

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, June 15, 2015 at Halstead Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** George A. Rivers, Mayor  
Brad M. Martin, Trustee  
Arvil J. Moore, Trustee  
Andrew P. Vincelette, Trustee  
John A. Mott, Trustee

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jean M. LaBombard, Administrator  
Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer  
Brian S. Pelkey, PWS

**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.

**PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Rivers presented and read a 'Proclamation' to Madeline Forney, winner of the picture entered for the poster advertising the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. The Mayor also presented Madeline with two gift certificates from the July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee along with the picture she drew and posters. (SEE ATTACHED)

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Gordon Hall, 332 Lake Street, stated that last week while being driven out of his driveway there was horn blowing and screeching of a speeding truck when trying to get out. Sometimes when he tries to get in his driveway he sees them crossing over the double line because they are speeding and they don't want to slow down. He wanted the board to know that. Mayor Rivers stated that this happens often.

Mr. Tom Dart, Lily Avenue, discussed with the Board the speed limits within the Village and stated that Senator Betty Little, got a bill through this year that gives the Villages more of a free hand as to what the speed limits should be. Chazy did theirs several years ago. He would like the Board to look into changing the mph to 25 from Stewart's to the bridge access. He is very concerned about the truck traffic when there is no- where to go. He believes with the legislation, the Board can justify the cause. Discussion followed. Mayor Rivers stated that this will be looked into with the State.

Mr. Dart addressed the use of Jake Brakes in the Village. He hears every truck from where he lives. Mayor Rivers explained that we can't do anything. Trustee Vincelette stated that our hands are tied. The State says that it is a Safety Issue and there is nothing we can do. He suggested that we may be able to put up a sign asking them to "Please Refrain" from using their jake brakes. Discussion followed.

Mr. Dart explained that he lives next to the PW Building and knows that Brian takes off every Friday. He just wanted the Board to know that the men do not take advantage of their boss being away. They take their breaks for lunch from 12:00 to 12:30 and they stick to what they are supposed to do. They don't take advantage. He feels that what he pays in his taxes is used very well and he is very happy for what he gets. He discussed the idea of getting a new one-ton truck for the plow and is in favor of it.

Shirley Hall, 332 Lake Street, addressed the truckers and if they went by the speed limits when they got by her home they would not have to use their Jake brakes so the speed limit is not being enforced at all. She mentioned that there have been problems on Smith Street regarding some garbage that was tossed out. She said that our local policeman was called and said he could do nothing so the State Police came in and took care of it.

#### **MINUTES OF MEETINGS:**

Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 15, 2015 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Vincelette; AYE CARRIED

#### **BILLS:                    VOUCHER NOS:        20745 – 20807        \$283,545.26**

The Treasurer stated there is a supplemental list of bills that was passed out today to be added. He also told the board that the expenditure to 'Signs Now' is for the deposit on the LED sign being placed in front of here at the Civic Center which was offset by the Friends of the Stage so there is no cost to the taxpayers. Trustee Moore made a motion to approve the bills as presented; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Clerk read a letter from Montgomery Hose Hook & Ladder, Co. No. 1, Inc. requesting approval of a new member, Jordan Brilotti, from Rouses Point for a probationary period of six months. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve this new member; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

#### **REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:**

##### **MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:**

Mayor Rivers addressed the LED Street Lighting. He stated that the cost per light including the bulbs would be \$240 each if we buy \$3000 worth. PWS Brian Pelkey said it cost about \$120 to \$140 which includes the bulb for what we have now. Mayor Rivers said he would like to talk to IEEP about getting 12 lights which will be about \$3000. We can put them up and see what we think. They will go only on the aluminum poles. They put out 12,000 luminaires in each light which are 150 to 250 watt of hps per light. Brian Pelkey said the flat glass were 150 watt and the round ones were 250 watt and we have about 10 in stock of which we probably replace one every two months on average. The flat ones have never been replaced.

Mayor Rivers said that these LED's have a ten year warranty and we would use about one third the power as they are as economical as can be. Mayor Rivers told that Board that this is up to the Board as to what they want to do.

Mayor Rivers asked the Administrator to explain the grant information regarding the Water Plant. The Administrator stated that she and the Mayor have been in conversation with Barton & Louguidice, who came up and evaluated the Water Plant and took a look at the short term



plan of replacing the Adams filter. There are several grants available that the Engineer is very optimistic that the Village would qualify for a grant as these grants specifically pertain to short term projects. The Administrator said she believes the deadline is the end of this month or the beginning of July so we will be working on that. The grant can be up to \$250,000 with a 20% match. Mayor Rivers said that we do not know what the outcome will be.

Mayor Rivers asked the Clerk to read the results of the Surplus Bid Results. Three bids were received for the 2002 Dump Truck: John Bernard - \$651.00; Andrew Arno - \$326.86; and Ed Duda - \$1257. There were no bids received for the three docks. Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the bid from Ed Duda in the amount of \$1257 for the 2002 Dump Truck; Seconded by Trustee Mott; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers stated that the Charging Stations installed in the front of the Village Office cost the Village nothing except for the cost of installing them. They will be on line by the end of the week. The Board needs to determine how much they want to charge. Throughout the State the minimum is 15¢ up to \$1.00 per kilowatt. He explained that the process for use is through a Smart Phone which goes directly to a company in California and it goes on the persons credit card, they collect the money off the card and send it to the Village, so we have to do nothing. Discussion followed.

**TRUSTEE MARTIN:**

Trustee Martin stated that he met with Cody on some of his rainy day projects. They have been doing work on the bathrooms at the boat launch and the lights which are now fully installed.

**TRUSTEE MOORE:**

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

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

Trustee Moore asked the Administrator to explain the grant available for Electronic Fingerprinting for the Police Dept. The Administrator explained that Scott found a grant that we are able to apply for and is requesting permission to apply for it to cover the cost of Electronic Fingerprinting because that is the direction law enforcement is going vs. paper copies. Discussion followed. Trustee Moore made a motion to allow Patrolman Bechard to apply for this grant; Seconded by Trustee Vincelette; AYE CARRIED

**TRUSTEE VINCELETTE:**

Trustee Vincelette stated that the Friends of the Stage sign is being paid through the bills but they have already given the money to the Village for it. He stated that he gave a copy of the specifications for the sign to Brian when they met. Brian gave examples of lines he may have to run to accommodate the sign.

Steve Merchant said that the sign should be arriving in about three weeks. He said that the American Legion in West Plattsburgh has this same sign and the Village of Peru also has one, which they bought from 'Signs Now'. This sign has a five year warranty.

Trustee Vincelette addressed the issue of advertising. He said that under NYCOM Ruling there can be no advertisements on the sign. All of the litigations and court cases that he has read state that they were receiving funds for the advertising. The sign is not being used for advertising it is being used for notices. It can be used for example to notify that, the Skating Club has a show; or the Center Stage has a show on this night; the Fire Station has a breakfast on this day; the Sportsman's has a BBQ on this day or the American Legion has an event going on. Discussion followed.

Trustee Vincelette asked about the steel for the sign and mentioned that Jeffords Steel is going to be donating the steel for the sign. He has not talked to Jeffords for a couple of months but that is what they said. Steve said he would like to meet with the Board to discuss the regulations once the sign is ordered. Trustee Vincelette stated that under Section 120-10 (3) (C) – the sign can be no more than 15' in height; minimum of 24' off the center of the road and this sign is well over 10' and still under the 15' so there is no visual impact.

Trustee Vincelette asked about the events for the Stage Committee. Steve mentioned that there is a lady that would like to put on a Fashion Show as a benefit for the Center Stage. The Committee would like to have a wine and cheese tasting event along with the 1<sup>st</sup> time Fashion Show. There is no date set yet for this event. He also stated that this lady asked if she could sell her jewelry during the concerts with 10 % – 15% going back to the Stage Committee. Steve mentioned that this is no different than Stewarts selling ice cream or Gino's selling pizza. Sue Merchant mentioned that she recalled the Historical Society hosting the Fete de dance and they served wine and food. The Administrator stated that maybe the liquor store would do the wine tasting event and said that she will check into it. Sue Merchant said that a winery has been contacted.

Trustee Vincelette discussed the WiFi through the civic center building to the sign. Steve said that an external antenna off the sign will go a distance of 100 – 150 yards. The Administrator said that Novatec will be coming in to check out whether the existing WIFI will work. Discussion followed.

Steve thanked all of the donors that donated for the sign stating that they couldn't have done it without the donations.

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

Trustee Vincelette asked about the Disaster Relief Program which was cancelled. Mayor said it has been postponed and we have not been notified of a reschedule date.

Trustee Vincelette read a Letter of Resignation stating that today will be his last day as Village Trustee due to medical issues. Trustee Moore made a motion to accept with regrets Trustee Vincelette's resignation; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers thanked Trustee Vincelette for being an excellent Trustee. He then appointed Joseph R. Treadwell, as Trustee, to fulfill the unexpired term of Trustee Vincelette.



## **OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

## **OTHER REPORTS:**

### **VILLAGE CLERK:**

The Clerk stated that she is still taking addresses for the garage sales on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **PWS PELKEY:**

PWS Pelkey stated that the crew is plugging along even with the rain they are getting a lot done. Mayor Rivers reported on the power stations and they are doing pretty good.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Ben Arno, 104 State Street, asked if it was true that the Board hired a Police Officer. Mayor replied that they did hire a part-time police officer, but the individual was not able to fill the position. He also asked if the Police Chief had taken the test yet and wanted to know when it would be taken. The Board did not know when it will be taken. The Administrator said that Civil Service handles scheduling the test and will notify us of the date.

Mr. Thomas Dart, Lily Avenue, asked if there is an equipment fund for all of the departments. Mayor answered that there is.

Steve Merchant asked if there were any other restrictions of the sign other than the height before he orders it tomorrow. Trustee Vincelette said that under section 120-3 of the Village Code it states that there is to be no scrolling; moving; or blinking. The Committee cannot take any funds for anything on the sign. It is for events in the Village only. Steve asked who the liason would be. On behalf of the Stage Committee and himself, Steve thanked Trustee Vincelette for all of his help.

### **RECESS:**

Trustee Moore made a motion to take a recess @ 7:46 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Moore made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 7:53 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No Action was taken during Executive Session regarding Civic Center Personnel

No Action was taken during Executive Session regarding Police Personnel

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Trustee Moore made a motion to go back into Regular Session at 8:38 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Mott; AYE CARRIED

### **REGULAR SESSION:**

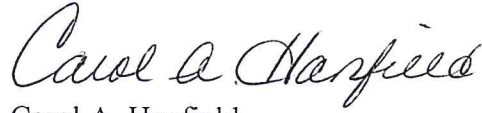
Trustee Moore made a motion to hire Mason Parsons as a temporary full time laborer at a rate of \$10.58 initially for a period of 3 months and not to exceed six months; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Moore made a motion to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, June 22, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m. to discuss Police Personnel; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Martin made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Vincelette; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Carol A. Hanfield  
Village Clerk