

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 2, 2019

A special 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 9:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisor Robert McKeon
Councilman Harry Colgan
Councilman William O'Neill
Councilperson Sarah Imboden
Councilperson Christine Kane
Town Clerk Sue McCann

Supervisor McKeon called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2019 MUNICIPAL INNOVATION (MIG) PROGRAM

Supervisor McKeon explained the grant opportunity. This is probably the only opportunity to appropriate money toward what we are working on in Tivoli. He asked the Board to consider that we apply for several of the eligible categories in this program. We would mention activities that we will and may do related to the acquisition of the former St. Sylvia's properties. As the acquisition progresses and we hear from at least one or two potential public/private partnerships we will then know exactly what we will own/not own and where we can use that money. In general, ask for approximately \$100,000 and do it in conjunction with the Village of Tivoli for evaluation and rehab of the church, ADA improvements, and rectory and with recreation, include parking lot improvements and connections. He spoke to Brandee Nelson of Tighe and Bond who suggested a walkway from the parking lot into the recreation park. Their current parking lot needs some help as well. ADA accessibility would also be included there. Baseball fields and fencing needs improving. Dugouts and buildings are deteriorating.

Councilman Colgan said the fields need a lot of soil.

Councilperson Kane asked if we would rebuild the dugout.

Supervisor McKeon said these are shared services. When we modified our recreation park in a previous plan, we took one field out. There was a lot of discussion about the utility of the Tivoli field and whether we can make that a safe field to use. Women's softball is going to attempt to play there this year. It is one of the groups not being accommodated in our municipality. Those are the items he was thinking of.

Councilman O'Neill asked if we could tell them we can do it within 18 months.

Supervisor McKeon said we'd have to. This gives us flexibility because we would have projects that are in excess of that. If for some reason we do end up with a public/private partnership with the church and we don't end up having to expend funds, then we could use the funds towards other aspects of the property.

Councilperson Imboden asked if we would have to get a letter of support from the Village of Tivoli.

Supervisor McKeon said yes, he spoke to the Mayor of Tivoli, Joel Griffith, about this yesterday.

Councilperson Kane asked if we have to divide the money to different projects.

Supervisor McKeon will find out more from County Planning. The idea is to list a whole bunch of actions and ask for only a portion of the funding so that as we continue negotiations and knowing what we are going to acquire, we have only asked for those projects we know we are going to have to work on. He gave the parking lot as an example.

The Board discussed the issue of a walkway to recreation parking.

Councilperson Kane thinks the parking lot can be made larger. There is room to make more parking. It doesn't need to be paved, we can make an entrance.

Supervisor McKeon commented that parking lot improvements should be included in the grant.

Councilman Colgan said the present parking is hard to maneuver.

Councilperson Imboden commented that we should explain that Tivoli is one of the economic development drivers for our municipality and is the only river access for our Town.

Councilperson Kane said we can also discuss moving the location of the water tower. It provides more opportunity to work with the recreation park and traffic circulation.

On a motion of Councilperson Imboden seconded by Councilperson Kane moved to apply for the 2019 Municipal Innovation Grant.

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

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilperson Imboden moved to adjourn the special meeting at 9:44 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk