

Public Hearing

A public hearing 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 on November 2, 2006 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump
Councilman James Ross
Councilwoman Sue Crane
Councilwoman Jean Bordewich
Councilman Harold Ramsey
Town Clerk Susan McCann

Also Present: Deputy Supervisor William O'Neill
Business Manager Debra Marks
Town Attorney Christine Chale
CPA Ted Eglit

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She then read the public hearing notice for the preliminary budget. There was no public comment.

Councilwoman Bordewich asked what the tax rate per thousand will be.

Budget Manager Marks referred to the recap on page 15 of the preliminary budget.

CPA Ted Eglit suggested reducing the appropriations by appropriating more of the unappropriated fund balance.

Supervisor Blum Bump would like to get a grant for records management. The IT Committee will look into a SARA grant.

Councilwoman Crane asked how the new fire contract relates to the new budget and the police protection in the "A" fund.

Budget Manager Marks answered that it was moved into the "B" fund. The police protection figure was questioned. If needed, appropriations can be made in January.

Kathy Stewart asked to go over the retirement.

Business Manager Marks received lower figures from the State Comptroller's office.

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, move to close the public hearing at 8:02 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey
	Nays	0	

After a five minute break the Supervisor set the Public Hearing for the Steiner/Feller farms.

RESOLUTION 2006 #63

RE: Establishing a Date for a Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Issuance of Tax-Exempt Obligations Pursuant to the Bond Resolution Dated July 8, 2003 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,500,000 for PDR Program Projects.

On a motion by Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane move to adopt the resolution.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey
	Nays	0	

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INTERMUNICIPAL TASK FORCE

Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill of the Intermunicipal Task Force said they would like the moratorium to be extended six months, until May 30, 2007. He announced the third Intermunicipal Task Force meeting on November 16th, at the Linden Avenue Middle School at 7:30 p.m. The Task Force's recommendations will address the issues of zoning in Red Hook.

Supervisor Blum Bump said that a new law would state that the moratorium would not extend longer than 6 months.

Councilman Ross...the Board should have discussed this before Attorney Joel Sachs was contacted.

Supervisor Blum Bump said that we commissioned the Task Force to do this work. At the last meeting this is what they came up with.

Councilwoman Bordewich would like the Zoning Review Committee to be involved in February.

Councilwoman Crane said the Zoning Review Committee should be involved sooner. They should begin working immediately.

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich for discussion, move that Local Law #2 – 2006, which is due to expire on November 30, 2006, be extended at the request of the Intermunicipal Task Force for an additional six months with the provision that such six month extension will be the final extension of the moratorium law, and that we set a public hearing for this extension to be held on November 28, 2006 at the Red Hook Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Ross didn't see the need for a moratorium, and sees no reason to extend it. He applauds the Task Force for all the work they have done. This won't hinder their work.

Councilman Ramsey looks forward to the studies but says we should not extend the moratorium.

Councilwoman Bordewich said the public should be heard. The Task Force should have the respect of honoring their request for the public hearing. We shouldn't put a halt on this.

Councilwoman Crane hopes the Intermunicipal Task Force does not perceive her vote as disrespectful. She originally stated that she would agree to the moratorium for six months, but would not agree extending the moratorium. She feels a public hearing on this would be a waste of time.

Supervisor Blum Bump said that despite our best efforts we couldn't squeeze everything into those six months. We need to hear from the public. We may get a changed mindset. All she is asking is to give the public a chance.

Councilwoman Bordewich wants to postpone this until after the November 16 Intermunicipal Task Force meeting.

Councilman Ross said no, you have a motion on the floor. We vote on that motion. If you don't think you are going to get the votes you can't withdraw your motion.

Supervisor Blum Bump wants to withdraw her motion.

Councilwoman Crane does not wish to open up any further opportunity for further lawsuits.

Supervisor Blum Bump moves to withdraw.

Councilwoman Bordewich wants to wait until November 16th.

Councilman Ramsey said the public will still hear what the Intermunicipal Task Force's recommendations are even without extension of the moratorium. The issues need to be solved and we don't need a moratorium for that.

Councilman Ross asks where the due process was the night of the moratorium when we voted with reams of paper in front of us. The Task Force can move ahead without a moratorium.

Supervisor Blum Bump regrets that the Board refused to give you your request.

Councilwoman Bordewich asked Deputy Supervisor O'Neill what can happen if there is no moratorium.

Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill answered that there may be some development. He stated that the tentative Task Force workshop is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. November 16th at the Linden Avenue Middle School. (He will confirm)

RENEWAL OF FIRE CONTRACTS

Town Attorney Christine Chale spoke to the Village of Red Hook mayor and Village of Tivoli. Their request is a 10% increase each year in 2007 and 2008. Capital contribution is 15% the first year, 20% the second year.

Supervisor Blum Bump wants a report about recruitment.

Councilman Ramsey answered that we received that.

Councilman Ross would be happy to sit down with the fire companies along with Councilwoman Crane.

Town Attorney Chale suggested setting a public hearing on November 14th. We should know what we are proposing.

Councilman Ramsey would like to discuss road issues and the highway garage. Supervisor Blum Bump...not tonight, we'll discuss at our next workshop.

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich move to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey
	Nays	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk