

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, August 19, 2013 at Halstead Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Francis J. Baker, Mayor
Brad M. Martin, Trustee
William A. Maskell, Trustee
Arvil J. Moore, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Clifford Sterling, Code Enf. Officer

ABSENT: Joseph R. Treadwell, Trustee
Brian S. Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor

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:

Robert O'Neill, 53 Washington Avenue, expressed to the Board his concerns regarding the increase in the water and sewer charges and the future of the Village with the closure of Pfizer. He asked the Board to have a closure meeting with Pfizer to discuss the debt and suggested that the Board contact our Assemblywoman Duprey; Senator Little and Bill Owens, etc. to help with this problem. Trustee Maskell assured Mr. O'Neill that these individuals have been notified. Mr. O'Neill questioned the increase in the residential class and commercial class for the water and sewer but not increasing the industrial class. Discussion followed.

Mr. O'Neill also addressed our power and stated that in 1994 "Power for Jobs" was created and with Pfizer moving out we may lose our allocation for the amount of power we receive now. Trustee Maskell explained that they already tried to do that but we were able to hold them off. Discussion followed.

Mr. O'Neill addressed the curfew issue. He explained a situation that took place with a couple of kids a while back and how it was handled by Sgt. Laundrie. He suggested that he be kept on duty at night. Trustee Maskell explained that we now have 1.5 officers and we may have to hire more part-time officers. If the residents want a curfew then we will work with them to implement one.

BID RESULTS: SURPLUS VILLAGE PROPERTY

Mayor Baker stated that there were no bids received for the Surplus Property located behind 8-10 Lake Street and explained that there were two individuals interested in this property. When it was advertised we placed a minimum bid and no one bid on it. Trustee Maskell stated that he spoke to NYCOM and it is legal in NYS to advertise this property on e-bay. He spoke about a Village in Pennsylvania that wanted to sell property for \$2500, put it on e-bay and got \$25,000 for it. This will be looked into.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

Trustee Maskell made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 5, 2013; Special Meetings of August 6, 2013 and August 8, 2013 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

BILLS:

VOUCHER NOS: 18370 – 18410 \$275,723.02

The Treasurer stated that there was one (1) addition to the list of bills – NYPA for \$101,648.66 – (monthly bill \$97,292.96; the Hybrid payment \$579.06 and the Insulation Program \$3776.64). Trustee Martin made a motion to pay the bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Village Clerk read a letter from Craig & Penny Treggett about a sewer line problem at their residence this summer and that they were very impressed with the handling of the problem by the Village employees. They commended the Village employees for doing a very professional job.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:**MAYOR FRANCIS J. BAKER:**

Mayor Baker presented a copy of Local Law #1 of the Village of Rouse Point – ‘Authorizing the award of Purchase Contracts on the Basis of Best Value’ and gave an example of how this law came about. The Town of Champlain had a bid for a vehicle and had to go with a dealer from Vermont because it was \$50 less than a local car dealer. It actually cost more because they had to travel to Vermont to get the vehicle and the local dealer would have delivered it. This law allows the bid to be awarded to the best value. Treasurer Letourneau asked why this was not being changed by amending the Procurement Policy, that it would be more cost effective to amend the policy instead of the implementing a Local Law. Discussion followed. The Board made a decision to table this until the next meeting so the Treasurer can review it further.

Mayor Baker presented a Resolution Designating a Village Officer for Service of Notice (s) of Claim filed with the Secretary of State. The Clerk read the Resolution in its entirety. Trustee Maskell made a motion to approve this Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Martin; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes SEE ATTACHED

TRUSTEE MARTIN:

Trustee Martin had nothing to report

TRUSTEE MASKELL:

Trustee Maskell presented to the Board a list of the code changes to the ‘Vehicles & Traffic’ section of the Village Code and read the proposed changes to the downtown parking. Discussion followed. These proposed changes will be submitted to our Attorney to be put in Local Law form. SEE ATTACHED

Trustee Maskell made a motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss an Interagency Communication Issue; Seconded by Trustee Moore; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

Trustee Maskell made a motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Employment; Seconded by Trustee Moore; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

TRUSTEE MOORE:

Trustee Moore gave an update of the Water Plant 2013 Annual Inspection by the Dept. of Health and our water plant appears to be in excellent condition and the system is operated exceptionally well. They thanked Bryon Gelineault for his assistance in conducting the inspection.

Trustee Moore asked the Board if the Fire Dept. when they have training could use the Village vehicle if it is not being used. Sometimes they have to all go the same night and some have to bring their own vehicles. They will schedule use of the vehicle in advance. The Board had no problem with the Fire Dept. using the Village vehicle for training.

TRUSTEE TREADWELL:

Absent.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No one chose to address the Board

RECESS:

Trustee Moore made a motion to recess at 7:38 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Moore made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 7:46 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Martin made a motion to go back into Regular Session @ 8:44 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Martin made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk