

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, July 20, 2015, at Halstead Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: George A. Rivers, Mayor
Brad M. Martin, Trustee
Arvil J. Moore, Trustee
John A. Mott, Trustee
Joseph R. Treadwell, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Jean M. LaBombard, Administrator
Rebecca L. Pelkey, Deputy Treasurer
Brian S. Pelkey, PWS

ABSENT: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer

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:

Mr. Joseph Merchand, 9 Edgewater Drive, addressed the Board about the tree issue at his residence and asked for the status of this issue. He passed out to the Board a letter which he read with pictures of the tree that is leaning towards his house. (SEE ATTACHED)

Administrator LaBombard stated that Mrs. Roberts was in the office today. Mr. Merchand asked what Mrs. Roberts said. The Administrator stated that she said that she has a gentleman lined up to crown the tree. She said that she would like to take the tree down but the price quotes she had received to remove the tree were un-affordable which is why she has resorted to crowning. Mr. Merchand asked if Ms. Roberts had said that she would have the tree done by May 31st. The Administrator agreed that she had. He then asked what will happen if she does not comply. The Administrator said that the issue will be addressed by the Board and a decision will be made. She had until the 17th to come forward this time and she was very surprised to see her in her office today. He said that she missed the deadline again but she did show up. He said that he hopes the tree stays up and something gets done without it falling on his house.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 6, 2015 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

BILLS:

The Deputy Treasurer stated that there were two additions and the grand total needs to be amended. Lenny Shoes - \$489.00 and Fastenal - \$11.49 and the grand total is \$385,050.51 which is an increase of \$528.91. Trustee Martin made a motion to pay the bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read a letter from Joseph R. Treadwell notifying the Board of his resignation as a member of the Zoning Board effective July 6th. Trustee Martin made a motion to accept Mr. Treadwell's resignation from the Zoning Board with regrets; Seconded by Trustee Mott; AYE CARRIED

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:**MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:**

Mayor Rivers presented a Budget Modification Resolution which presented at the last meeting was not approved. This Resolution does not have the transfer of \$9000 from the Fire Dept. budget to the Police Dept. budget. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve this Resolution as presented; Seconded by Trustee Moore; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Rivers stated that he would like to appoint Mr. Tom Dart as a new member to the Zoning Board. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve Mr. Dart's appointment to the Zoning Board; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers stated that at the last meeting he surplused the fifty eight (58) metal halite lights from the Civic Center. He stated that he thinks there should be a minimum bid on them. Trustee Mott expressed concern that if they have been surplused and are not energy efficient is IEEP going to replace them again for someone else. The Clerk said that she received one request about the lights. Mayor Rivers said that he spoke to Mike Lyons from IEEP and was told that it was perfectly okay to sell these lights. Discussion followed.

Trustee Mott made a motion to allow the Clerk to publish the sale of these lights and also the three (3) docks that were previously surplused; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers said that this afternoon he and the Administrator met with representatives from the Development Corporation, to discuss their concern about the Pfizer property. They appear to be very positive about purchasing some of the buildings. Apparently they have run out of development property in the Plattsburgh area and would like to move our way. This is for information only at this time.

TRUSTEE MARTIN:

Trustee Martin discussed the issue of the water plant pump. He spoke to Bryon Gelineault and does the Board want to repair the existing one or replace it with a new one. The cost to refurbish is \$7050 and to buy new is \$8,550 which is about a \$1500 difference. Trustee Mott asked what the warranty was. Trustee Martin said that he was not sure. The Administrator said that she spoke to Bryon about the warranty and he said that it is similar for both rebuilt and new, as the warranty is only for the parts and work that was done. Discussion followed. Trustee Martin said that the decision to rebuild or buy new be tabled until next meeting.

Trustee Martin requested an Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel; Seconded by Trustee Moore; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

TRUSTEE MOORE:

Trustee Moore requested an Executive Session to discuss Sewer Plant Personnel; Seconded by Trustee Martin; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

Trustee Moore requested permission to allow the Treasurer, Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend the NYCOM training in Lake Placid, September 28 – October 2, 2015. The cost is \$4,233.60. Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Moore asked that people bringing leaves to the compost pile to please empty them further back as the pile keeps getting bigger.

TRUSTEE MOTT:

Trustee Mott requested an Executive Session to discuss a Contract Negotiation; Seconded by Trustee Moore; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

TRUSTEE TREADWELL:

Trustee Treadwell stated that Dodge Memorial Library recommends replacing Sara Dias and asked the Clerk to read the letter recommending that Susan Sullivan begin working as a part-time, substitute library page, as needed. Susan is already trained in the Library Computer System – Horizon and has been a substitute at the Champlain Memorial Library. Trustee Treadwell made a motion to hire Susan Sullivan as a Part-time As Needed Library Page effective August 1st, 2015; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Treadwell requested an Executive Session to discuss Library Personnel; Seconded by Trustee Martin; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

Trustee Treadwell stated that at the April 6, 2015, meeting the use of Village Streets for transport of boats by the Marina owners was discussed. A motion was made “to allow the Marina Owners to use the Village Streets during the spring and fall to transport boats.” He asked that it be changed to say that, “the Marina Owners are allowed to use the Village Streets year round for transporting boats. Trustee Martin made a motion “to allow the Marina Owners to use the Village streets year round for transporting boats” and to have this sent to Attorney Murnane to be put in Local Law form; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**OTHER REPORTS:****ADMINISTRATOR:**

Administrator LaBombard apologized that she came to the kid’s clown show on Thursday and not thinking she brought her dog as dogs are not allowed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

John Cooper, 11 Pine Street, asked the Mayor if CDC were to purchase property from Pfizer would they still be on the tax roll. Mayor Rivers said that he thought so but was not sure. He noted that again it was just a preliminary discussion with them to let us know what their intentions were.

Trustee Treadwell asked Brian Pelkey if they were paving Pratt Street this week and Brian said that they were doing it on Wednesday.

RECESS:

Trustee Martin made a motion to recess @ 7:22 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Moore;
AYE CARRIED

Trustee Martin made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 7:26 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Action was taken during Executive Session regarding Police Personnel
No Action was taken during Executive Session regarding Sewer Personnel
No Action taken during Executive Session regarding a Contract Negotiation
No Action taken during Executive Session regarding Library Personnel

Trustee Moore made a motion to go back into Regular Session at 8:14 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

REGULAR SESSION:

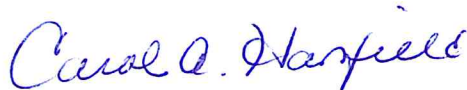
Trustee Martin made a motion to hire Tyler Conlin as a Permanent Part-Time Police Officer pending his 30 day county residency requirement from Civil Service at a salary of \$20 per hour not to exceed 20 hours per week or 1040 hours per year; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Moore made a motion to interview in-house candidates for the 'Laborer In Training' position at the WWTP on Thursday starting @ 5:00 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Martin made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk