

## RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 9, 2018

A 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 7:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Attorney Christine Chale

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

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's report dated September 30, 2018 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$5,603,154.30; Receipts - \$183,362.16; Disbursed - \$402,093.25; Balance - \$5,384,423.21.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilperson Imboden moved to accept the Supervisor's report.

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

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Budget adjustments were reviewed.

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to accept the budget adjustments.

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

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### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period September 1 – September 30, 2018 was read as follows: Amount remitted to the Supervisor - \$1,522.78; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$57.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health - \$180.00; Amount remitted to NYS DEC - \$4,014.72; Total State, County & Local revenue - \$5,774.50

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to accept the Town Clerk's report.

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor McKeon announced the following:

- DC Hazardous Waste Disposal (businesses, schools) Date – Friday, October 26
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is accepting comments on the small hydro-electric project being prepared for the Annandale Dam. Meeting October 30, 6:15 at Bard College.
- Congressman John Faso hosting a Veterans event from 10:30 – 12:30 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall
- Historic Red Hook announced plans to expand the Elmendorph property to adjacent property. Their website has information and a video featuring Councilman William O'Neill.
- He encouraged residents to view the new Town website at [www.redhook.org](http://www.redhook.org).

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor McKeon opened for comments.

*Linda Keeling* commented that the website is not very good and looks terrible. She's having a problem with getting notifications. Get it up and running properly.

*Doug Strawinski* reminded everyone of the Rotary Citizen of the Year dinner on October 23 at 6:15 p.m. at the Firehouse.

**HIGHLIGHTS – 2019 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Supervisor McKeon announced that the tentative budget was submitted to the Town Clerk on September 28, 2018 and presented the tentative budget to the Town Board on October 5, 2018. As proposed it does not raise the tax rate and keeps the fund balance steady and strong. He reviewed highlights of the budget. The entire budget is on the Town’s website. Budget discussions will take place on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**2019 CDBG APPLICATION**

Supervisor McKeon referred to discussion regarding accessibility.

**RESOLUTION 2018 #67**

RE: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

On a motion of Councilman William O’Neill seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan move to approve the resolution.

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

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**RECREATION – ASSESSMENT FINDINGS**

Supervisor McKeon explained the needs assessment as it relates to athletic fields and athletic field usage.

Brandee Nelson, from Tighe & Bond presented the findings. She will email the draft presentation to the Board members. The needs assessment is geared toward fact based information to help the Town make decisions as to how to plan for recreational needs of the future. The focus was reviewing existing conditions, utilization and bench marking. Councilperson Imboden asked about overflow spaces. She said we already provide them. Brandee explained they are trying to state the preferred dimensions in order for the Board to make decisions.

Councilperson Kane said the head of little league explained that there are more programs to offer but we don’t because there is not enough space. We could provide more opportunity if they had more space.

Brandee said there is no narrative in the draft report. She does know that there is an age group that gets lost due to lack of field space.

Recreation Commission Chair Doug Strawinski commented that when you get to the 12 and above age group, that’s where we are having trouble providing fields.

Supervisor McKeon commented that Ryan from Tighe & Bond brought up a list of activities we are not able to accommodate as well as a list of fields we can provide. He asked if Brandee could put in some narratives in her presentation.

Doug Strawinski explained the issue of field preparation and the amount of time it takes.

Supervisor McKeon commented on the usage of the school’s fields and the private soccer field and the unavailability of use. He asked Brandee to add a narrative and email it to the Board.

Councilperson Imboden asked about the possible inclusion of Rhinebeck in little league. Should they be looked at? Shared services would be forward thinking.

Brandee told her that they only looked at Red Hook fields.

Councilman O’Neill and Councilperson Kane disagree with looking at other municipalities fields.

Supervisor McKeon asked how representative is the average community as compared to Red Hook.

Brandee said the only thing she can say is that this is based on density, the number of people per square mile. It is geared more toward suburban communities as opposed to urban communities. She can look into it and get back to him with demographics.

Brandee will get the draft report to the Board and present the final report at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Supervisor McKeon opened for comments.

*Linda Keeling* asked Brandee if they talked to Bard College about using some of their fields.

Brandee said they did not look at Bard because it is a private institution.

**ATTORNEY/CLIENT SESSION**

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to go into Attorney/Client session at 8:38 p.m.

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

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilperson Kane moved to adjourn the Attorney/Client session.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilperson Kane moved to enter executive session at 9:16 p.m.to discuss negotiations with the highway union.

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

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilperson Kane moved to adjourn executive session and the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk