

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
February 17, 2022**

PRESENT: MAYOR SMYTHE, DEPUTY MAYOR KOVALCHIK, TRUSTEE LAING, TRUSTEE KJARVEL & CLERK CAVANAUGH

Meeting opened at 7:04PM

Mayor Smythe led discussion of last year's budget in order to better understand how to set this year's budget.

The Village is projected to have a deficit for 2021-2022 budget in the general fund, water fund, and sewer fund. Trustees discussed how to cover this projected deficit (example, ARPA funding, fund balance).

Trustees discussed rules around presenting the budget to the public and the benefit of setting up budget sublines.

Discussed possible new items, not in last year's budget: website redesign, Police software upgrade, Windows 10, increased internet speed (Police), striping machine (Highway), valve exercise machine (Highway), crack sealer (Highway).

Trustees discussed if it would be possible for Highway items to be shared with other communities.

Mayor Smythe indicated that the Trustees should be ready to discuss the preliminary budget at the March Board Meeting. The Public Hearing and vote will be in April.

D.M. Kovalchik stated that he believed that PANDA was not working.

Trustees discussed cost of conducting an audit as required by sewer project. D.M. Kovalchik stated that it should be paid for out of the construction budget

Trustees discussed having weekly budget meetings. Additional workshop meeting dates set for March 10 and 24, 2022.

Trustee Kjarvel stated that she is working to create a request tracker form on the website where residents can report non-emergency issues including, but not limited to, potholes, blocked signage, and unsafe pedestrian issues.

D.M. Kovalchick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:43PM, Trustee Laing seconded the motion, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.