

**REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 18, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on July 18, 2007 at Watts dePeyster Hall. Called to order at 7:03pm.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Cordier, Trustees Hogan and Ezrati  
Absent: Deputy Mayor Cranna and Trustee Staffiero

Public: Christine Chale (Village Attorney), Fred Cartier (P.A.N.D.A.), Mona Herman, Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro, Legislator David Seymour, Greg Bentley and Robert Balkind, Dutchess County Public Works, Harold Ramsey, Red Hook Town Councilman, Harry Colgan, Matthew Kobalkin, John Cliett, and Tom Crisci

The Clerk reported the following:

- 1) The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Village Wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) A defensive driving course will be held Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> between 9am-3pm.
- 3) We need someone to replace Cassie Carbone as zoning and planning secretary.

On a motion by Trustee Ezrati, seconded by Trustee Hogan, the board amended the following in the June 20, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes: Mayor's Report-Section one to annual go-cart race instead of car race and Section two of Deputy Mayor Cranna's report to say that Pete Herman indicated that a softball had hit their house, all in favor. The June 20, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Trustee Hogan, seconded by Trustee Ezrati, all in favor.

The June 1, 2007 (March 1-May 31, 2007) Water/Sewer Levy Report in the amount of \$59,188.15 was received.

Treasurer's Report:

The bills for Abstract #2 (30-84) in the amount of \$90,614.09 were approved to be paid on a motion by Trustee Ezrati, seconded by Trustee Hogan, all in favor.

Budget Modification #1-2006/2007 was approved on a motion by Trustee Ezrati, seconded by Trustee Hogan, all in favor. This budget modification (\$46,249.40) is to balance line items at the end of the fiscal year.

The July 18, 2007 Treasurer's Report was received on a motion by Trustee Hogan, seconded by Trustee Ezrati, all in favor.

The ZEO Report dated July 16, 2007 was submitted (see attached). Since the report was made a Change of Use was granted to Milagro's and the Zoning Board of Appeals approved the variance to James Simmons. The next ZBA meeting is July 23, 2007.

#### Broadway Bridge Rehabilitation Project Presentation-

Assemblyman Marcus J. Molinaro spoke regarding the bridge repairs.

Gregory Bentley, Director of Engineering:

- a) This project is federally funded project
- b) The bridge has a poor rating-though not the worst in the county
- c) They are aware of the aesthetics of the bridge and will essentially replace in kind
- d) They hope to reuse the existing lighting fixtures
- e) Construction scheduled to begin in spring of 2008. Increases in costs have pushed some projects out.

Robert Balkind, Assistant Director of Engineering:

- a) Process began in 1994
- b) This is a SEQR Type 2 and NEPA 2 Class project
- c) This is a \$1.5 million project, \$1.2 will be federally funded
- d) Sidewalk will be reconstructed
- e) The bridge will be closed during the project (4-6 months). Residents near area will have access to their property 24/7. They hope for temporary easements from neighboring properties basically for the construction period
- f) County will not pay for electric light maintenance (village already does)
- g) Send comments to them with any construction issues and they'll try to accommodate

Public:

Matthew Kobalkin-

- a) Would like to preserve the saw-toothed stones on top on bridge because of safety issues (discourages climbing). It was pointed out that the saw-toothed stones cause water damage because water can't escape.

Mona Herman-

- a) Would also like to see the saw-toothed stones preserved.
- b) She believes the village has committed fraud regarding a Department of State grant. Response-Dutchess County is the sponsor of the money.

Mayor Cordier reported the following:

- 1) Former Mayor Molinaro said kind words about Marie Gruntler, who passed away recently.

- 2) **RESOLUTION 20-2007/THE SUBMISSION OF THE JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION** was approved on a motion by Trustee Ezrati, seconded by Trustee Hogan, all in favor.
- 3) Trustee Hogan made a motion to sponsor the Local Farmers Event July 29 beginning at 3pm, seconded by Trustee Ezrati, all in favor
- 4) The Length of Service Award Program was approved by the voters in Tivoli 69-12. It also passed in the Village of Red Hook 104-16.
- 5) Montgomery Street Update- It's going well. It was slowed down by the discovery of a 40,000gallon water cistern. The road was not supposed to be closed during the project but because of the massive hole and the huge crane it has been closed for safety reasons.
- 6) The company collecting recycling for the businesses has been beginning as early as 5:45am. Under our law collection cannot begin before 7am. Mayor Cordier spoke to the driver and explained the law and hopefully that will be the end of the problem.
- 7) The kiosk behind Village Hall is completed. He thanked Susan Ezrati and Scott Dockstatder.
- 8) The Joel Griffith reception was a success. Mayor Cordier thanked Susan Ezrati and Harry Colgan for their help.
- 9) The Rhinebeck Legion Band will perform next to Village Hall on August 14, 2007.
- 10) Our letter thanking New York State Rural Water for their assistance with a water main break was published in Aquafacts Magazine.
- 11) The next Regular Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at 7pm.

Trustee Hogan reported the following:

- 1) June Court Report (on file in Clerk's office)

Trustee Ezrati reported the following:

- 1) She gave her report with the ZEO Report

Mayor Cordier dedicated a page in the minutes book in memory of Marie Gruntler. She was a Village Trustee between 1985-1995. **RESOLUTION 21-2007/CONDOLENCE: HONORABLE MARIE GRUNTNER** was approved on a motion by Trustee Ezrati, seconded by Trustee Hogan, all in favor.

Public Comment:

Mona Herman-How much has village spent on LOSAP so far and how much will it cost per taxpayer? Mayor Cordier thought approximately \$3,000 in the past 4 years and the cost to the taxpayers depends on the fire department participation.

Trustee Ezrati said the fire company is very important to us and that the cost to hire paid firefighters would be much higher.

Red Hook Town Councilman, Harold Ramsey, thanked the board and the public for supporting and approving the Length of Service Award Program.

Trustee Hogan said the fire company and rescue squad do a good job.

On a motion by Trustee Ezrati, seconded by Trustee Hogan, the meeting was adjourned, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Ramsey  
Village Clerk

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MEMORY  
OF  
MARIE GRUNTLER  
VILLAGE OF TIVOLI TRUSTEE  
1985-1995