

**RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**March 9, 2021**

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened by Zoom Videoconference due to COVID-19 pandemic stay in place rules at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Robert McKeon  
Councilmember William Hamel  
Councilmember Christine Kane  
Councilmember William O’Neill  
Councilmember Jacob Testa  
Town Clerk Deanna Cochran  
Also Present: Attorney Christine Chale

Supervisor McKeon opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and reviewed the agenda.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

The Supervisor’s Report for the period February 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$5,421,006.58; Receipts - \$3,754,094.60; Disbursed - \$1,504,271.29; Balance -\$7,670,829.89.

He showed the Budget Adjustments which included a pass thru donation to the Red Hook Library prepared by Bookkeeper Ann Conway, monthly Variance Reports, as well as the updated Supervisor's Report.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember O'Neill moved to approve the Supervisors report and budget adjustments.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Kane, O’Neill, Testa
	Nays	0	

**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

The Town Clerk’s report for the period February 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021 was read as follows: Total Local Shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$4,905.50; Total monies collected for Garbage - \$4,393.00.Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$27.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$67.50; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Racing and Wagering for Bell Jar license - \$15.00; Total State, County & Local Revenues - \$5,015.00;

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Kane moved to approve the Town Clerk’s report.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Kane, O’Neill, Testa
	Nays	0	

Supervisor McKeon reminded there is no fee to access the recycling center facility at this time due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

**PUBLIC HEARING- Red Hook/Tivoli Fire Contract**

Supervisor McKeon opened the Public Hearing regarding a proposed Fire Protection district Fire Service Agreement between the Town of Red Hook and the Village of Red hook and Red Hook Fire Company for 2021 and 2022.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Hamel moved to close the Public Hearing.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Kane, O'Neill, Testa
	Nays	0	

**Resolution to Fire Protection Agreement – Red Hook/Tivoli Contract**

Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK  
RESOLUTION NO. 19  
DATED MARCH 9, 2021**

**APPROVING TOWN OF RED HOOK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK AND THE RED HOOK FIRE COMPANY, INC. FOR 2021 AND 2022 AND A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND THE VILLAGE OF TIVOLI FOR 2021 AND 2022**

WHEREAS, a proposed **TOWN OF RED HOOK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK AND THE RED HOOK FIRE COMPANY, INC. FOR 2021 AND 2022**, and a proposed **TOWN OF RED HOOK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND THE VILLAGE OF TIVOLI FOR 2021 AND 2022** (collectively, the “Fire Service Agreements”), have been submitted to the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook and are on file with the Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, a concurrent public hearing has been held regarding the proposed Fire Service Agreements;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook (by the favorable vote of not less than a majority of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

1. The Fire Service Agreement between the Town of Red Hook and the Village of Red Hook and the Red Hook Fire Company, Inc. for 2021 and 2022 for fire protection services is hereby approved.
2. The Fire Service Agreement between the Town of Red Hook and the Village of Tivoli for 2021 and 2022 for fire protection services is hereby approved.
3. The Supervisor of the Town is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Fire Services Agreements and such other documents necessary in connection with such Agreements. Such Agreements shall be in substantially the form on file with the Clerk, with such insubstantial changes as may be approved by the Supervisor.

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York, was convened in public session via videoconference and/or teleconference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1, as amended, on March 9, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., local time. A live transmission was available to the public as described in the notice of meeting attached hereto. The meeting was recorded and a full transcript is required to be prepared to the extent required by such Executive Order.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robert McKeon, and, upon roll being called, the following members were (Note: Where members are marked Present, specify whether In Person at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY, via Videoconference, or via Teleconference):

	Present	Absent
Supervisor Robert McKeon	VIA videoconference	
Councilmember William Hamel	VIA videoconference	
Councilmember Christine Kane	VIA videoconference	
Councilmember William O’Neill	VIA videoconference	
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VIA videoconference	

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

Christine M. Chale, Esq., Attorney for the Town, VIA Videoconference

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor McKeon, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to wit;

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The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING Aye
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING Aye
Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING Aye
Councilmember William O’Neill	VOTING Aye
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

NOTICE OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS – Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:30 pm Town of Red Hook NOTICE OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS A public meeting will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, the Town Hall is closed to the general public until further notice. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, issued by Governor Cuomo, and advisories issued by Federal, State and Local officials related to the COVID-19 virus, the public will not be permitted to attend in person. Some or all of the Board members are expected to participate in the meeting via teleconference or video conference. Please refer to the meeting agenda to be posted on the Town website at <https://www.redhook.org>. The public may view and listen to the proceedings live on [www.pandav23.org](http://www.pandav23.org). To the extent permitted by law, and until further notice, future Town Board meetings including the regularly scheduled meetings on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of each month, will be available to the public via PANDA’s website listed above. Interested persons may comment on agenda matters by submitting an email or telephone by submitting comments to the Supervisor at [rmckeon@redhook.org](mailto:rmckeon@redhook.org). All reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. In such a case, please notify the Town Clerk’s office at 845-758-4606 so that arrangements can be made.  
Deanna Cochran Town Clerk, Town of Red Hook.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor McKeon gave an update on COVID in Dutchess County. Active cases fell below 1000 in Dutchess County. The local supply of vaccinations has increased dramatically and eligibility for vaccines will increase. He stressed to maintain vigilance while the pandemic is ongoing.

**Resolution to establish a Public Hearing to approve water rate increase**

Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK  
RESOLUTION NO. 20  
DATED MARCH 9, 2021**

**ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING  
WATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER DISTRICT NO. 1**

**WHEREAS**, the Red Hook Water Board has recommended modification of the water rates and charges to increase the minimum rate from \$44.88 to \$47.12 for up to 9000 gallons, and from \$5.46 to \$5.73 per 1000 gallons over 9000, as further set forth in the attached schedule, which schedule is on file with the Town Clerk, in order to produce revenues sufficient to pay the necessary costs and expenses of the operation and maintenance of the Water District facilities for the production, storage and distribution of water;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook (by the favorable vote of not less than a majority of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

1. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of public hearing regarding the proposed increase of water rates and charges in the Poughkeepsie Journal, the official newspaper of said Town, on or before March 19, 2021, which is not less than five days prior to the date of said public hearing.
2. The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook shall hold a public hearing on March 24, 2021, at 7:35 p.m. at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook, New York, to hear all interested parties on said water rates and charges increase.

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York, was convened in public session via videoconference and/or teleconference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1, as amended, on March 9, 2021 at 7:39 p.m., local time. A live transmission was available to the public as described in the notice of meeting attached hereto. The meeting was recorded and a full transcript is required to be prepared to the extent required by such Executive Order.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robert McKeon, and, upon roll being called, the following members were (Note: Where members are marked Present, specify whether In Person at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY, via Videoconference, or via Teleconference):

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The following resolution was offered by Supervisor McKeon, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to wit;

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RESOLUTION NO. 20  
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Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING Aye
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING Aye
Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING Aye
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**Reorganization**

Supervisor McKeon reviewed the Reorganization List.  
The following was updated:

**Design Review- Hamlet Committee of Red Hook, NY**

<i>5 Members</i>	<i>2-year Appointment</i>
Chair – Chris Gilbert	2021
Chris Gilbert	2022
Emily Majer	2022
Will Tatum	2021
Geoff Carter	2021
Tiffany Nogales	2021
Emily Majer (1/16) Advisor	
Liaison: William O'Neill	

On a motion of Councilperson Hamel seconded by Supervisor McKeon to appoint Will Tatum to the Design Review/ Hamlet Committee to the term ending in 2021.

Adopted:           Ayes 5                   McKeon, Hamel, Kane, O'Neil, Testa  
                          Nays 0

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Kane moved to adjourn the meeting.

Adopted           Ayes               5           McKeon, Hamel, Kane, O'Neill, Testa  
                          Nays               0

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Cochran, Town Clerk