

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, August 20, 2012 at Halstead Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Francis J. Baker, Mayor  
Brian B. Jefferson, Trustee  
Brad M. Martin, Trustee  
William A. Maskell, Trustee  
Rebecca A. Reid, Trustee

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rebecca Pelkey, Deputy Treasurer  
Brian S. Pelkey, PWS

**ABSENT:** Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Carol A. Hanfield, Village Clerk

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

John Cooper, Town Councilman, said that there are signs coming into the Village and asked if the Board would consider splitting the cost to install a bigger sign with both the Village and the Town listed. The signs are going to have to be replaced soon so maybe next year he will address it again.

**BID RESULTS:**

**CONTRACT 2012-03: "SUBSTATION STRUCTURAL STEEL, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS"**

The Clerk explained that there was one bid received however it could not be accepted because there was 'No Bid Bond' attached.

**CONTRACT 2012-04: "15kV 1200A CIRCUIT BREAKER"**

The Clerk stated that there were (3) bids received and one could not be allowed as there was no Bid Bond attached. The other two bids were:

Siemen's Energy  
700 Siemens Road  
Wendell, SC 27591

Bid Bond Attached  
Delivery – 13 weeks ARO – Certified Drawings  
\$24,090.00  
Deviations

WESCO  
4 Harbor View Road  
P.O. Box 4149

Bid Bond Attached  
16 week ARO  
\$31,629.00  
No Deviations

The Clerk read from the report received from Village Engineer Curtis Wilson that based on his review the only bid that is complete and in compliance with the Village's technical specifications for the Outdoor 3-Phase 15kV Class 1200A Circuit Breakers and delivery consistent with the substation addition project schedule is WESCO and it is his

recommendation that the Board award Contract 2012-04 to WESCO in the amount of \$31,629. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to accept the bid from WESCO in the amount of \$31,629; Seconded by Trustee Reid; AYE CARRIED

#### **MINUTES OF MEETINGS:**

Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 6, 2012 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Reid and clarified that she had mentioned that Kate Woodward had a new job at the Champlain Children's Learning Center but she is not leaving the Library, she will be working evenings and Saturdays; AYE CARRIED

#### **BILLS: VOUCHER NOS: 17049 – 17103      \$343,018.59**

The Deputy Treasurer stated that there were no additions or deletions. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to pay the bills as presented; Seconded by Trustee Reid; (4) AYES (1) NAY (Trustee Maskell)

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The clerk read a letter from Andy Ewart, Library Board President, notifying the Board that Kate Woodward will incur the duties of cleaning the Dodge Memorial Library replacing Donna Boumil effective September 1, 2012. Donna will be the secondary person cleaning the library if Kate Woodward is unavailable. The rate will remain at \$27 per week. Trustee Reid made a motion to change this position to Kate Woodward for the cleaning of the library; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

#### **REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:**

##### **MAYOR FRANCIS J. BAKER:**

Mayor Baker stated that there are rumors around town that the insurance rates for the retired people are being changed. This is not true. Trustee Jefferson stated that when they went into negotiations that they were going to keep all of this stuff in the same room, so people letting stuff out while negotiating is not the right way to do this.

Mayor Baker stated that the Rouses Point Fire Department wishes to surplus the "Hydraulic Rescue Tools" that have been replaced with an updated set purchased through grant funds. Mayor Baker made a motion to surplus this equipment; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Baker stated that NYCOM is hosting the Main Street Economic Development Conference Sept. 30 – Oct. 2 in Syracuse and asked the Board if anyone wished to attend. Trustee Jefferson made a motion authorizing the Mayor to attend this Conference; Seconded by Trustee Maskell; AYE CARRIED

##### **TRUSTEE JEFFERSON**

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Champlain, Village of Rouses Point and the Town of Champlain regarding the Shared Services of Water. This has been going on for about five years or so. We are at the point where we have to decide to go ahead with this and pursue the water for the Town, Village of Champlain and Village of Rouses Point. This agreement is to move forward with the next step of this project.

John Cooper explained that three weeks ago they gave Ticonderoga three years to come up with a solution to go to surface water. At this point our Village is doing all right but if



they come and say that the Village has a time frame then we will have to go to ground water. Our Boards need to look forward. This program will start us on getting some wells to update all three communities. This is the first round of bids to see how much money we can get up front. We will later need to make a decision.

Bob O'Neill, 50 Washington Avenue, stated that he is not against this water project but this should have been done before the upgrade of the water tank. We didn't get a grant when we did the water tank and we are paying for it now. We will be losing our main employer at the end of next year and we will be doubling our rates. He asked if the Village has met with Pfizer to discuss this situation. He also asked where the money is coming from for this project. Mayor Baker explained that we are trying to get a grant for \$2,000,000 and the rest of the money would be from the federal government at a 0% loan and he has been told that when this is completed the rates will be the same or lower than they are now. Mr. O'Neill asked that the Village Board check on where we stand before we make a decision. Mayor Baker said that a lot of stuff needs to be ironed out and this is to move forward.

Mr. O'Neill stated that if the loan we have was paid off there would be no problem. Trustee Reid asked how much of our debt is included in the cost. Mr. Cooper said that they will not pay any of our debts we will assume our own debts. We need to move forward on the feasibility study first. If we don't get on board now, with everything going by points, by joining the two Villages and the Town together we will gain a tremendous amount of points to generate the feasibility of getting bigger grants that don't have to pay back. This is the purpose of signing this memorandum now. This will be no cost to the Village and when the time comes we will go with the best route. Mayor Baker stated that down the road they will need to create a Water Board. Mr. Cooper said that meters will be considered a water conservation issues and explained. Discussion followed.

Mr. O'Neill stated that he has asked the Board for the past two or three years to contact Pfizer officials and tell them the situation to see what they can do for us. Trustee Maskell explained that we have gone to two meetings with them and will have another one in October. We now have a firm date of closing being December 31, 2014 which was told to us by the Chamber. Discussion followed.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign this Agreement with the Town and Village of Champlain to pursue the development, design, construction and subsequent operation of the water filtration process; Seconded by Trustee Maskell;

Trustee Martin said that he could be for this if there was an absolute backout plan for the Village of Rouses Point. Trustee Maskell said that this is only to continue and if we get to the point that the residents don't want it and the residents say NO then it is NO. This is to continue the analysis. Mayor Baker said that if they don't like it then it will be over.

Mr. Cooper said that we need to have all three together in the shard service to get the points gained. He has attended many meetings and we need to all be on board. This will go on for years. Mayor Baker said that it will be at least three (3) years before we even get an answer. Our lawyer will then be involved and town meetings will be held. Everything will be done right. (3) AYES (2) NAYS (Trustee Reid and Trustee Martin)



Trustee Jefferson made a motion to authorize the Clerk to publish a Legal Notice to go out to re-bid the "Substation Structural Steel, Electrical Equipment and Materials"; Seconded by Trustee Maskell; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Jefferson made a motion requesting an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue; Seconded by Trustee Reid; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

**TRUSTEE MARTIN:**

Trustee Martin stated that he was able to get Montgomery Hose, Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1, to be the sponsor for the Amyland Amusements event to set up at the Civic Center for September 21, 22, and 23, 2012 and made a motion requesting permission to sign the Agreement and to hold the event at the Civic Center; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

**TRUSTEE MASKELL:**

Trustee Maskell had nothing to report.

**TRUSTEE REID:**

Trustee Reid made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement with River Street Planning & Development to provide technical assistance necessary for the administration of the Microenterprise Program; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

**OTHER REPORTS:**

PWS Brian Pelkey stated that the pushes for the Pratt St. project are complete. They were able to get across and we have the two vaults. We will be prepared to do the project next spring. We will be working on different parts of the project that don't involve the telephone company. He stated that he would also like to start picking up brush on Friday. There is a lot of brush out there. People are cutting a lot of trees and don't know what to do with it. He will have the electric crew on Fridays go around and chip the brush and the street crew will continue on the curbing. They will be done with White Avenue and start on Pearl Street. Trustee Jefferson asked about the general contractor for the D & H project. Brian said that he has been supplied with electricity, water and sewer. The asbestos abatement was supposed to start today so he cleaned out the rest of the building. We are ready for them. There is paperwork they are waiting on but we have done our part. Trustee Jefferson said that Mr. Jameson asked for old bricks was told that he had been supplied them. Discussion followed.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Donna Boumil, Librarian, stated that she received a \$2000 grant for the children's reading program which will cover the remainder of this year and into next summer. Mayor Baker congratulated her for doing a good job.

Ben Arno, 104 State Street, asked about the Bike Path to Champlain. Mayor Baker explained that Harry McManus asked us to make a commitment of \$5000. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase, if the County gets the grant money, will be from Chapman Street to the golf course; the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will be from the golf course to the high school; and then the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase will be from the high school to the Village of Champlain. We may not even have to put the money out. Trustee Reid said that the money can be broken into four years and will enhance the Village. Mr. Cooper said that the cost for one mile will be \$324,000. Mayor Baker said that the County is doing all of the work and will be holding the grant. Everybody has signed the Memorandum of Understanding.

**RECESS:**

Trustee Maskell made a motion to go into recess at 7:40 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Reid;  
AYE CARRIED

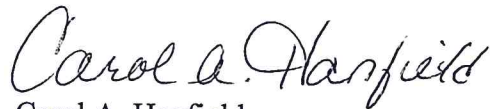
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No action taken during Executive Session regarding a Personnel Issue.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Martin made a motion to adjourn at 8:36; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE  
CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol A. Hanfield".

Carol A. Hanfield  
Village Clerk