

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at Halstead Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: George A. Rivers, Mayor
Brian B. Jefferson, Trustee
Francis J. Baker, Trustee
Dennis F. Roberts, Trustee
Kelly A. Penfield, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Brian S. Pelkey, PWS

RECORDING SECRETARY: Carol A. Hanfield, Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No one present to address the board.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

Trustee Penfield made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2011 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

BILLS: VOUCHER NOS: 16171 – 16207 \$33,433.79

Treasurer Letourneau stated that there were no additions or deletions. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to pay the bills as presented; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read a letter from Geri Favreau, Co-Chair of the July 4th Committee, notifying the Board that the July 4th Celebration will be held on June 29th, 30th and July 1st and requested use of the Civic Center grounds and facilities for that weekend and for a week or so before to set up. Also, the 4th of July Committee commended the Village Police Dept. and asked the Board to retain the Police Dept. status quo. Also, requested that \$9000 be included in the budget as has been done in the past. The Board chose to discuss these items at the next meeting.

The Clerk read a letter from the Dept. of State informing the Village that our project was selected for funding through the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program of the Department of State under Title II of the Environmental Protection Fund to undertake the Implementing of the Rouses Point Downtown and Waterfront Plan - \$125,000. (Landscaping at D & H)

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:

MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:

Mayor Rivers stated that everyone had received a copy of the Clinton County Emergency Medical Services Mutual Aid Plan. He explained that he has concerns. He stated that under this plan we have to carry our own liability insurance. Under the Clinton County

Mutual Aid Plan which we come under the plan says the requested company must have insurance to cover us. Discussion followed. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to approve the Agency Resolution to Participate Form for the Clinton County EMS Mutual Aid Plan; Seconded by Trustee Baker; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Rivers announced that the Village will be picking up Christmas trees from January 9 through January 13, 2012. Residents are asked to place their trees in front of their property. This will be the only pickup of Christmas trees in the Village.

Mayor Rivers presented a Resolution setting forth the Voter Registration Day. Trustee Penfield made a motion to approve this Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Roberts; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

TRUSTEE JEFFERSON

Had nothing to report.

TRUSTEE PENFIELD:

Had nothing to report.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS:

Trustee Roberts requested authorization for Scott Bechard to attend training in Plattsburgh on January 12, 2012 for a 'Grade Crossing Collision Investigation Course (GCCCI)'. The only cost will be for his meals because he will be using a Village vehicle; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Roberts thanked PWS Brian Pelkey for the work being done at the library. All of the outside walls of the basement will be coated so the dampness in the cellar will be behind us and the de-humidifier we have should be able to take care of the cellar now.

Trustee Roberts discussed the removal of the tree on the south side of the library and asked if anyone has looked at this tree to evaluate it. Brian said that last year branches were cut and it appears to be unsafe from the bottom. Brian stated that he would like to check the tree out by using the bucket truck to see it from the top. There is a huge hole in the center of the tree so he will be able to determine if it needs to come down or not. Trustee Roberts stated that the Library Board also feels as he does that if it is rotted it should come down before someone gets hurt. Trustee Penfield stated that she would like to preserve it if possible. Discussion followed. PWS Pelkey will look into this.

TRUSTEE BAKER:

Trustee Baker had nothing to report.

OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer Letourneau reported that the final payment has been received from FEMA for the April flooding damage. Our total amount received is \$98,195.39.

Mayor Rivers stated that we received from our Insurance Company approval of \$35,000 for the Engineering in the water plant to determine the damage caused by the flooding in April. They will have to work up a plan by drilling and testing.

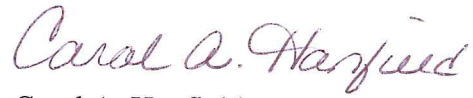
PWS Pelkey stated that the Library cellar dried up very well. They were unable to continue with working on it today because they had a sewer problem on Clinton Street. They

will complete the project by putting stone for now and do the grading in the spring or summer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Penfield made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Roberts; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Carol A. Hanfield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk