

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at Halstead Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Francis J. Baker, Mayor
Brad M. Martin, Trustee
William A. Maskell, Trustee
Joseph R. Treadwell, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer

ABSENT: Arvil J. Moore, Trustee
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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No one chose to address the Board

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Maskell made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2013 regular meeting as presented; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

BILLS: VOUCHER NOS: 18857 – 18891 \$90,220.64

Treasurer Letourneau stated there were two (2) additions to the list of bills; US Bank \$286.42 the contract for the copier; and TD Bank \$36,602.02 the Bond Payment for the Civic Center which is the 2nd to the last payment. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the list of bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Deputy Clerk read a letter from Burnham Benefit Advisors notifying the Mayor of their donation of \$250 to the Rouses Point Fire Department.

MAYOR BAKER:

Mayor Baker presented an Election Resolution, read by the Clerk, designating the polling place and hours which the polls shall be open for the Village Election being held on March 18, 2013. Trustee Maskell made a motion to approve this Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Martin; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Baker presented a Resolution For Fire Coverage between the Village of Rouses Point Fire Department and the Champlain Fire District, read by the Clerk, stating that a MOU has been drafted to provide coverage for a section of area within the Town of

Champlain that is mostly accessible via the Village of Rouses Point, also within the Town of Champlain, currently covered by the Champlain Fire Dept. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve this Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

The Mayor presented a Close Out Resolution for the 2005 EPF (C006658) Waterfront Revitalization Capital Project Fund, read by the Treasurer, authorizing the Treasurer to close out the Capital Project Fund and transfer \$14,480 to the Community Development Capital Project Fund's checking deficit covering other interrelated Community Development Projects. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve this Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Maskell; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

The Mayor presented a Close Out Resolution for the 2006 EPF (C006783) Montgomery Street & Veterans' Park Enhancements, read by the Treasurer, authorizing the Treasurer to close out the Capital Project Fund and transfer the surplus balance of \$31,783.69 to the Community Development Capital Project Fund's checking deficit covering the other interrelated Community Development Projects. Trustee Maskell made a motion to approve this Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Martin; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Baker requested an Executive Session to discuss a Possible Litigation; Seconded by Trustee Martin; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

TRUSTEE MARTIN:

Trustee Martin had nothing to report.

TRUSTEE MASKELL:

Trustee Maskell had nothing to report.

TRUSTEE MOORE:

Absent

TRUSTEE TREADWELL:

Trustee Treadwell stated that at the last meeting it was discussed as to we would allow Norton Insurance Broker to send the insurance out to bid and asked if we are going to or not going to do this. Trustee Maskell stated that in his opinion he would say no. We do not have a full year yet with what was done last year. He called NYMIR and we are on a 5 year rotation on an audit sometime in February or March. We will get an industrial audit for free. He does think that it is a waste of money to go out at this time for insurance bids. Discussion followed. The Board's decision was to hold off this for this year but to visit it again next year.

Trustee Treadwell made a motion requesting an Executive Session to discuss a Storm Drainage Issue; Seconded by Trustee Martin; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes\

Trustee Treadwell made a motion requesting an Executive Session to discuss Administrative Personnel; Seconded by Trustee Martin; ROLL CALL VOTE
All Ayes

Trustee Treadwell stated everyone received a copy of the letter from Earth Waste Systems about the removal of the old water tank and the process that will be done to remove it. Brian Pelkey will be meeting with John Nichols to make sure Pfizer is satisfied. Brian would like to pile some snow so that the tower can be dropped on top of the snow. We may have to remove a few of the pine trees across the street if they want them down when they remove the tower. Trustee Treadwell said Brian has concerns about the water lines. He is working with Earth Waste Systems on this. All insurance will be in order and again there is no money paid out by the Village. The Village will in fact be refunded some money from the sale of the scrap metal. Discussion followed. Trustee Martin made a motion to proceed with the demolition of the tower as presented with the approval from Pfizer; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer Letourneau reported that on January 27, 2012 the auditors came out with the audit saying that there was a shortfall of \$175,843 in the Community Development Fund with all the projects. The money is slowly coming in and with the closing of these two projects tonight the deficit is down to \$80,973 so we are ahead of schedule on closing this out.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Ben Arno, 104 State Street, asked if the Board was going to hire an Administrator. Trustee Treadwell stated that they have had two interviews on Friday and there is one that is a good candidate and will be recommended to the Board and will be looking forward to doing that.

Bruce Ancil, Lake Street, asked about the cell tower. Mayor Baker said that he has signed all the necessary paperwork and believes they are waiting for spring for the ground to thaw. They will be installing their own separate tower building and not be put on top of the water tower.

Ben Arno gave an update on what has been done at the railroad station. The mop boards have been polyurethaned but not put down; The door towards the parking is working the way it should be; Mr. Bleau looked at the back door towards the railroad tracks and said the best thing to do is to take it off the hinges, cut down the hinges from the back side, shim it down and then the door should be operational. Scott will be taking care of this. Ben also stated that on the railroad tracks this summer put up some rakes on the roof because today about 2 feet of snow fell from the roof on the train side. If someone would have been there they would have been hurt. He also asked if the Village could check out the snow on the roof because there is a big hunk that could be dangerous. He

said he has six members for the Board that will be in charge of the D & H and the Historical Society – they are Becky Reid; Bruce Ancil; Lisa Maskell; Gary Reid; Mary Racicot and himself. Trustee Treadwell asked when they will be open and was told that it may be April before they open. Discussion followed.

RECESS:

Trustee Martin made a motion to go into recess at 7:31 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Maskell; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Martin made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 7:36; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action taken during Executive Session regarding a Possible Litigation.

No action taken during Executive Session regarding Storm Sewer Drainage Issue.

No action taken during Executive Session regarding Administrative Personnel.

REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Martin made a motion to go into regular session at 7:55 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Maskell; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Martin made a motion to pay Melissa McManus for additional work being done by her Administrative Assistant to not exceed 50 hours; Seconded by Trustee Maskell; AYE CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Treadwell made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Maskell; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted;



Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk