tiffany Nogales – 2007.

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, move that we appoint as read.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Councilwoman Bordewich said Disaster Preparedness Committee is not yet formed and we are still working on membership. Continues with Economic Development Committee. Chair Doug Moat – 2006, Doug Moat - 2007, Ken Jetto - 2007 (new), Mary Bayer – 2007, Theresa Haney – 2007, Linda Page – 2007, Kevin Zulch – 2007

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, move that we appoint as read.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Councilwoman Bordewich reads members of the Ethics Committee – Fr. Fred Cartier, Chair – 2006, Susan Goodman-Goldstein – 2007, Claire Horst – 2006, Tara Sullivan – 2007, Linda Keeling – 2006 (new-fills unexpired term). On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ross that we appoint as read with one vacancy. On motion of Councilman Crane, seconded by Councilman Ross we move that Linda Keeling fill the vacancy on the Ethics Committee.

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ross, move to appoint as read including Linda Keeling to fill the vacancy.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Councilwoman Bordewich states the Information Technology Committee will be reconstituted as more of an administrative working group rather than a Town Board Committee.

Continues with Planning Board. Chair Christine Kane – 2006, Sam Phelan – 2010, Secretary to the Board PT Betty Mae Van Parys, Paula Schoonmaker

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ross, move to appoint as read. On amended motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ross move to appoint s read and also appoint secretary to the Board PT, Betty Mae Van Parys and Paula Schoonmaker.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Councilwoman Bordewich continues with Recreation Commission. Chair Doug Strawinski – 2006, Bob Bowman – 2007, Tom Budd – 2007, Secretary PT Fran Gruccio.

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, moves to appoint as read.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

John Kuhn appointed previously. Councilwoman Bordewich reads Senior Services Committee. Chair Rose Rider – 2006, Betty Bader – 2007, Carl Dowden – 2007, Jeanne Duntz – 2007, Kelly Mosher – 2007, Judy Walsh – 2007, Andrew Kehr 2006 (new-fills expired term)

Councilwoman Crane has a candidate for PT secretary but hasn't gotten confirmation from them yet. She proposed filling vacancy with Andrew Kehr, Councilwoman Bordewich seconded.

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, we move to reappoint for 2 years as read, Andrew Kehr to fill 1 year vacancy and appoint Rose Rider as Chair.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Councilwoman Bordewich reads Greenway and Trails Committee appointments. Donna Griffin – 2007 (new), Howie Callies – 2007, Donald Kent – 2007, Mike Ignatowski – 2007 (new), Micki Strawinski – 2007

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, moves to appoint as read.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, moves that we appoint Ruth Oja as Chair of the Greenway and Trails Committee. Motion fails for lack of second.

Councilwoman Bordewich continues with Water District #1 Water Board . Chair Henry Van Parys – 2006, Laurence Carr – 2007, Greg Fildes – 2007, Mark Graminski – 2007. Secretary PT Carole Little

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilwoman Crane we move to appoint as read.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Zoning Board of Appeals is a holdover until we can discuss it at a later date.

Councilwoman Bordewich reads Farmland Protection Committee (PDR review) – all were appointed 1/10/06 to staggered terms. Rich Biezynski – 2007, John Hardeman – 2006, Ken Migliorelli – 2007, Mary Ann Johnson – 2006, Craig Vogel – 2007, Hank Van Parys – 2006, Frank Knobloch – 2007, Karen Schneller MacDonald – 2006. Eight members, appointed one vacancy.

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ross, we move to appoint as read.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilwoman Crane moves to appoint Jim Ross as liaison and create a vacancy for a 9<sup>th</sup> member on the actual committee.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Robert McKeon asks for a Chair to be appointed for the Farmland Protection Committee.

On motion of Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Councilman Ross, move that we appoint Mary Ann Johnson for chair of the Farmland Protection Committee.. On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ross we appoint Mary Ann Johnson as 1 year Chair if she declines we'll look for another Chair.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Councilwoman Bordewich thanked the board members for all their work. Additional appointments and vacancies will try to be filled within the next few meetings.

Councilwoman Crane would like to discuss the St. Margaret's Committee composition of members. What do we want? Councilwoman Bordewich said there are 3 active members now. Winty Aldrich, Amy Dubin, and Beth Pagano. Once donation is complete it should be a 5 – 7 member committee. Councilman Ross suggests 5 minimum. Councilman Ramsey asks if we have applications of people who want to be on it. Councilwoman Bordewich said Ed Martin interested, Ellen Jetto, interested. Terry Laibach had to decline.

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ross, move that St. Margaret's Committee consist of 7 members for a 2 year term.

Adopted Ayes: 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey  
Nays: 0

Rosemarie Zengen – didn't realize that Kathy Stewart Gonzalez was to be appointed to the Agriculture and Open Space Committee. Councilwoman Bordewich advised Rosemarie that she was not reappointed, her appointment was over and there is a vacancy.

Betty Mae Van Parys would like to make sure that all newly appointed members are informed of their appointment. Town Clerk, Sue McCann and Councilwoman Bordewich will work to advise. New Ethics Law to be provided to all new appointee's.

Deputy O'Neill thanked the board for all the good work on the reorganization.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Councilman Ross reports ZBA meets tomorrow with one review. They didn't meet in December, no minutes for December. Tim Ross asked if he can sit in on discussion of possible new members. Board informs him yes, there will be one vacancy once we accept Jeanne Douglas' resignation which we have not done. Board wants to interview first. Another member's term has expired and the Board wants to interview.

### Purchasing

Councilwoman Crane received report from Ted Kudzy. Purchasing activity from December 14<sup>th</sup> – January 10<sup>th</sup> – 20 purchase orders were issued in the amount of \$14722.00. The largest was \$4917.00 to International Salt Company for road salt. Order placed with Dell Computer to replace outdated machine in the Planning Office which was 7 years old. He is working on data security and a RFP for a planner and attorney ad and our engineer's extension of contract. A lot of work still needs to be done on an RFP for Inter-Municipal Fiscal Study. Councilman Ross stated we approved the engineers tonight so not to worry about the RFP.

Councilwoman Crane stated that Ted Kudzy, our Purchasing Agent, is professional, responsible, goes beyond what is required and she'd like to go on record saying that he has been a wonderful, wonderful servant of this Town and is much unrecognized. She'd like to recognize him for his work. Thank you.

Councilwoman Bordewich would also like to second that. It's been a pleasure to work with him.

#### Water District #1

Councilwoman Crane reported the next meeting will be January 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### Senior Services Committee

Councilwoman Crane informed they will meet on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

#### Building/Zoning

Councilwoman Bordewich reports there were 20 new single family dwellings for 2005, 13 Building Permits for December, 46 inspections. Fee's collected for 13 Building Permits was \$1428.00; total estimated cost for those improvements to be \$215,400.00.

#### Economic Development Committee

Councilman Ramsey...the EDC is working with the Ag. Committee on the Glynwood grant proposal. They will be meeting January 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### Highway Department

Councilman Ramsey said he had no report, but wanted to thank them for the snow removal during the storms during the holidays. He reported as the liaison to the Tivoli Fire Company that they have turned in their annual recruitment plan report to the Supervisor. That is part of the contract negotiations.

Deputy O'Neill said further reports will be at the February meeting.

Councilman Ramsey said he spoke with our Highway Superintendent and our Legislator about the sidewalks, cost, potential grants. Still preliminary, but moving forward.

#### Privilege of the Floor

- Peter Girardi ...thanked Harold for looking into sidewalks.
- Micki Strawinski...acknowledged newly elected Town Clerk Sue McCann and welcomed her.
- Jonah Triebwasser...Congratulations Sue. We should put partisanship behind us and work together for a better Red Hook, otherwise we are doomed.
- Rosemarie Zengen...disagrees with Mr. Triebwasser's points this evening. I congratulate this Board. The Democrats have made this a political issue. Jim Ross and Sue Crane are for the Town, to them it doesn't make a difference if you are Democrat or Republican.
- Peter Girardi – this is government, in action, Ruth Oja expressed her right and the Town Board used their legal right to refute. That's Democracy in action.
- Councilwoman Bordewich presented a check of \$43.00 she received from Laurie Husted which is the first installment to the cartridge recycling program. Check given to Town Clerk who will give to Bookkeeper.

On motion of Deputy O'Neill, seconded by Councilman Ross meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan McCann, Town Clerk