

A workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened November 13, 2006 in public session at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook at 7:30 p.m.

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

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The third community presentation by the Intermunicipal Task Force, Centers and Green Space: Considerations, will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2006 in the Linden Avenue School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.
- The Town Board and the public will hear a presentation by Penflex Company regarding a proposed volunteer service award program on December 12, 2006 at the monthly Town Board Business meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- A public hearing regarding a BAN renewal of our Purchase of Development Rights Program- December 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

### **TOPICS**

**Police contract-** \$42.00 per hour plus mileage, one year agreement unless renewed. Last year \$33.00 per hour without mileage. The Board discusses increase; sheriff department costs more than village police. Town Attorney Chale will call Village Attorney Jeff Martin in regard to various concerns and questions the Board has. The Board will look at the budget in January when they have a clearer picture and possibly modify it. The police have a set schedule and if we need them in a different location we redirect them.

**Fire contracts-** Attorney Chale refers to draft contracts which are for discussion only; contracts are similar to last year. Red Hook Fire Company owns their equipment, they get the primary payment, the Village of Tivoli owns their equipment and they receive the primary payment. The proposal is a 6% increase the first year and 5% the second year. Red Hook Town provides \$25,000 towards workers compensation for the Red Hook Fire Co. Both companies will provide proof of their liability insurance. The Town will pay a fee for the recruitment of new members. Fiscal statements are required from each company. The capital plan will be part of the budget; term of the agreement will be 2 years. Attorney Chale will revise contracts and have them ready for tomorrow night at which time a public hearing can be set.

Public hearings will be set on the police contract and the two fire companies November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Vacancy Dutchess County Legislature-** Attorney Chale spoke with County Legislature Molinaro who intends to finish the county budget process and will resign at the end of the year. The Town Board will select an interim successor and will have in place by January 1, 2007.

**Resolution for Road Sweeper-** A public hearing will be set on November 14<sup>th</sup> regarding a resolution authorizing the issuance of Serial Bonds of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$185,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law to finance acquisition of a sweeper truck, and delegating certain powers in connection therewith to the Town Supervisor for the Highway purchase of a new truck.

Attorney Chale distributed for the Boards review a draft of possible local law amending chapter 74 of the Code of the Town of Red Hook entitled Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. The Board will set a public hearing on November 14<sup>th</sup> for December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Tree City-** On November 14<sup>th</sup> the CAC will give a presentation regarding Tree City application and proposed Tree Board Ordinance.

Supervisor Blum Bump received an e-mail requesting endorsement of John Murphy for the position of Dutchess County Emergency Response Coordinator. Councilman Ramsey would be leery of writing a recommendation without knowing if he wants the position and who the other candidates are. Supervisor Blum Bump asks Councilman Ramsey to look into this and make a recommendation to the Board.

**Wil-Hi Farm-** received memo from Agriculture and Open Space Committee regarding request for the appraisal for Wil-Hi Farm needed to complete application to Dutchess County to fund the purchase of Development Rights; resolution to fund appraisal. Robert McKeon, Chair of Ag. & Open Space informs the Board a limited appraisal needs to be done. Councilwoman Crane asks if Winnakee is interested in sharing the appraisal costs. Robert...they have not expressed interest. The county has done a site visit. They want us to move these two projects, Mead & Wil-Hi along at the same time. Resolution to fund limited appraisal set for November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Update Mead & Ragnar Farm PD** - no further update on purchase of development rights.

**Preliminary 2007 Budget-** no further discussion, budget will be adopted November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Association of Towns-** Board discusses guideline and will refer to last year. If there is a county hospitality room the Town will not cover lunch expenses. Board will discuss amount to contribute to the hospitality room.

**Judicial appointment-** Supervisor Blum Bump said Councilwoman Bordewich would like to wait until December when she returns. The Board feels they need to act quickly as one judge is grossly overtaxed. The Board will move into executive session to discuss the committee's recommendation.

## **LETTERS**

**Sales Tax Exemption Revenue-** copy of memo received from Valerie Sommerville, Budget Director to Bradford Kendall, Chairman of the Legislature. The 2007 Tentative Budget includes a sales tax estimate which provides for the return of the sales tax on clothing and footwear under \$110 effective March 1, 2007. The document shows the estimated positive impact for the county and municipalities should the legislature support this proposal.

**Chazen Report-** Supervisor Blum Bump said Councilwoman Bordewich received a response from Chazen regarding that piece of property. A copy will be left in the Board room for your review.

**Central Hudson tree trimming-** Councilman Ramsey reported a number of e-mails received about the job the company that Central Hudson hired to trim the trees was doing. They put a halt on the work until they met with us. Last Thursday they met with some of the Town representatives, local residents, DPW and DOT at which time they presented what they are doing, the reasons they are doing it, their policies and procedures. Every three years they do an enhanced tree trimming. The CAC will work on putting together a tree committee to work along with Central Hudson to be proactive. Central Hudson stated the trees they trimmed were diseased, dying or dangerous trees near their power lines. They also had requests from homeowners to cut down trees.

**Road Complaints-** Orlich Road, Mr. Martin and the drainage issues. Councilman Ramsey reported the Engineer came up with a solution for the water problem and the homeowner was not agreeable to that. The homeowner wants the intersection worked on. Councilman Ramsey suggests to the Supervisor she should talk with the Highway Superintendent, that the road did not cause this problem, it was preexisting. The Board agrees that Councilman Ramsey should talk to the Highway Superintendent.

Glenview Road- drainage was not originally put in. Councilman Ramsey spoke with the engineer and there does not seem to be a solution for this right now.

Old Post Road- drainage problem is on a county road and we referred it to the county. Peter and Carol Russo have asked the Town Board to look at the speed limit or possible signage on Route 9. This is a state road and Councilman Ramsey will make the request.

9:20 p.m.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey move to go into executive session to discuss negotiation regarding purchase of property and discussion of a particular person relating to an appointment. - all in favor

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey move to close the executive session at 10:12 p.m. – all in favor

Councilman Ramsey asked the Supervisor when Morris Associates will be put on the agenda. Supervisor Blum Bump responded eventually.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane move to adjourn meeting at 10:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk