

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, August 17, 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.

SURPLUS BID RESULTS: Six (6) Overhead Doors

The Clerk said there was only one (1) bid received:

John Smith	\$502.00
Johns Auto Crushing	
Ausable Forks, NY 12912	

Included with the bid was a bid of \$1.00 each for the (58) Halogen Lights which had previously been declared surplus.

Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the bid; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Martin made a motion to accept Mr. Smith's bid of \$1.00 per light for the (58) halogen lights; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Steve Merchant, Member of the Friends of the Stage, thanked the Board and Village workers for putting up the sign they did a wonderful job. He also thanked Ray's Appliance for the donation of the steel post. He also asked if the Committee could have a plaque made for the front of the stage naming the people who donated, who founded the stage, and whoever was involved in it. This will be at the Stage Committees cost. The plaque, he thought, is 12" x 24" and asked the Board's permission to do this. Trustee Martin made a

motion to allow the Committee to place a plaque on the front of the Stage; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

Steve asked when the sign will be lit. Administrator LaBombard stated that she spoke with Bob from Novatec and he anticipates he will be here this week to see if he can boost the signal to the front of the building. The cost is about \$700. The program will be loaded on Cody's computer and the graphic designs can be done from there.

Steve said he has been approached by many about the tree branches blocking view of the sign when coming from the north end of town. The tree is on private property just north of the Civic Center parking lot. He received a permission slip from the owners' of the Investment Club, signed by one of the spokesman of the club, giving permission to have the branches cut. Steve then asked if the Village Crew could cut the branches. (SEE ATTACHED)

Trustee Moore asked how many limbs need to be cut and Steve said there were only 2 or 3 that are blocking the sign. Trustee Martin made a motion to allow the Village Workers to cut the limbs; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 3, 2015 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

BILLS:

VOUCHER NOS:

The Deputy Treasurer stated there were two (2) additions to the bills. Midstate in the amount of \$ \$384.57 and Business Card in the amount of \$356.00; also the total amount of the list of bills is now \$180,734.89. Trustee Moore made a motion to approve the bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read a note from the Stage Committee thanking everyone who has helped in any way to make the "Stage" a huge success.

The Clerk read a letter from Eugene LeClair, notifying the Board of his plan to retire on September 29, 2015, if all appropriate forms have been completed and filed and if not on September 29, 2015, then as soon as possible afterwards. Trustee Moore made a motion to accept with regrets the retirement of Eugene LeClair; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:

MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:

Mayor Rivers stated that IEEP is willing to pay for an Onsite 300 Radar Trailer with a Modular Display. This item has been budgeted for quite a while but has been taken out every year. If anyone has been on Maple Street you have seen one set up that belongs to the County. The residents on Maple Street are very happy as people are slowing down. There is a memory system in it and he explained how it works. Discussion followed.

Trustee Mott expressed his concerns about this item being paid by IEEP. He said that he feels the intended use for the IEEP is for the Village Residents to use for insulation. Mayor Rivers said that in 2010 there was an ad put in the press telling the residents to apply for the insulation and we only received about 70 or so residents who have had it done. Mayor Rivers explained that in the Village Office there are flyers and other forms for reimbursement from IEEP. Trustee Martins suggested that we put a flyer in with the light bills so people will know about it. Trustee Moore stated that he feels that the money in the IEEP fund should be used for energy efficiency. Mayor Rivers said that IEEP has told us that we need to spend that money as there is plenty of money to be spent. Trustee Moore suggested that we advertise for insulation. Trustee Treadwell addressed the \$7500 being paid in and the Deputy Clerk said that \$7500 is paid the second meeting of each month. Discussion followed.

Ben Arno said that he had applied for insulation in his garage and was denied. He said that he was told if he put in electric heat that it would be approved. He put in the electric heat and said that he had gone down to meet with the Mayor and that a phone call was made and he was still denied. Mayor Rivers said that he will ask Trudeau to check it again. Mayor Rivers said that we pay to have him here as the IEEP Program pays for engineering. Discussion followed.

Mayor Rivers explained that we signed the contract with IEEP to participate in this program. We pay a mil or 1/2 mil. of what we sell. When Governor Pataki extended our Hydro Contract from 2013 to 2025 the requirement was that there was energy conservation. This saved all of us headaches of any reporting to the State. Trustee Mott still questioned the amount that we put into this program and asked what we are getting out of it. Mayor Rivers suggested that Trustee Mott attend an IEEP meeting. Discussion followed.

Trustee Martin made a motion to allow purchase of the Onsite 300 Radar Trailer through the IEEP; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; ROLL CALL VOTE (2) AYES – Trustee Treadwell; Mayor Rivers (3) NAYS - Trustee Martin; Trustee Moore; and Trustee Mott.

Mayor Rivers stated that this is too bad as we will never get another chance. Trustee Mott said that there are other ways to get this. \$7000 is not big money and to take it out of IEEP money is not its intended use.

TRUSTEE MARTIN:

Trustee Martin discussed the installation of the pump at the Water Plant and asked the Administrator if we have anything in writing as to what the warranty is to be. He said that until he sees what is in the warranty he is not going to vote. Mr. Rohmer advised that if his firm reinstalls the re-worked pump he'll warranty the performance for one (1) year for a total of \$1300. The Board requests that more information on the warranty be given. Administrator LaBombard said that she will look into this however, the email from Mr. Rohmer stated 'Pump to startup vibration free and match nameplate performance for 1 year' and she wished to know what 'performance' is. PWS Brian Pelkey explained what he thought the performance meant from past history with installation of a pump. Discussion followed. Trustee Martin made a motion to table this until the next meeting; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE MOORE:

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

Trustee Moore said that the Sewer Plant lawn mower needs to be fixed which will be around \$2000. There is money in the budget for another so Trustee Moore made a motion for them to go out for more quotes for a new mower; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE MOTT:

Trustee Mott stated that last meeting we had received quotes for garbage removal from two companies. We are currently paying \$595 per month to Casella Waste and they quoted \$500 per month to continue as is and the quote from Adirondack Trash was \$480 per month. Trustee Mott made a motion to continue with Casella Waste as is for \$500 per month; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Mott commented on the property at 30 Priscilla Lane and how much better it looks The Civic Center personnel did a good job. He asked if the time and material was kept track of and the Mayor said that it was and will be placed on the taxes.

TRUSTEE TREADWELL:

Trustee Treadwell announced that the Grant has been approved for the library ramp in the amount of \$19,049 with an expected match of \$6,350 for a total project cost of \$25,399. We are going to go back with a change is the type of material we are going to use to make this ramp.

Trustee Treadwell made a motion requesting that the Planning & Zoning Board Members be allowed to attend a one day training in Potsdam in October; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

OTHER REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR:

The Administrator stated that Officer Tyler Condlin has joined our Police Force and is now actively on duty. You will see him driving the patrol car around.

The inmates continue to help out in the Village - they are currently cutting the grass on the lakefront. We are very fortunate to have their help, it is greatly appreciated. The Recreation Center is trying to stay on top of the mowing and grounds maintenance just like the Public Works and the Electric Dept. and everyone else dodging the rain drops and monsoons. It has been a challenging summer with the weather.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ben Arno, 104 State Street, stated that the Recreation Center crew has not mowed the Fire Station for about two or three weeks. The Administrator said she will mention it to Cody. Mowing has been challenging, due to the weather and that there are only two people mowing, maybe Grant can help out, however, the sewer plant mower is currently disabled. They are working to catch up.

Tom Dart, 14 Lily Avenue, addressed the sign at the Civic Center as being great and nice to have. Trustee Vincelette was mentioning that it can't scroll, walk or talk, etc. does that sign have the capabilities of doing those things and why did the Village buy that sign if they can't use it. Steve Merchant told him that the Village did not buy the sign it was purchased with donations from outside sources and the Stage Committee. Tom then discussed the installation cost for starting it up being more reasonable. The Administrator explained that it was relayed to her that the booster be installed in the front of the building, in order for the computer in the back to communicate with the sign. She said that she was not familiar with any other conversation. She said that there is internet connection here and said that she will ask if there is a cheaper alternative. Steve Merchant said that there are five (5) different colors in the sign and he is not sure exactly what it can do.

RECESS:

Trustee Moore made a motion to take a recess @ 7:42 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Moore made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 7:44 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Action was taken during Executive Session regarding Water Personnel

Trustee Moore made a motion to go back into Regular Session at 7:47 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Moore made a motion authorizing the Clerk to advertise for two (2) Laborer In Training Positions in the Water Plant; Seconded by Trustee Mott; AYE

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Mott made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol A. Hanfield".

Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk