

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, March 16, 2015 at Halstead Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: George A. Rivers, Mayor
Brad M. Martin, Trustee
Joseph R. Treadwell, Deputy Mayor
Arvil J. Moore, Trustee
Andrew P. Vincelette, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer

ABSENT: Jean M. LaBombard, Administrator
Brian S. Pelkey, PWS
Clifford Sterling, Code Enforcement Officer

RECORDING SECRETARY: Carol A. Hanfield, Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the meeting to order and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No one chose to address the Board

MINUTES: Trustee Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2015; Special Meeting of March 2, 2015 and Regular Meeting of March 2, 2015 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

BILLS:

Trustee Moore made a motion to pay the bill as presented; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read a letter from the American Legion Auxiliary requesting permission to distribute poppies for donations available at various locations throughout the Village during the month on May. Trustee Moore made a motion to allow the Auxiliary to distribute poppies during the month of May; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:

MAYOR RIVERS:

Mayor Rivers explained that the sealed bids for the S-10 were received from Ed Duda and John Mott both for \$261. A tie-breaker draw was done and Ed Duda from Champlain was the successful bidder. Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the bid from Ed Duda in the amount of \$261; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers stated that we have researched the use of 'Jake Brakes' in the Village and by State Law there is nothing the Village can do. We have received copies of the law and have spoken to NYS DOT and NYCOM about it. After this research it still stands that there is nothing the Village can do to eliminate the use of the 'Jake Brakes' in the Village. Trustee

Treadwell asked about going to the State to see if they can lower the mph to 20 on Lake Street. He was asked about this today so he said he would bring it up. Mayor Rivers told him that the State will not lower the mph on Lake Street. The Village a couple of years ago lowered the mph on our streets. Discussion followed.

Mayor Rivers announced the Semi-Annual Meeting of the MEUA will be held on April 29th – April 30th, 2015 in East Syracuse, NY. Trustee Treadwell made a motion to allow two (2) to attend this meeting; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers presented a Resolution designating that the Mayor be designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Rouses Point to cast a vote at the MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting and asked the Clerk to read in its entirety. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve this Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Moore; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Rivers announced that the NYPA Tree Power Program is being offered. We did not participate last year. The price for the trees has gone up. Trustee Treadwell asked about what we have taken down for trees along Montgomery St. This will be published for the public. The deadline for the trees to be ordered is April 30th, 2015. Trustee Treadwell made a motion to participate in this program; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers presented a copy of the Building Permit Fees to be amended. The Clerk explained that annually the Code Enforcement Officer has to do inspections of Industrial buildings, Commercial buildings, and every three years inspections on Multi-Family complexes of three or more. Clifford would like to amend the fees to include the Annual Inspections of Industrial Businesses - \$150; Commercial Businesses - \$75.00; and Multi-Family Complexes (every three years) - \$50.00 per dwelling. These will cover the cost of the time to do these inspections. It is mandated that these inspections be done. Also, removed from the Fee Schedule was a section on charging fines for people who do not obtain building permits. This section will have to be put in our Local Law in order to charge the fines legally. Discussion followed. Trustee Moore made a motion to amend the Building Permit Fees as presented; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers announced that the 18th Adirondack Park Local Government Conference is being held in Lake Placid on Wednesday, April 15 & Thursday, April 16, 2015. This conference is for Zoning and Planning Board Members. The Clerk stated that there are 10 Board Members along with Clifford Sterling who should be allowed to attend. The Wednesday class is FREE but if they wish to attend the two days of classes the cost will be \$58.75 per person. The Village vehicle can be used and if necessary mileage will be paid along with any of the allowed meals. John Cooper, Planning Board Chair, explained that he thought this training is beneficial and if we ever had a problem then we can say that we have sent our members to this training. Trustee Treadwell made a motion to allow all members and Clifford Sterling to attend this training; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED.

Mayor Rivers stated that our Fire Chief was notified from ISO that in the next two months there will be a full ISO Inspection which includes the Water Dept. and Fire Dept.

TRUSTEE MARTIN:

Trustee Martin gave an update on the July 4th. He stated that there have been four meetings that Kieran has attended and he was the only one to show for three of them. He needs to make a phone call on the fireworks; Becky Reid is doing the 5k Run; He is looking for volunteers for Kid's Day; the Golf Course is running the beer tent; Vendors are still up in the air; Kid's rides didn't show much interest last year; his main focus is on the parade; he is looking for volunteers to help the police block streets, if he doesn't get the volunteers he is going to ask volunteers from Plattsburgh to help. The Chicken BBQ has not been finalized yet by the Fire Dept.; Ben Arno said that he spoke to Kieran and he has very little volunteers. Volunteers are needed. Trustee Martin said that there is no one to run the car show this year. Discussion followed.

TRUSTEE TREADWELL:

Trustee Treadwell made a motion requesting an Executive Session to discuss the Employment History of an Employee; Seconded by Trustee Martin; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

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

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

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

Trustee Treadwell addressed the Policy that had previously been postponed on the 'Sale and Disposition of Village Owned Personal Property' and asked the Board if they wished to approve it or not. Discussion followed. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve this Policy; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED (SEE ATTACHED)

TRUSTEE MOORE:

Trustee Moore had nothing to report.

TRUSTEE VINCELETTE:

Absent

OTHER REPORTS:**VILLAGE CLERK:**

The Village Clerk wished to remind everyone that Village Elections were being held on Wednesday, March 18th, 2015 from Noon until 9:00 p.m.

TREASURER:

The Treasurer stated that he would like to schedule a budget workshop. The decision was made to hold the meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 @ 6:00 at the Village Office.

The Treasurer stated that there is \$800 scheduled for shade trees in the budget.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ben Arno, 104 State Street, asked about the sign in front of the Civic Center and if it was going to be legal if moving back and forth. The Board discussed that the sign is not going to be moving. Trustee Treadwell said that it was brought up at the last meeting and the law will have to be the same for this sign as it is for all signs in the Village. Discussion followed.

RECESS:

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

Trustee Moore made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 7:40 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Action was taken during Executive Session regarding Employment History of an Employee
No Action was taken during Executive Session regarding Electric Personnel
No Action was taken during Executive Session regarding Public Works Personnel
No Action was taken during Executive Session regarding Police Personnel

REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Moore made a motion to go back into Regular Session at 8:03 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

The Clerk presented a resolution that the Board accept the terms and conditions of a negotiated Settlement Agreement with a certain employee of the Village of Rouses Point and authorizing the Mayor to execute such Agreement and take all actions necessary on behalf of the Employer in effectuating the terms of the Agreement. Trustee Moore made a motion to approve this Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Martin; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes
(SEE ATTACHED)

Trustee Moore made a motion that Scott Bechard be given a 2% salary increase for his promotion to a Provisional Police Chief retroactive back to February 11, 2015; Seconded by Trustee Martin; (3) Ayes (1) Nay - Trustee Martin.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Moore made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin;
AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk