

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 12, 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 for the Town Christine Chale Esq.

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

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: The Supervisor’s Report for the period of June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 was read as follows: Opening Balance - \$9,759,172.17; Receipts - \$807,147.65; Disbursed - \$1,158,410.17; Balance - \$9,407,909.65 Supervisor McKeon reviewed the variance reports and budget adjustments.

On a motion of Councilmember Hamel seconded by Councilmember Kane 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 June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 was read as follows: Total Local Shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$4,747.42; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$13.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$45.00; Amount remitted to NYS Environmental Conservation Dept - \$83.58; Total State, County, and Local revenues \$4,889.00. Vouchers 29236-29363 were processed in June, 2022.

On a motion of Councilmember Solomon seconded by Councilmember Testa to approve the Supervisor’s report.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Red Hook Summer Programs are up and running for the summer.

Public Hearing- Franchise Renewal Agreement with Spectrum Northeast, LLC.

Supervisor McKeon explained the renewal agreement contract was still being amended, therefore he recommended extending the public hearing to July 27, 2022 at 7:35 pm.

On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Hamel to extend the Public Hearing regarding the Franchise Renewal Agreement with Spectrum Northeast, LLC to July 27, 2022 at 7:35pm.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

Clean Energy Communities Grant Presentation

Denis Collet and Laurie Husted, the Chair and a member of the Energy Committee, respectfully, gave a presentation regarding Clean Energy Community NYSERDA- Grant Initiatives.

The presentation discussed the changes made to four different high impact areas, the cost of these changes, and the monies that were saved by making these changes. These include projects such as replacing 1980’s based heating and cooling equipment with high efficiency heat pumps and the conversion to LED streetlights.

Laurie Husted presented different changes residents can make to save money on their energy such as switching to an electric vehicle, replacing a furnace or boiler with a heat pump, or investing in solar panels.

Resolution to Apply for Smart Growth Planning Grant- Comp Plan Update

Supervisor McKeon stated the Board Members have been discussing updating the Town’s Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan. The maximum amount of the grant application is \$100,000 subject to a 10% match.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 42
DATED: JULY 12, 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE
SMART GROWTH COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town of Red Hook (“Town”) to submit a Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Grant Program application for review of and updates to the Town’s Comprehensive Plan (“Grant Application”); and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the Grant Application to be applied for is \$100,000 by the Town, subject to a 10% match, for a total project cost of \$110,000;

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

1. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor or, in his absence, the Deputy Supervisor, to execute and submit the Grant Application.
2. The officers, employees and agents of the Town are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Town to do all acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution.
3. 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 at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook on July 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. local time via videoconference and/or teleconference pursuant to NYS Laws Ch. 1 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:

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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 Submission of an Application for a NYS Department of
Environmental Facilities Water Quality Improvement Grant.**

Supervisor McKeon explained this grant would cover a portion of replacing the salt shed, which needs replacement do to age and to its location above the Town's aquifer.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 43
DATED: JULY 12, 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW
YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES
WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Red Hook ("Town") desires to apply for assistance through the New York State Department of Environmental Facilities Water Quality Improvement Program ("NYSDEC WQIP") which is a competitive, statewide reimbursement grant program open to local governments and not-for-profit corporations to implement projects that directly address documented water quality impairments or protect a drinking water source; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town to submit a WQIP Grant application for replacement of the Town's existing salt shed ("Grant Application"); and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the Grant Application to be applied for is \$500,000, subject to a 50% match, for an estimated total project cost of up to \$1,000,000;

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

1. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor or, in his absence, the Deputy Supervisor, to execute and submit the Grant Application.
2. The officers, employees and agents of the Town are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Town to do all acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution.
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT

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 Apply for LGE Shared Services- Sewer Extension

Supervisor McKeon explained this grant would be applied to a feasibility study to determine how the Town can extend the sewer system.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 44
DATED: JULY 12, 2022**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT

WHEREAS, the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program which provides technical assistance and competitive grants to local governments for the development of projects; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town of Red Hook (“Town”) to submit the Local Government Efficiency Grant application for a municipal shared sewer service study for the

Route 9 corridor project (“Grant Application”); and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the Grant Application to be applied for is \$30,000 by the Town, subject to a 50% match, for a total estimated project cost of \$60,000;

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

1. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor or, in his absence, the Deputy Supervisor, to execute and submit the Grant Application as project sponsor.
2. The officers, employees and agents of the Town are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Town to do all acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution.
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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.

Discussion to Declare Surplus Equipment

Supervisor McKeon explained the Board members, along with the Recreation Director John Kuhn, are reviewing the older equipment from the Highway Department to determine if this equipment can be transferred to the Recreation Department

**Town of
Red Hook**



**Highway
Department**

28 Glen Pond Drive, Red Hook NY 12571 845-758-4615

Supervisor Robert McKeon
Councilperson Julia Solomon
Councilperson Christine Kane
Councilperson Bill Hamel
Councilperson Jacob Testa

July 8, 2022

Re: Surplus Equipment, Plow Truck and Backhoe

Dear Supervisor McKeon and Town Council members;

We have received, insured and registered our new plow truck. We will not be using the old plow truck, TR 11, it will not pass inspection. We will be removing it from our inventory and are requesting that the Town Board declare the truck "surplus equipment".

The retired truck can be sold "as is" at a municipal auction, old trucks of this type may be used for spare parts or farm vehicles.

The backhoe that we no longer use is sitting in the parking lot at the highway garage. Machinery that is exposed to the elements can lose value. Similar backhoes have sold at auction for \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00. We do not have available space to keep the old backhoe under cover.

My understanding from past correspondence is that the Town Board will need to discuss this matter, together, at a Town Board meeting, and that the Town Board may decide what will be done with the equipment after it is declared surplus. This letter is intended to bring the matter to your attention.

Respectfully yours,

Theresa Burke

Theresa Burke
Highway Superintendent



On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Kane to enter Attorney Client Session
Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon
Nays 0

8:36 pm On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Hamel to exit Attorney Client Session
Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon
Nays 0

On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Kane to enter Executive Session to discuss the hiring/firing of an individual.
Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon
Nays 0

8:44 pm On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Hamel to end Executive Session
Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon
Nays 0

On a motion by Councilmember Kane seconded by Councilmember Solomon to adjourn the meeting
Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Cochran, Town Clerk