

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, September 4, 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: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Brian S. Pelkey, PWS

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:

No one chose to address the Board .

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

Trustee Reid made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 20, 2012; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

BILLS: VOUCHER NOS: 17104 – 17143 \$53,586.74

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:

MAYOR FRANCIS J. BAKER:

Mayor Baker stated that the MEUA Annual Meeting was very informative and was held in beautiful Corning, New York.

Mayor Baker announced that a Rabies Clinic sponsored by the Clinton County Health Dept. will be held in Rouses Point at the Fire Station on September 27th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Baker requested an Executive Session to discuss a Contract Negotiation; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

TRUSTEE JEFFERSON:

Trustee Jefferson stated that at the MEUA meeting they elected new officers and it is very important that the Village continue to attend these meetings.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion authorizing the Clerk to publish a Legal Notice to go out to bid for “PVC Schedule 40 Pipe and Fittings”; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Jefferson made a motion authorizing the Clerk to publish a Legal Notice to go out to bid for “15kV 500 MCM EPR URD Primary Cable” and “4/0 Aluminum Primary Cable”; Seconded by Trustee Reid; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE MARTIN:

Trustee Martin gave an update on the Amyland Amusement. They are looking forward on coming to the Village. He is hoping for a good turnout and that the weather is like last years' fall. He thanked Border Press for donating the flyers for this event and also thanked Trustee Reid for her help on this. The time schedule is going to be Friday: 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.; Saturday: 12:00 noon – 11:00 p.m. and Sunday: 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Martin stated that the Fire Station has a new look. They have painted and they did a good job. It looks very good.

TRUSTEE MASKELL:

Trustee Maskell had nothing to report

TRUSTEE REID:

Trustee Reid had nothing to report

OTHER REPORTS:

PW SUPERVISOR PELKEY:

Supervisor Pelkey stated that we need to discuss what the plans are with the generator that was purchased for Senior Housing. It has been in our possession for over a year now and the warranty is off it and it is not in service. His last conversation with Mike Lyons is that he wants this unit in service. He asked if we need to speed up with correspondence to Senior Housing to figure out what their plans are. Senior Housing notified the Board a month ago with a plan of action and nothing has taken place.

Especially with cold weather coming if we are going to install at another location he wants to install it in the month of October. There is some excavating to be done for a foundation and pipe work. If it gets put in here it would take care of all the lighting but not the compressors. The compressors are fed from a different location with different voltage. Trustee Jefferson said that this would take care of all the lighting, front hallway, locker rooms, etc. In the event of an emergency everybody could be brought here which would eliminate some of the pressure at the fire station and leave the fire station for the fire fighters and EMS personnel and use this as a shelter. Discussion followed.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion that we send a letter to Senior Housing telling them what our time schedule is and if they don't get back with us by September 30, 2012 we are going to install the generator at the Village; Seconded by Trustee Reid; AYE CARRIED

Supervisor Pelkey stated that he is working with the Telephone Company to finalize some of their piping for the underground crossing that we did so they can get the fiber optic off Delaware Street and the rest of the poles out of there. We have one more push on the corner of Pratt and Church. He doesn't see this as being a problem. We are trying to do little parts of the project so that next year it won't hold us up.

There are white marks on the sidewalks. He is trying to figure out where the street lights and transformers are going. We are going to try to accommodate the placing of the green Transformer boxes by putting them on the property lines so they are not in front of someone's door way. The lighting needs to be spaced out evenly. There are 29 lights and can be spaced but we can move them 5' – 6' either way.

Trustee Jefferson asked what was going on with the railroad. Supervisor Pelkey said that we have been trying to expedite everything as soon as we can. Trustee Jefferson did say that there were a couple of job openings for Jameson and hopes that they fill the jobs with someone local. The Mayor said that they found more asbestos than planned.

Supervisor Pelkey said that he met with Donna Boumil about the parking lot at the Library. He found out that she received \$13,596 which can be used for materials. We have to match the grant by 50% so by using our labor that will be the match. He calculated the materials on the project and he was already at \$11,394 so we are going to spend down that grant. We have three years to spend that money. He plans to excavate the driveway and put in stone and let it go for the winter and then blacktop it in the spring. Donna is okay with having gravel for the winter as long as she gets a parking lot. The quotes that Donna got for paving were way over. There is some extra money for a book drop box and some signage that could be taken out of this project.

Legislator Harry McManus addressed the Board regarding the copy of a resolution passed by the County supporting the "Complete Streets" Concept. This is really being pushed throughout the nation in terms of planning streets that are wider. This is going to cost more money but is not going to cost the County, Towns or Villages more money because in the resolution it states specifically that State and Federal funding must be available. It is a no cost item but it is essential that we try to build as many municipalities in Clinton County to be in support of a concept. It went through unanimously at the County level. The other legislators are making the same presentation in their Towns and Villages. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to support the "Complete Streets" Concept; Seconded by Trustee Reid; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

Legislator McManus stated that the Towns and Villages are over a \$1 mil. in sales tax revenue. Rouses Point is 4.7% of this so for right now we are \$47,000 over what was budgeted. There will be more money coming to the Village; The Occupancy Tax is well over \$.5 mil. in the County which allows us to lower the amount of contribution we have going to the Chamber. It is primarily because of the fishing tournaments which there are eight of them and all of this money has to be used for promotions; The Bookmobile – turning into a command center has become a major political football. He attended a tri-county library meeting (Franklin and Essex County have pulled out) and he believes very strongly that there are a number of times in the past 10 – 15 years when a mobile command

center coordinated all of the areas of communication would be valuable. You are looking at a \$50,000 cost to renovate all covered by grants to make this into a command center and then \$4,000 - \$5,000 per year to support it and he continues to support it; Bike Path – he is extremely proud that the 3 communities got together to say that this is a worthwhile project. In speaking to Betty Little about the bike path grant she mentioned the water grant and she is going to push for both of these grants.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No one else chose to address the Board.

RECESS:

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to recess at 7:25 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action taken during Executive Session regarding a Contract Negotiation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Baker made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Reid; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk