

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
May 9, 2022**

Present in Person: Mayor Karen Smythe, Deputy Mayor Brent Kovalchik, Trustee Melkorka Kjarval, Trustee Charlie Laing, Trustee Declan Dwyer-McNulty and Village Clerk Jen Cavanaugh

Mayor Smythe opened the Village Board meeting at 7:03pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2022 Village Board Meeting and April 27 & May 3, 2022 Village Board Regular & Special Workshop Meetings. Motion seconded by Trustee Dwyer-McNulty. All in favor. Motion approved.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik shared memories and accomplishments of Evelyn Krueger and asked that page be left blank in the minutes in her honor.

In Remembrance of Evelyn Krueger

Mayor Smythe shared correspondences received by the Village in praise of Officer Conley and Officer Sterritt. She commended the Officers for their service to the community.

Superintendent Janet Warden & Assistant Superintendent for Business, Bruce Martin made a presentation to the Board about the proposed budget. Superintendent Warden also praised the Village Police for the successful SRO program. Superintendent Warden stated that the School District stayed 1% below the tax cap while maintaining small class sizes for the younger students (Pre-K through 5th grade and preserving mental health professionals. She stated that the District will be introducing block scheduling in the High School next year, adding AP Computer Science and FFA program, and extending programming in the new auditorium. The District plans to keep staffing flat while converting some aides to teacher assistance. In the sports department, the District will be adding a unified basketball team for all abilities students. Thanks to additional one-time funding, 6-12 kids will get their own Apple laptops next school year. At the Elementary level, the District will be renovating the libraries and computer labs – adding pre-engineering skills. The District has also built flexibility into the budget to compensate for volatile energy prices.

Registration for the school vote on 5/11 at Mill Road 3-5 side foyer from 3pm-5pm. The vote is on May 17 from noon – 9pm in the Mill Road 3-5 Cafeteria. The District Budget is +2.39% and the tax levy is +1.93%. In addition to voting on the budget, there are 2 seats available on the School Board (3 year terms) and 3 candidates running. There is also a bus referendum for 3 full size buses (unleaded fuel) and 1 maintenance vehicle. Most fleet buses are propane fuel which are harder to take on long trips as refueling can be problematic. B.Martin stated that NYS has required all school district to purchase exclusively electric buses by 2027 and have an exclusively electric fleet by 2035. He indicated that electric buses more expensive to purchase and would require the District to install charging infrastructure; however, he feels electric buses would be a good fit for the District.

Trustees asked questions of the presenters including those around community lunch and a senior lounge at the High School level which will allow for a common period for club meetings and extra help during the school day. Superintendent Warden also stated that there will be no changes to the IB program but hope that more students utilize the program and individual classes. Discussed the challenges to expanding the Pre-K program and why it is not being expanded in this proposed budget.

Red Hook & Tivoli Libraries also presented their budgets that will be included on the School District vote.

Leigh Palmer, president of the Tivoli Free Library Board, stated that the library is requesting a \$2,200 increase to a total budget of \$87,300. He stated that this is less than \$1/year per average household. The increase costs will be used to sustain services and staff and the many programs offered. He stated that the library has been purchasing more ebooks, audiobooks, and other media which are more expensive than traditional books.

Don O'Shea & Sarah DeVeer, Board Members of the Red Hook Public Library, stated that they have been successful in writing grants to reduce budget increases. They stated that the last budget increase was 3 years ago. The Red Hook Library serve 90 mi² area with many programs and volunteering opportunities. Mr. O'Shea stated that it is one of only a few municipally chartered libraries in the Mid-Hudson library system. He stated that they were requesting an approximately \$6 per average size household budget increase. The proposed budget is available at the library and on their website for public review.

Mayor Smythe thanked the library for their partnership.

Perry Allen, Chair of the Public Spaces Initiative Committee, announced the Committee's 1-yr anniversary and discussed the group's program to develop a pollinator friendly Village and pollinator pathway. The Committee

will be providing supplies to homeowners and be hosting an event at the Red Hook Community Center pollinator garden on Saturday, May 28th from 10am – 1pm. The event will include music and master gardeners. P.Allen also stated that the Committee is always looking for new members and volunteers (reach out to group via contact form on Village website).

Sgt Hildenbrand updated the Village Board on the progress made on Police Reform implementation items over the last 18 months. Actions included developing a website, purchased body cameras (always on) (helps with training and transparency), foot and bike patrols (including night business checks and nighttime foot patrols), community events (Eggscramble [hope to hold in 2023], bike rodeo [5/21, 10-1], mock DWI drill (in conjunction with Tivoli & Red Hook Fire Districts). He announced the arrest demographics over the last 1 yr. and 5 mo. – 57 white males, 28 white females, 3 black males, and 1 black female. He did not have numbers on arrests of Hispanic persons. He stated he continues to work on language barrier assistance.

Mayor Smythe thanked Sgt. Hildenbrand. She stated that northern Dutchess areas need more mental health help from the County. Sgt. Hildenbrand confirmed that mental health help is necessary.

School SRO program – very beneficial. Safety of the children is first priority of the program but the all aspects of the daily interactions and the relationships created are good for the students and officers.

Sgt. Hildenbrand stated that body camera material is now available for discovery by judicial proceedings but the transmittal of that material can be challenging with slow internet upload speeds. He requested an increase in service.

Mayor Smythe announced that the Village had been awarded a WIIA grant from NYS for water system updates and maintenance including painting the interior of the water tower, repairing the water system in Cherry St. area, upgrading the wells' SCADA system, and upgrading the interconnection with the Town's water system. The grant is for \$1,800,000 of which the Village must provide 40% of funding (\$720,000). During the grant application the Village also applied for short- and long-term loans.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to accept the WIIA grant award. Motion seconded by Trustee Dwyer-McNulty. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mayor Smythe tabled budget adjustments to the next Board of Trustee meeting.

Mayor Smythe announced that the generator located at the Village's wastewater treatment plant near Red Hook Commons is in need of repairs to get up to service performance level. She stated that Allstate Power Systems LLC is willing to add the generator to the Village's Preventative Maintenance Contract for the same price as the repairs would cost, \$910.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to incorporate the wastewater treatment plant's generator into the Village's current Preventative Maintenance Contract for an additional \$910. Motion seconded by Trustee Laing. All in favor. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer’s Report

Submitted by Ray Towle, read by Mayor Smythe

ACCOUNT BALANCES (03/31/2022)

| | | |
|------------------|----|------------|
| GENERAL FUND | \$ | 520,786.15 |
| WATER FUND | \$ | 190,697.34 |
| TRUST & AGENCY | \$ | 23,606.70 |
| PETTY CASH | \$ | 44.18 |
| VILLAGE GREEN | \$ | 4,773.92 |
| HARDSCRABBLE | \$ | 9,320.65 |
| HEALTH INSURANCE | \$ | 3,479.16 |
| SEWER FUND | \$ | 270,671.92 |

RESERVE CHECKING BALANCES

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|-----------------------|----|------------|
| FIRE DEPARTMENT (M&T) | \$ | 5,033.64 |
| POLICE (M&T) | \$ | 14,586.04 |
| USDA (M&T) | \$ | 134,041.38 |
| HIGHWAY (M&T) | \$ | 30,583.97 |
| SNOW RESERVE (M&T) | \$ | 3,279.61 |
| TOWER RESERVE (M&T) | \$ | 17,712.02 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT (M&T) | \$ | 4,544.29 |
| COURT RESERVE (M&T) | \$ | 3,298.70 |
| OFFICE RESERVE (M&T) | \$ | 972.56 |

MONTHLY EXPENSES (March)

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|----------------|----|------------|
| GENERAL FUND | \$ | 160,720.13 |
| WATER FUND | \$ | 14,867.15 |
| TRUST & AGENCY | \$ | 2,767.84 |
| SEWER | \$ | 4,646.15 |

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion seconded by Trustee Kjarval. All in favor. Motion approved.

Police Report

Mayor Smythe read the Police Report as follows:

| | Total | Village of Red Hook | Town of Red Hook | Tivoli |
|------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Incidents | 361 | 275 | 80 | 6 |
| UTTs | 61 | 30 (including 1 parking ticket) | 31 | |
| Arrests | 4 | 1 | 3 | |

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read his reports as follows:

**VILLAGE GREEN COMMITTEE (VGC)
MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL 2022**

1. The current balances of the Village Green Committee’s related budget accounts, as of April 30, 2022, are as follows:

- Community Beautification – Contractual Expenses (#8510.4)
Balance \$ 2,452.21

- Shade Tree – Contractual Expenses (#8560.4)
Balance \$ 2,500.00

- Village Green Committee Checking Account
Balance \$ 4,773.92

2. A Village Green Committee Meeting was held on April 4, 2022 in the Red Hook Village Building. David Pearson, Kathy Pearson, and Brent Kovalchik attended. The following items were discussed:

- 2022 Annual Spring Planting Day key organizational/preparation dates (tree location 4/16/22; notifying NY Dig Safely (4/17/22); tree delivery (4/20/22); preparation of planting sites (4/22/22).
- RHT Tree Commission’s celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Arbor Day Foundation.
- Members pursuing tree sites for the 2022 Annual Fall Planting Day.
- Minimum order of trees from the supplying nursery.
- Suggestions for tree species.
- T.R.E.E. Proposal Employee/Community Engagement.

3. The 2022 Annual Spring Planting Day and Arbor Day Celebration took place on April 23, 2022. Volunteers met at Richard Abrahams Memorial Park. Deputy Mayor Brent Kovalchik read the Arbor Day Proclamation and honored the 50th Anniversary of the Arbor Day Foundation. Nineteen volunteers, including Mayor Smythe, Trustee Kjarval, and Trustee Dwyer-McNulty, planted eleven trees. Trees were planted at various sites throughout the Village including: Memorial Park, Firehouse Lane, Garden Street, West Market Street, Park Avenue, Benner Road, and Elizabeth Street.

The Red Hook Village Board of Trustees would like to thank Michele Decker (Decker Construction) for assisting with preparing sites for tree plantings; Chris Coon (RHV Highway Department) for post-planting tree watering; VGC Officer David Pearson for ordering, delivering trees and mulch to the tree planting sites, and coordinating tree planting sites with property owners; and all of the volunteers who made the 2022 Annual Spring Planting Day and Arbor Day Celebrations a success.

- 4. The Village Highway Department is preparing a list of trees to be pruned or removed. Trees included may create hazardous conditions for vehicular and pedestrian safety.
- 5. Residents and businesses interested in having a tree(s) planted on their adjacent Village and/or State right-of-ways, volunteering for planting days, or making a contribution to support the VGC’s various community beautification projects, may contact David Pearson, Brent Kovalchik, or the Village Clerk.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL 2022**

1. The Village Highway Department is picking up brush every first and third Monday of the month (schedule and weather permitting).

Residents are reminded to place lawn debris, leaves, and brush in separate piles curbside and not in the road. Please limit brush piles to 6’ x 6’ x 6’ with tree branches no larger than 6” in diameter. Brush that includes tree trunks, stumps, garbage, or construction material will not be picked up. Neighbors are

encouraged to share a brush pile. This will make pick up easier and quicker. Please limit your brush pile to one pile per household.

2. The Village Highway Department has received three estimates for a zero-turn lawn mower with a bag attachment to replace an existing zero-turn lawn mower. A Ferris #15x300 61" 40 HP with a Ferris Fast Vac Easy Dump 61" Bagger. The estimated price of \$17,400.00 will be deducted from FY2022-2023 General Fund and Water Fund Accounts. Amounts from various budget lines are being determined by the Board of Trustees.
3. No revenue was generated from the sale of scrap metal during the month of April, 2022. Total revenue generated from the sale of scrap metal in FY2021-2022 is \$5,599.95. Since inception of the Scrap Metal Recycling Program in September, 2007, \$41,892.26 has been generated.

Proceeds from this program go toward the purchase of tools and equipment for the Village Highway, Water, and Materials Management Departments. Residents and businesses interested in donating scrap metal may contact the Village Highway Department (845-758-8600) or the Village Clerk's Office (845-758-1081). Highway Department personnel will assist property owners by picking up scrap metal upon request.

INTERMUNICIPAL TASK FORCE (ITF) - RED HOOK INFRASTRUCTURE MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL 2022

1. Red Hook Sewer Project

Meetings were held on April 1, 15, and 29, 2022 in the Red Hook Village Building and via telephone conference calls.

- a. April 1, 2022 – Progress Meeting #9: C.T. Male Associates (Ron Smaka, Kevin Dufek), Carver Construction (A.G. Bourgeois), Sausto Contracting, Inc. (Mario Sausto), Karen Smythe, and Brent Kovalchik attended. Items discussed included:
 - 2" force main installation progresses southward on the east side of North Broadway (approaching connection at Charlie O's).
 - Directional drilling has placed force mains, including 3" mains across St. John Street, 4" mains across Garden Street, and a 4" main traversing Fraleigh Street and Prince Street.
 - Excavation begins for the anchorage pad and utilities along with tree clearing and fence removal at the WWTP.
 - Electrical Contractor continues with inspecting existing services and panel upgrades of properties in the Sewer Service Area.
 - Concerns involve a short run of tracer cable lost in a portion of HDD force main run from RHV Building to the pit 150' north (Key Bank east lawn). The run is clearly marked and not likely to require future excavation.
 - Other concerns include slow responses of property owners in the service area when contacted by Electrical Contractor to conduct inspections of their existing electrical services.
 - Scheduled tasks include continuing the 2" force main for the East Market Street properties, continue force mains in non – NYS DOT runs, and continuing excavation and utility placement at the WWTP site.
 - The General Contractor is still waiting for the NYS DOT to issue a PERM 32 (approval to conduct directional drilling under NYS Highways (Rt. 199 and Rt. 9).
 - Payment Applications #1, 2, and 3 have been approved and are in process of being reimbursed by the NYS EFC.

- There have been no issues with erosion or sediment control and no site safety issues.
 - Items including conflicts with the WWTP foundations and pads conflicting with existing electrical primary cables, rerouting of cables and relocating the transformer are being addressed with Central Hudson.
 - The existing generator at the WWTP is being tested to confirm operations.
 - The force mains have been adjusted to be located farther west to raise the mains above pond/wetland levels for properties adjacent to and including the Red Hook Public Library.
- b. April 15, 2022 – Progress Meeting #10: C.T. Male Associates (Ron Smaka, Kevin Dufek), Carver Construction (A.G. Bourgeois), Sausto Contracting, Inc. (Mario Sausto), DC DOH (Lee Felshin), Karen Smythe, and Brent Kovalchik attended. Items discussed included:
- Installation of force main continues east on the north side of East Market Street to Cherry Street.
 - The transformer vault, conduit from the vault to the existing control building, the exterior main breaker panel is mounted on the existing control building and the water main relocation has been completed at the WWTP site.
 - As of 4/15/22, the following quantities of force main has been installed:
 - 3,811' of 2" main (HDPE)
 - 275' of 3" main (HDPE)
 - 3,547' of 4" main (1,937' by open excavation; 1,610' by directional drilling)
 - 908' of 6" main (HDPE)
 - 34 sanitary shut-off valves have been installed.
 - Concerns regarding the placement of a 320 amp meter pen is required before the tank anchorage pad at the WWTP can be installed. Alternate options including providing temporary power utilizing the existing generator, or installing a temporary rerouting of power out of the way of the proposed building pads at the WWTP.
 - Installation will continue with the force mains by directional drilling and open excavation through properties into Reilly Lane and East Market Street.
 - Electrical panel inspections and upgrades will continue until issues with the WWTP electrical panels, pads, etc. are resolved.
 - Pay Application #4 has been received by RHV and distributed to contractors. Pay Applications #2 and #3 are being processed by the NYS EFC.
 - There has been no issue with erosion, sediment control.
 - There have been no reported injuries or traffic incidents. However, it was suggested that general clean-up of streets and pipe cuttings be improved. Also, before directional drilling operations are performed, impacted properties need to be informed and their driveways cleared and coned off. It was also suggested that gates and fencing on properties with pets or children have to be maintained.
- c. April 29, 2022 – Progress Meeting #11: C.T. Male Associates (Ron Smaka, Kevin Dufek, Kathryn Serra), Carver Construction (A.G. Bourgeois), USDA-RD (Jessie Divens), Karen Smythe, and Brent Kovalchik attended. The following items were discussed:
- As of 4/29/22, the following quantities of force main end laterals have been installed:
 - 630' of laterals
 - 4,992' of 2" force main
 - 485' of 3" force main
 - 3,822' of 4" force main
 - 47 sanitary shut-off valves have been installed.
 - Installation of the force mains should be complete in the southeast quadrant during the week of 5/1/22.

- Sausto Contracting, Inc. is to complete the installation of the WWTP meter pan, junction boxes, conduit and cables for the high-lift pumps and work at the WWTP inspected by C.T Male Associates before Central Hudson installs the transformer.
- Carver Construction to conduct pressure tests on the installed force mains.
- Shale has been encountered during excavation and directional drilling procedures on Cherry Street.
- NYS DOT is processing PERM 33 to permit directional drilling under Market Street (Rt. 199) and Broadway (Rt. 9).
- Carver Construction's Pay Application #4 has been reviewed and approved by C.T. Male Associates.
- NYS EFC has reimbursed Sausto Contracting, Inc. Pay Application #1.
- Fiber matting and temporary mulch stabilization is requested at the WWTP site to prevent erosion and control sediment.
- There has been reports of site safety incidents.
- Discussions included a possible request by Carver Construction, Inc. to extend the substantial completion date. It was suggested that Carver consider deploying an additional crew and that the Village is not in a position to extend deadlines.
- A refurbished meter box has been installed at the WWTP site and is expected to pass all inspections prior to Central Hudson's installation of the new transformer.
- Carver Construction will focus on the installation of the force mains, laterals, and tanks to accomplish substantial completion.
- Carver Construction intends to begin tank installation by mid-May/June, 2022.

2. Village of Red Hook Water Distribution System Maintenance and Improvement Project/Sewer System Procedures and Protocol

Meetings were held on April 8 and 22, 2022 in the Red Hook Village Building.

- a. April 8, 2022 – Delaware Engineering (Robert Flores), Karen Smythe, and Brent Kovalchik attended. Items discussed included:
 - Discussed establishing a short-lived asset reserve fund, similar to the water fund. Revenue will be derived from the Operations and Maintenance costs of the Sewer Service Area Benefit Unit assessment in 2023.
 - Delaware Engineering, with C3ND, to provide a Procedures and Operations Protocol for the continuing maintenance of the WWTP, individual property tanks and pumps, and a pumping schedule for septic tanks and grease traps.
 - Delaware Engineering is preparing documents for storm water control for properties located on Prince Street. Work will be performed by the Village Highway Department.
 - Review estimates to replace all, or some, of the water meters. Estimates included costs for new hardware, software, and RHV staff training as outlined in a proposal from the Badger Meter local representative (Schmidt's Wholesale, Inc.) of 3/28/22.
 - Reviewed Senior Water Rate discounts, RH Commons PILOT Program for fixed water rates, and billing discrepancies, including potential in-home water leaks and meter malfunctions with the Village Clerk.
 - Discussed new federal lead and copper regulations and procedures/protocol to test water service lines from the curb stop to a residence or business.
- b. April 22, 2022 – Delaware Engineering (Robert Flores), C3ND (Fernando Dongo), Karen Smythe, and Brent Kovalchik attended. Items discussed included:
 - Sewer system operations/maintenance protocol and procedures including pumping schedule for individual property septic tanks and grease traps.

- Discussed and reviewed new water service applications for out-of-Village customers (materials, meters, backflow prevention, limits on water quantity, penalties for excessive water use, and water service shut-off procedures).
 - Reviewed Badger Meter estimates of 3/28/22. RH Village will begin by replacing 211 compound meters with cell-read technology and replace malfunctioning meters with new meters with cell-read meter head technology. All existing meters will remain and be replaced as needed. Software and hardware will be updated and training to use new technology will be provided to Water Department staff and the Village Clerk.
3. April 19, 2022 – Governor Kathy Hochul announced the largest ever award of the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grants. The \$601 million in WIIA Grant with over \$37 million in additional federal subsidies will support approximately \$1.6 billion in total infrastructure improvement throughout New York State.

The Village of Red Hook received \$1,080,000 WIIA Grant (60% of a proposed \$1.8 million water distribution system improvement project). The Project will provide protection and new water mains, connections, valves, hydrants in the Village’s north/east quadrant. The Project will also provide for the repainting and encasing of the Tower Street elevated water tank, provide a booster pump at the RH Town/RH Village Interconnect on Willow Brook Lane, and upgrade the SCADA system at the WTP on Firehouse Lane.

The Village’s \$720,000 matching obligation will be financed by money from the Water Fund.

Town of Red Hook Zoning Review Committee (RHT – ZRC) – Monthly Report

April 2022 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

- a. There were no RHT – ZRC Meetings held during the month of April, 2022.

Community Preservation Fund (CPF) Advisory Board – Monthly Report

April 2022 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

- a. There were no CPF Advisory Board Meetings held during the month of April, 2022.
- b. The current balance of the Community Preservation Fund, as of April 30, 2022, is \$2,817,822.65.

Northern Dutchess Alliance (NDA) Executive Committee – Monthly Report

April 2022 – Brent Kovalchik – Local Government Representative

- a. There were no NDA Executive Committee Meetings held during the month of April, 2022.

Saw Kill Watershed Community (SKWC) – Monthly Report

April 2022 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Board of Trustees Representative

- a. A SKWC Meeting was held on April 19, 2022 in the Elmendorph Inn. The following topics were presented by Bard College Environmental and Urban Studies students:
 - “Organisms in the Watershed”
 - “Macrofauna: The American Bittern”
 - “Millipedes”
 - “Water Pocket Moss in Earth Systems”
 - “White Tail Deer”
 - “Indiana Bat”
 - “Jefferson Salamander Complex”

- b. Karen Raskin from Hudsonia discussed the benefits to naming approximately 20 unnamed tributaries of the Saw Kill Creek. Karen discussed reasons to name tributaries and streams, how to go about it, and how to get involved.
- c. Brent Kovalchik discussed the Village of Red Hook Sewer Project including reasons to establish a municipal sewer system, cost of the project, and construction status.

Town of Red Hook Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Working Group – Monthly Report

April 2022 – Brent Kovalchik – RH Village Representative/Member

- a. A LWRP Working Group Meeting was held on April 20, 2022 via Zoom. The following items were discussed:
 - Benchmarks and timelines (Greenplan, Inc. will complete work on “Policies” for LWRP Working Group review (4/29/22); Greenplan, Inc. will complete descriptions and finalize “Policies” based on LWRP Working Group review; LWRP Amendments to be complete by December, 2022 when NYS DOS Grant expires.
 - Harbor Management Plan – status of preliminary draft.
 - Review Section 4 (Proposed Land and Water Uses and Proposed Projects) to include discussions regarding moorings and anchorages.
 - Review Section 2 (Overview).
 - Discussed the proposed Lake Champlain to NYC – Hydro Electric generated power line to be buried in the Hudson River. Effects of electromagnetic field on ship navigational equipment; effects of trenching the river bottom regarding PCBs; and possible alternative, more technologically advanced methods to distribute power.
 - Discuss working with stakeholders (Scenic Hudson, Edgewater, Red Hook Boat Club) on proposed project outlines.
 - Discuss the proposed “Blue Trail” from Tivoli to Kruegers Island, Edgewater, Montgomery Place).

Village of Red Hook Zoning Review Committee (RHV – ZRC) – Monthly Report

April 2022 – Karen Smythe and Brent Kovalchik – Members

- a. A meeting was held on April 29, 2022 in the Red Hook Village Building to review zoning regulations and proposed amendments to the General Business (GB) District (200-10) with a prospective purchaser of a Village property.

Village of Red Hook Public Spaces Initiative (RHV – PSI) – Monthly Report

April 2022 – Declan Dwyer-McNulty and Brent Kovalchik – Co-Liaisons

- a. A RHV – PSI Meeting was held on April 23, 2022 via Zoom. Items discussed included:
 - Working with a local landscaping firm to plant a pollinator garden, with volunteers, near the Solar CSA west fence line.
 - Discuss programs and preparations for the “Pollinator Gardens Opening Event” scheduled for Saturday, May 28, 2022, from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Red Hook Community Center.
 - Discuss establishing working groups to consider diversifying projects to facilitate the creation of public parks, art, and community spaces throughout the Village of Red Hook.

Trustee Laing read monthly reports:

Materials Management

For the month of April 2022, we had 6.04 tons of garbage, 2.07 tons of recycling, 0.3 tons of cardboard, 0.91 tons paper, and 0.84 tons of commingled.

Trustee Laing reported that there was a small charges this month for contamination. The Trustee discussed wish-cycling and that clamshell containers (e.g., lettuce and berry containers) are problematic.

Trustee Laing advised the total sales of garbage tags was \$3,528.

Water/Sewer

During the month of April, the water treatment facility treated 7,359,400 total gallons, which is an average of 245,300 gallons per day.

All bacteriological samples for the month were collected and transported to Pace Analytical Services. All results were negative.

During the month of April, the water treatment plant used 70 gallons of sodium hypochlorite. The average daily use was 2.33 gallons per day.

It was stated that a few of the items on the deficiency list have been scheduled for repair this week. Many of the other items are listed in the WIIA grant just awarded to the Village.

Trustee Kjarval read monthly reports:

Red Hook Together

Red Hook Together's monthly meeting was held on Thursday May 5th, 2022 at 12 noon.

The May meeting was devoted to listening to Red Hook Central School District Students. The prompts were; How has the community supported you? What community resources or support should be added? What activities would you like Red Hook to do? What challenges are your peers facing? And finally; What do students offer the greater community? The students, who were members of the Fellowship club, spoke about issues with communication (both being heard and receiving information), access to spaces and programs being restricted by transportation needs as well as the idea of a 'culture day' originating at the school and perhaps expanding into the community. They also described a new initiative called the "brain trust", which seeks to involve student government representatives, administration and 'brain trust' delegates to increase communication and solve problems on a systemic level. We were very lucky to be able to listen to these engaged student's perspectives, and a big thanks goes to Superintendent Janet Warden for coordinating that opportunity.

Red Hook Town Economic Development Committee

The committee meets every Wednesday over zoom, at 8:30 am. They met this last month on April 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and May 4th.

On April 6th - following the news of some businesses leaving Village commercial spaces, the EDC suggested that the Village distribute EDC recommendations to landlords and businesses on what they believe to be the best use of their properties. I stated I could recommend to the Board that there is an opportunity for the Village to create a task force to research initiatives to support our Business District. I also shared that our role as a municipality, regarding dictating an individual's use of private property is limited to what our zoning code prohibits and allows. I also suggested they should investigate funding avenues if they were interested in developing such a report.

On April 13th - The EDC has continued to develop the Farmworker Housing Grant Application for Community Development Block Grant. The EDC is also hoping to get a Bard College Summer Intern to help with updating its Business registry contact sheet. There was discussion about the role of the Town EDC in relation to the Village

Government - and they decided that they would invite village owners of commercial spaces to future meetings for further discussion. The EDC distributed their previously discussed 'Could Extra Money Help Your Business Post-Covid?' survey on April 13th, with modifications as requested by the Town board.

On April 20th - The EDC announced that NYS was no longer taking general applications, so that business owners who replied to the 'Could Extra Money Help Your Business Post-Covid?' survey would now need to be individually updated that the EDC and the Town would not be moving forward with their category of grant applications. They continued to move forward on the Farm worker housing 2-page proposal, as there was still money available in that category.

On April 27th - The EDC discussed the Town's public hearings for the Farm Worker Housing application - as well as their website redhookhudsonvalley.com - and whether they should renew the hosting and domain name for another year - or whether they should shutter the rarely updated site entirely. They decided to extend the contract for hosting and domains another year.

On May 4th - The EDC invited Todd Baright, a landlord and community member, as well as Nate Adler, a prospective tenant and part-time community member, to discuss the business that may go in the space which previously housed J&J's cafe.

For further information, detailed minutes of EDC meetings are available on the Town of Red Hook's website.

Village of Red Hook Communications Committee

The committee meets every Wednesday at 1:30 pm in the Village Hall conference room.

The Mayor's newsletter went out to email inboxes on Friday, May 6th. We encourage anyone interested in receiving Village updates to enroll online - you can subscribe by visiting redhookvillage.org/Newsletter

In other communication news, the Village has applied for a Dutchess County Municipal Investment Grant with the Red Hook Public Library. The application is asking for pilot funding to develop a language access plan, contract with an app that improves website accessibility, pay for translation of key documents and signage - as well enrolling in an on-demand interpreter service for the village's phone system, clerk's offices & RHPD.

Village of Red Hook Hardscrabble / Events Committee

The Events Committee is looking forward to RHPD's Bike Rodeo this month - Saturday, May 21st, 10 am - 1 pm. Folks of all ages can bring their bikes for a Spring tune-up and kids can come learn the rules of the road and so much more from RHPD officers. Any community members interested in volunteering the day of, should contact Amy Smith at events@redhooknyvillage.org or stop by the library to let her know.

Plans for the Village's 2022 Hardscrabble Music Festival are underway. Interested in helping out? Have connections to a regional band that might be a good fit? Contact Amy, Melkorka, the Mayor or Jeff Walsh via the Events committee email address: events@redhooknyvillage.org.

Village of Red Hook Human Relations Committee

The Human Relations committee did not meet this month as there was a conflict with a Town-wide event, the meeting has been postponed till next week, if you wish to attend, please contact me at mkjarval@redhooknyvillage.org.

Our Police Reform Working group reviewed the now posted 'Police Reform Goals a Year out from Plan Adoption on March 8th, 2021' report. Anyone interested can visit the website, navigate to Departments menu > select Police Department > and then Police Reform to read how the Village and the RHPD are enacting the goals of the State-required plan that was adopted over a year ago.

Notably, the review report discusses how the Village Board will be receiving a copy of the Body Camera Policy at a May meeting. Also scheduled for a May meeting, Sgt. Hildenbrand will give demographics information on arrests in the past six months. He also will be explaining if and how other departments collect demographic data on Vehicle and Traffic stops that do not result in arrests. We also look forward to hearing about what reports the new Police Pro Software can generate.

Additionally, the RHPD has committed to the policy that 'Each shift will have an included foot patrol' - in essence a 'park and walk' where the officer will be required to park their patrol vehicle and walk somewhere in the Village, another example of how they are committed to community policing.

Also RHPD is now requiring that 'All Village of Red Hook Police Dept members are trained in Procedural Justice, Crisis Intervention and Implicit Bias Training in the first year of employment, unless training is not available within that time frame.'

And finally on the website - 'Photos of full time employees will be posted'. Please stay tuned for those photos.

Red Hook Public Library Report

Red Hook Public Library put out its Annual Report for 2021 to the public and encourages all community members to read it online or take a copy when next visiting the library. Don't forget to vote in the School District elections on Tuesday, May 17th, 12 pm - 9 pm. The library budget is on the ballot as well as the Red Hook School District budget and candidates for open seats on the Board of Education.

Trustee Dwyer-McNulty read monthly reports:

Planning/Zoning

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| Building Permits: | 9 |
| Certificates of Occupancy: | 0 |
| Certificates of Compliance: | 0 |
| Municipal Searches: | 4 |
| Complaints: | 3 |
| Order to Remedy: | 0 |
| Fire Inspections: | 0 |

\$4,070 was collected in fees (including fire inspection fees).

There was no general business to discuss and no public comments made.

Trustee Dwyer-McNulty made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:01pm. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Kovalchik. All in favor. Motion approved.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to open Executive Session at 9:01pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Dwyer-McNulty. All in favor. Motion approved.

Trustees discussed a Village Police matter.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to close Executive Session at 9:41pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Dwyer-McNulty. All in favor. Motion approved.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to pay all Village bills after audit. Motion seconded by Trustee Kjarval. All in favor. Motion approved.

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn the May 9, 2022 Village Board Meeting at 9:46pm. Motion seconded by Trustee Kjarval. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Cavanaugh, Village Clerk