

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: John J. LaBonte, Mayor
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee
Arsene F. Letourneau, Village Treasurer

ABSENT: Dale M. Menard, Trustee
Joseph E. Rodriguez, Trustee
Christopher Latremore, Village Clerk/Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT: John Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer

RECORDING SECRETARY: Patricia A. Garrand, Deputy Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor John LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR SESSION:

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2022, meeting, Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE**

BILLS: \$37,068.40 **CHECK #** 28698 - 28736

Treasurer Letourneau reported that we had one addition. A bill to Corelogic Centralized Refunds for \$276.91. This is a payment that was made wrong by the mortgage company.

Trustee Pelkey made a motion to pay the bills as amended. Seconded by Trustee Arno.
ALL VOTED AYE

CORRESPONDENCE:

Deputy Clerk Garrand read a press release from Clinton County Office of Emergency Services announcing the availability of Text-to-911. Beginning on July 1st people can text to 9-1-1 if they are unable to call or if it is unsafe to do so.

Deputy Clerk Garrand also read a thank you letter from the Center Stage Committee thanking all the Village Departments for helping them. The concert on Thursday, June 30, 2022, had well over 300 people who saw and heard Elvis once again come alive.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

MAYOR JOHN J. LABONTE:

- 1) Mayor LaBonte wanted to congratulate the Stars and Stripes committee for the success of the festivities and the Stage for the success of their concerts. Also wanted to thank the North Country Golf Club for the use of the golf carts. These were used for transportation of people to and from the Stage for the concerts and during the parade. Mayor LaBonte also wanted to thank Trustee Arno and Heath Cardin for the transport of the carts on their own time and with the use of their own vehicles. Another thanks to the Sheriff Department and the New York State Police for all their help and assistance with the celebration. Mayor LaBonte also wanted to thank publicly, the Clerk/Administrator, Chris Latremore for pulling it all together.
- 2) Mayor LaBonte announced the resignation of Ethan Goslin, Recreation Facility Manager. Thanked Ethan for his service. Trustee Arno made a motion to accept Ethan's letter of resignation. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE**
- 3) Mayor LaBonte asked to have Scott Decker appointed as the Village Electrical Consultant with a \$90.00 retainer. Trustee Pelkey made a motion to appoint Scott Decker as the Village Electrical Consultant. Seconded by Trustee Arno.
ALL VOTED AYE
- 4) Mayor LaBonte asked for a motion to have an Executive Session to discuss legal issues. Trustee Arno made a motion to have an Executive Session. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE**
- 5) Mayor LaBonte also wanted to squash rumors that ERS owes the Village a large electric bill. He stated that ERS has paid their electric bill in full.

TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Trustee Arno wanted to thank the 4th of July Committee for a job well done.
- 2) Trustee Arno also thanked Ethan for his service to the Village and wished him well on his new job.

- 3) Trustee Arno announced that the Village Historical Society has 2023 Calendars for sale at a price of \$15.00 each. The calendar features pictures of artwork done by local artists of all ages.

TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

Absent

TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

- 1) Trustee Pelkey spoke with the Chief Water Plant Operator, Bryon Gelineault and we are down to 1 vendor for the chlorine we use to coat the filters. Meaning we pretty much are caught and must pay what they are asking. Trustee Pelkey also spoke to Danny Guay, the Water/Wastewater Superintendent. He expressed concern that the price of Chlorine has almost doubled, so we will have to watch the budget for those departments.
- 2) Trustee Pelkey reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant removed 120 tons of sludge. This is something they do yearly and are doing well keeping up with it.
- 3) Trustee Pelkey also wanted to thank the Stars and Stripes Committee for their work during the celebration. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped, without them we wouldn't be able to do what we do.
- 4) Trustee Pelkey made a motion to authorize the Clerk to advertise for the Recreation Facility Manager position in-house. Seconded by Trustee Arno. **ALL VOTED AYE** Trustee Pelkey also made a motion to authorize the Clerk to advertise in the Press Republican should we need to advertise outside after the in-house time has expired. Seconded by Trustee Arno. **ALL VOTED AYE**

TRUSTEE JOSEPH E. RODRIGUEZ:

Absent

OTHER REPORTS:

MAYOR JOHN J. LABONTE:

Mayor LaBonte also wanted to thank all the Fire Department Personnel for their help driving the golf carts during the celebration.

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

- 1) John Cooper stated he was following up on the usual complaints. Most of which have been handled on the phone.

TREASURER:

No Report

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR:

Absent No Report

DEPUTY CLERK:

No Report

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

No comments from the public.

RECESS

Motion was made by Trustee Pelkey to recess at 7:11pm. Seconded by Trustee Arno.

ALL VOTED AYE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Arno to enter Executive Session at 7:16pm. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey.

ALL VOTED AYE

No action taken in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Trustee Arno to exit Executive Session at 7:34pm. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey.

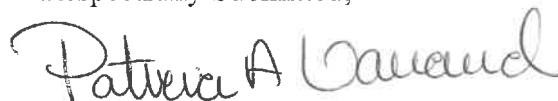
ALL VOTED AYE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 7:35pm. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey.

ALL VOTED AYE

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia A. Garrand
Deputy Village Clerk