

## RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 10, 2022

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 Jacob Testa  
Councilmember Julia Solomon  
Town Clerk Deanna Cochran

Also Present: Attorney Chris Chale  
RHCS D Supt. Janet Warden & Asst. Supt. of Business Bruce Martin  
Public Library Pres. Sally Dwyer-McNulty and V.P. Donald O'Shea  
Sam Bailly and Iain Ward from Lightstar Renewables

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

### **SUPERVISORS REPORT:**

The Supervisor's Report for the period of April 1, 2022 to April 30, 2022 was read as follows: Opening Balance - \$10,170,944.26; Receipts - \$1,232,647.16; Disbursed - \$1,139,206.49; Balance - \$10,266,384.93 Supervisor McKeon reviewed the variance reports and budget adjustments.

On a motion of Councilmember Hamel seconded by Councilmember Testa to approve the Supervisor's report.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon  
Nays 0

### **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk's report for the period April 1, 2022 to April 30, 2022 was read as follows: Total Local Shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$4,633.74; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$43.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$67.50; Amount remitted to NYS Environmental Conservation Dept - \$439.76; Total State, County, and Local revenues \$5,184.00.

On a motion of Councilmember Kane seconded by Councilmember Testa to approve the Town Clerk's report.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon  
Nays 0

**ANNOUNCEMENTS-** Memorial Day activities are scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. More information can be found on the Town's website.

### **RHCS D Budget Presentation-**

Superintendent Janet Warden and Assistant Superintendent for Business Bruce Martin gave a presentation regarding the 2022-2023 School District Budget.

Superintendent Warden reviewed the District Priorities which included topics such as preserving small elementary class sizes, preserving mental health professionals, preserving bilingual outreach and communication, and adding an assistant swim coach and a unified basketball team.

Asst. Superintendent Martin reviewed the Budget Considerations. He added the final draft version of the Budget will be available May 17, 2022. Voting will take place in the Mill Road Cafeteria from Noon to 9:00pm, and voters need to be registered to vote. He also reviewed other items that will be on the Ballot including two board election seats and the Bus/Vehicle Proposition.

For more information, including how to register to vote and to view the 2022-2023 Budget, please visit [redhookcentralschools.org](http://redhookcentralschools.org).

Councilmember Kane asked if there were items that would be funded through previous Covid Stimulus funding that would continue to need to be funded in the future. Bruce Martin answered the School District has attempted to limit the Covid Stimulus Funding to one time only expenses.

President and Vice President of the Board of Trustees for the Red Hook Public Library, Donald O'Shea and Sally Dwyer-McNulty, respectively, discussed the work of the library, the type of lending, and what the library is seeking from the budget increase. The library has requested a modest budget increase to cover expenses such as employees' wages and health insurances, e-book licensing purchases, and building maintenance costs.

Councilmember Hamel added the library should highlight how much the library is involved with children's activities and school programs. Donald O'Shea answered the entire list of activities is a long one as the library encourages many partnerships.

#### **Co-Location Solar Presentation- Agrivoltaics**

Development Manager Sam Bailly and Agricultural Land Planner Iain Ward from Lightstar Renewables from gave a presentation on Agrivoltaics, an integration of agricultural or horticultural production and solar on a single parcel.

Due to our Hardiness Zones, Lightstar predicts this program will work well in New York State. Lightstar is currently undergoing a project with local farm owner, Frank Vosburgh for pumpkin and grain crops. This parcel works well due to access to the grid and the viable land for solar and farming.

Councilmember Solomon asked what the mechanism was for monitoring the agricultural production that is required over the 20-year period when a farm enters into an agreement. Sam Bailly answered those decisions are typically made on a case-by-case basis but often bonds are used to ensure that agricultural activity will take place throughout the duration of this agreement.

Councilmember Kane asked for clarification of the differences between the installed solar equipment from Agrivoltaics and a solar farm. Sam Bailly answered they have similar technology but differentiate with spacing and a tracking system.

#### **Resolution Authorizing Bid Award for 2022 Paving Projects**

Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution

**TOWN OF RED HOOK  
RESOLUTION NO. 22  
DATED MAY 10, 2022**

**AUTHORIZING BID AWARD FOR 2022 PAVING PROJECT  
ON MANOR ROAD, TROW BOULEVARD, COLONIAL DRIVE  
AND MEADOW DRIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town issued a notice of public bid dated April 12, 2022 for the acceptance of sealed bids for the 2022 paving project for Manor Road, North Drive, Trow Boulevard, Colonial Drive and Meadow Drive as described in the bid specifications ("2022 Paving Project"), to be opened on May 5, 2022 at Town Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids for the 2022 Paving Project were publicly opened and read on May 5, 2022, at 2:00 pm after due notice pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, with bids being received from the parties listed on the attached bid tabulation prepared by the Highway Superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid of Callanan Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$109.75 per ton has been determined to be the lowest responsible bid for the work specified in the specifications on file with the Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the budgeting amount available, in accordance with the specifications, the Town Board has determined that the amount of the award should be reduced, and that on the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, North Road should be removed from the 2022 Paving Project, thereby resulting in an award estimated tonnage of 2555 and estimated contract of \$280,411.25;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook does hereby authorize the Supervisor to accept the foregoing bid for the 2022 Paving Project, subject to the removal of North Road, and execute a contract in such the form provided by the specifications, subject to the provision of a certificate of insurance as required by the bid specifications, at a project cost of \$109.75 per ton for the work described in the specifications.

#### 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 on May 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., local time via videoconference and/or teleconference pursuant to NYS Laws Ch. 56 of 2022 and Executive Order 11, as amended. 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 law.

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 Julia Solomon	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 Testa, to wit;

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RESOLUTION NO. 22  
DATED MAY 10, 2022**

**AUTHORIZING BID AWARD FOR 2022 PAVING PROJECT  
ON MANOR ROAD, TROW BOULEVARD, COLONIAL DRIVE  
AND MEADOW DRIVE**

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 <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Julia Solomon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution to Approve Highway Expenditures**

Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK  
RESOLUTION NO. 23  
DATED MAY 10, 2022**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended for repairs of certain town highways as provided herein; and

**WHEREAS**, attached hereto is a proposed form of 2022 Agreement for the expenditure of certain Highway moneys;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to expend highway funds in an amount not to exceed \$48,000 to be set aside to be expended for materials for primary work and general repairs upon Town highways, as more specifically provided in the attached Agreement.
2. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to expend highway funds in an amount not to exceed \$287,710.00 for permanent improvement of the following Town Highway(s) as more specifically provided in the attached Agreement:
  - Manor Road starting at Aspinwall Road and leading to North Drive, on Trow Boulevard, starting at Carriage Drive and leading to North Road, on Colonial Drive, starting at Manor Road and leading to Trow Boulevard, on Meadow Drive starting at Route 199 and leading to Trow Boulevard.
3. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to expend highway funds in an amount not to exceed \$43,000.00 for permanent improvement of the following Town Highway(s) as more specifically provided in the attached Agreement:
  - Hapeman Hill Road and leading to State Route 199.

4. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to expend highway funds in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00 for permanent improvement of the following Town Highway(s) as more specifically provided in the attached Agreement:
  - Kelly Road and leading to State Route 9G and on Whalesback Road commencing at Kelly Road and leading to Old Whalesback Road and on Old Whalesback Road leading to State Route 9G.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**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 on May 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., local time via videoconference and/or teleconference pursuant to NYS Laws Ch. 417 of 2021 and Executive Order 11, as extended. 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 law.

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 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 Hamel, 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 <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Julia Solomon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution Authorizing Contract Award for the Town of Red Hook Generators Project**  
Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK  
RESOLUTION NO. 24  
DATED MAY 10, 2022**

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE TOWN OF RED HOOK  
GENERATORS/MIG GRANT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town issued a notice of public bids dated April 27, 2022 for the acceptance of sealed bids for the Town of Red Hook Generators/MIG Grant Project (the “Project”), to be opened at 2:00 p.m. on May 9, 2022 at Town Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids for the Project were publicly opened and read on May 9, 2022, after due notice pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, with bids received as set forth on the tabulation on file with the Town Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, after review of bids, the bid of ElectricAce Operations, LLC in the amount of \$98,347 for the Project has been determined to be the lowest responsible bid for such work as specified in the specifications on file with the Town Clerk;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook does hereby authorize the Supervisor to accept the foregoing bid for the Project and execute a contract in substantially the form provided by the specifications, subject to the provision of a certificate of insurance and such further documentation as required by the bid specifications.

**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 on May 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., local time via videoconference and/or teleconference pursuant to NYS Laws Ch. 56 of 2022 and Executive Order 11, as amended. 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 law.

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	
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Councilmember Julia Solomon	Via Videoconference	
Councilmember Jacob Testa	Via Videoconference	

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

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RESOLUTION NO. 24  
DATED MAY 10, 2022**

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE TOWN OF RED HOOK  
GENERATORS/MIG GRANT PROJECT**

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 <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Julia Solomon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution Establishing a Date for a Public Hearing Regarding Local Law A (Proposed)  
Regarding Exemption for Cold War Veterans**

Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK  
RESOLUTION NO. 25  
DATED MAY 10, 2022**

**ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING  
THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF  
LOCAL LAW NO. A (PROPOSED) OF 2022 REGARDING EXEMPTION FROM REAL  
PROPERTY TAXES FOR COLD WAR VETERANS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b, subd. 2, the Town is authorized to grant certain exemptions by local option with respect to Cold War Veterans as defined therein; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposed form of Local Law No. A (Proposed) of 2022 entitled “A Local Law to Amend Chapter 126, Article IV Entitled ‘Cold War Veterans Exemption’ Regarding Exemption from Real Property Taxes for Cold War Veterans” has been submitted to the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook (the “Proposed Local Law”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Proposed Local Law would modify the provisions of the Town Code of the Town of Red Hook by increasing the maximum amount of the real property tax exemption for Cold War Veterans above the current limit of \$12,000 and eliminating the current ten-year expiration term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that the proposed local law is best described as a local legislative decision concerning routine administration and management under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”).

**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 Board of the Town of Red Hook shall hold a public hearing on May 25, 2022, at 7:35 p.m. to hear all interested parties on said Proposed Local Law; and
2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said public hearing in the Poughkeepsie Journal, the official newspaper of said Town, on or before May 20, 2022, which is not less than five calendar days prior to the date of said public hearing.

Town of Red Hook  
**Local Law No. A (Proposed) of 2022**  
A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 126, ARTICLE IV ENTITLED “COLD  
WAR VETERANS EXEMPTION” REGARDING EXEMPTION FROM REAL  
PROPERTY TAXES FOR COLD WAR VETERANS.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook as follows:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this local law is to exercise the Town’s right, pursuant to Section 458-b(2)(c)(iii) of the Real Property Tax Law to enact legislation that will increase the maximum amount of the real property tax exemption for Cold War Veterans above the current limit of \$12,000 and eliminate the current ten-year expiration term.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 126**

Subsections §§ 126-10, 126-11, 126-12 and 126-13 of Article IV of Chapter 126 entitled “Cold War Veterans Exemption” are hereby amended in whole to read as set forth in the following new Subsections §§ 126-10, 126-11, 126-12 and 126-13:

§126-10 Cold War Veterans Exemption. An exemption under § 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York is hereby granted amounting to fifteen percent of the assessed value of such property; provided however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ or the product of \$\_\_\_\_\_ dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.

§126-11 Cold War Veterans Additional Exemption. In addition to the exemption provided by § 126-10, where the Cold War veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service-connected disability, qualified residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by fifty percent of the Cold War veteran disability rating, provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_, or the product of \$\_\_\_\_\_ dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.

§ 126-12 Limitations. The exemption from taxation provided by §§ 126-10 and 126-11 shall be applicable to Town taxation.

§126-13 Expiration of term. Pursuant to § 458-b (2)(c)(iii) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, the exemptions provided by §§ 126-10 and 126-11 shall apply to qualifying owners of qualifying residential real property for as long as they remain qualifying owners as defined in § 458-b (1)(e) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

**SECTION 3. STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY.**

This local law is authorized by the New York State Constitution, Article IX, Section 2, the provisions of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law (MHRL), the provisions of the Statute of Local Governments, New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b, the relevant provisions of the Town Law of the State of New York, and the laws of the Town of Red Hook.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This local law shall take effect immediately after it is filed with the Secretary of State as provided in Section 27(3) of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

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 on May 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., local time via videoconference and/or teleconference pursuant to NYS Laws Ch. 56 of 2022 and Executive Order 11, as amended. 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 law.

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	Present	Absent
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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 Hamel, to wit;

**TOWN OF RED HOOK  
RESOLUTION NO. 25  
DATED MAY 10, 2022**

**ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING  
THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF  
LOCAL LAW NO. A (PROPOSED) OF 2022 REGARDING EXEMPTION FROM REAL  
PROPERTY TAXES FOR COLD WAR VETERANS**

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 <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Julia Solomon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution Establishing a Date for a Public Hearing Regarding the Adoption of Local Law B (Proposed) of 2022 Regarding Videoconferencing Policy**  
Attorney Chris Chale explained the resolution.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK  
RESOLUTION NO. 26  
DATED MAY 10, 2022**

**ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING  
THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED  
HOOK OF LOCAL LAW NO. B (PROPOSED) OF 2022 REGARDING  
VIDEOCONFERENCING POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 amended the Open Meetings Law to authorize the continued use of videoconferencing to conduct public meetings subject to certain conditions set forth therein; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to such law, the Town of Red Hook is authorized to permit use of videoconferencing subject to adoption of a local law after public hearing;

**WHEREAS**, a proposed form of Local Law No. B (Proposed) of 2022 entitled “A Local Law to Amend Chapter 22, Entitled “Meetings, Public Notice Of” to Change the Title to “Meetings, Notice and Procedures”, to Amend Notice Procedures, and to Authorize Videoconferencing as Permitted by the Open Meetings Law” has been submitted to the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook (the “Proposed Local Law”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that the proposed local law is best described as a local legislative decision concerning routine administration and management under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”).

**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:

3. The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook shall hold a public hearing on May 25, 2022, at 7:40 p.m. to hear all interested parties on said Proposed Local Law; and
4. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said public hearing in the Poughkeepsie Journal, the official newspaper of said Town, on or before May 20, 2022, which is not less than five calendar days prior to the date of said public hearing.

Town of Red Hook  
**Local Law No. B (Proposed) of 2022**

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, ENTITLED “MEETINGS, PUBLIC NOTICE OF” TO CHANGE THE TITLE TO “MEETINGS, NOTICE AND PROCEDURES”, TO AMEND NOTICE PROCEDURES, AND TO AUTHORIZE VIDEOCONFERENCING AS PERMITTED BY THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook as follows:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this local law is to update provisions of the Town Code regarding public meetings including authorization for the Town Board and the Town’s public bodies, as that term is defined in Public Officers Law § 102, to participate in meetings via videoconference in a manner consistent with the Town’s videoconferencing policy and the authority granted in Public Officers Law § 103-a.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 22**

§2.1. The title of Chapter 22 is amended to read “MEETINGS, NOTICE AND PROCEDURES”.

§2.2. Section 22-3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 22-3 Designation of locations for posting of notice.

The following locations are hereby designated as the sites where notice of all meetings held by the Town Board shall be posted:

A. Office of the Town Clerk.

B. On the Town's website, to the extent practicable.

§2.3. A new Article II entitled "Videoconferencing" is inserted at the end of Chapter 22 of the Code, to read as follows:

Article II. Videoconferencing

§ 22-15 Participation in Meetings. The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook hereby authorizes members of the town board and all members of the town's public bodies to participate in meetings using videoconferencing technology in a manner permitted by Public Officers Law § 103-a and the town's videoconferencing policy adopted by resolution of the town board.

§ 22-16 Procedures During State of Emergency. Without limiting the foregoing, the members of the town board and all members of the town's public bodies are authorized to participate in meetings using videoconferencing or teleconferencing technology to the extent permitted by law including any then applicable Executive Order or state or local emergency declaration if the public body determines that the circumstances necessitating the emergency declaration would affect or impair the ability of the public body to hold a meeting without videoconferencing.

SECTION 3. STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY.

This local law is authorized by the New York State Constitution, Article IX, Section 2, the provisions of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law (MHRL), the provisions of the Statute of Local Governments, Public Officers Law § 103-a, the relevant provisions of the Town Law of the State of New York, and the laws of the Town of Red Hook. Town Law § 62 is expressly superseded as to the location of meetings of the Town Board.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately after it is filed with the Secretary of State as provided in Section 27(3) of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

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RESOLUTION NO. 26  
DATED MAY 10, 2022**

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THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED  
HOOK OF LOCAL LAW NO. B (PROPOSED) OF 2022 REGARDING  
VIDEOCONFERENCING POLICY**

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 <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Julia Solomon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Discussion- Water / Sewer Formation**

Supervisor McKeon began the discussion of the initial sewer initiative.

Attorney Chris Chale explained the process of how a municipality can create a water sewage system. A petition by owners or a Town Board with a motion subject to permissive referendum can start a process of creating a system.

Supervisor McKeon added he and Councilmember Hamel will be meeting with the Village of Red Hook Mayor and Deputy Mayor to further discuss this.

Councilmember Hamel asked if this sewer system would be considered a new system or an extension. Attorney Chale answered since they wouldn't connect, this would be a new system.

**Discussion of the Town's Website Changes**

Councilmember Testa began discussion on some of the proposed changes to the Town's website from the Communications Committee. Some of the changes that are proposed are changing to a .gov website, better ADA accessibility, and updated color scheme for cleaner look.

Councilmember Kane added the mobile site doesn't always work well and suggested looking into making that work more efficiently.

Councilmember Solomon added to keep color choices mindful as certain combinations might not work well together.

On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Hamel to go to Executive Session to discuss Potential Collective Bargaining Negotiations.

Adopted      Ayes 5      McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon  
                 Nays 0

On a motion by Councilmember Kane seconded by Councilmember Solomon to exit executive session.

Adopted      Ayes 5      McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon  
                 Nays 0

On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Kane to set a Special Meeting Tuesday, May 17, 2022 to consider a collective bargaining agreement.

Adopted      Ayes 5      McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon  
                 Nays 0

The next regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting will be held May 25, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Cochran, Town Clerk