

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, May 18, 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:** Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer  
Brian S. Pelkey, PW Supervisor

**ABSENT:** Carol A. Hanfield, Village Clerk

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Jean M. LaBombard, Deputy 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:**

There were no comments.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2015 and the special meeting of May 13, 2015 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

**BILLS: VOUCHER NOS: 20646 – 20703 \$188,770.57**

There were no additions or deletions. Trustee Martin asked about a breakdown on what is going on with the lawyer fees. Mayor Rivers told him to check out the bill at the office for a breakdown. Trustee Moore made a motion to approve the list of bills as presented; Seconded by Trustee Vincelette; AYE CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Deputy Clerk read a letter from the Nutrition Program For The Elderly Director, Debbie Alexander, requesting use of the Civic Center Pavilion and Band Stand on July 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Trustee Martin made a motion to allow the use of the Civic Center pavilion and Band Stand as requested; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

**MAYOR RIVERS:**

Mayor Rivers stated that he wished to surplus the sidewalk pavers that were removed from Lake Street. He said that he spoke to Brian Pelkey about them and was told to surplus them. The Board discussed the price and whether to sell them in singles or per

pallet. Trustee Mott made a motion to sell the pavers to the highest bidder by the pallet and if the highest bidder does not want all of the pallets then the 2<sup>nd</sup> bidder and so on can buy them; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers requested permission to sign the CSEA Dental & Eye Renewals. The Administrator stated that this is paid 100% by the employee. Trustee Vincelette made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the renewals; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers presented a resolution stating that the Village of Rouses Point will welcome a Medical Marijuana facility within the Village.

The Administrator explained that she and the Mayor were approached last fall as to whether the Village would be interested in entertaining such a facility in Rouses Point. Unfortunately, the available space was not large enough to house the proposed business. This resolution states that Rouses Point is interested in entertaining such a business venture which is anticipated to provide employment opportunities and an economic boost to the Village. Trustee Mott questioned as to whether this is an allowed use in our Village Zoning Code. Discussion followed. The Administrator said that she will look into this.

Trustee Mott made a motion to approve this resolution; Seconded by Trustee Moore; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

**TRUSTEE MARTIN:**

Trustee Martin read a Press Release recently submitted by Kieran Gilroy on the status of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration weekend being held from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the Chicken BBQ sponsored by the Fire Dept. scheduled for Sunday is not finalized yet. If anyone wants to help contact Kieran Gilroy at 297-5441.

**TRUSTEE MOORE:**

Trustee Moore gave an update on the recent dive results on the water intake, the filters and pumps, by Doug Ferris. He saw about an inch or so of zebra mussels but did not feel that that would affect the flow coming in. He is going to have someone come in to check out what the problem is and he will be diving again to change the screens. Evaluation continues on this project. Discussion followed.

Trustee Moore made a motion requesting permission to allow Bryon Gelineault; Dan Guay; John Bernard; Heath Cardin; Kim Bennet & Adam Menard to attend the Water & Wastewater Operator Workshop being held on June 17, 2015 in Peru; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

**TRUSTEE VINCELETTE:**

Trustee Vincelette stated that the Library will have new hours, per the letter received from the Library Board. The hours of operation are going to be Monday noon to 7 pm; Tuesday noon to 7 pm; Wednesday noon to 6 pm; Thursday noon to 6 pm; and Friday



noon to 6 pm. These new hours will be posted at the Library and the Village website. Trustee Moore asked about the Saturdays and Trustee Vincelette said that the last he knew there was a toss between Saturdays & Thursdays and most recently Saturday business was down. This new schedule reflects a loss of only 3 hours of open library time. Trustee Vincelette said that he will bring this up to them.

Trustee Vincelette stated that the Girl Scouts are volunteering to do the staining all the picnic tables at the Civic Center. Cody will move them all to a central location. Trustee Moore said to tape them off marking – Wet Paint – so nobody sits on them. The Mayor said that the Library benches need re-painting also but Trustee Vincelette said that the Girl Scouts can't paint only stain. He will check into the possibility of them being able to paint them.

Trustee Vincelette reported on the large volume of clothes being left at the Drop Boxes which he is getting phone calls about. There have been major drop offs with at least 20 extra bags being left outside. He advised that he will call the vendor. He stated that being a Village Trustee he gets right through or gets called right back within about three minutes. Arrangements can be made if we know in advance that a large volume of clothes are going to be dropped off. They will facilitate us if we give them advanced notice. Discussion followed on placing a sign at the drop off that will have the number to make arrangements.

Trustee Vincelette addressed the "Dog Park" issue. He said that Cody had advised him that if people want to purchase a Sportsmen's Membership they can use the Pier. However, they will need to close off the Sportsman's at all times. They would have to install a fenced area for a free-running dog containment. Trustee Vincelette said that he has six potential properties which could be utilized that he is still evaluating but frustrated and asked the Board for suggestions. Trustee Vincelette explained that we need to provide a response to the individuals, who are interested in establishing a committee, paying for the fencing, etc. Discussion followed.

#### **TRUSTEE MOTT:**

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

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

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

#### **OTHER REPORTS:**

#### **TREASURER LETOURNEAU:**

Treasurer Letourneau reminded the ratepayers that any unpaid water and sewer rents as of April 30<sup>th</sup> are applied to the June taxes.

**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:**

Brian Pelkey, PWS stated that the Montgomery Street water leak is being addressed. The water and sewer tap at Rose Avenue was installed on Brent Favreau's Property. On Pratt Street, the crew is starting on Tuesday 5/26 to do the sidewalks and the State is paving. Also, the Champlain Telephone Company has pulled out the rest of the poles on Pratt Street.

**TREASURER LETOURNEAU:**

Treasurer Letourneau stated that the Mayor has to sign the Tax Warrant and asked for authorization. Trustee Moore made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Tax Warrant; Seconded by Trustee Vincelette; ALL AYES

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

Ben Arno, 104 State Street, stated that his cat brings home mice every day from the building at the corner of State Street & Delaware Street and rats will be next. He asked if the Code Enforcement Officer can check it out again. Mayor Rivers said that they did pick up some of the trash. Brian Pelkey said that the building should be condemned.

**RECESS:**

Trustee Moore made a motion to go into recess at 7:30 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No action taken during Executive Session to discuss Electric Personnel.

No action taken during Executive Session to discuss Personnel

No action taken during Executive Session to discuss Public Works Personnel


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

Trustee Vincelette made a motion to promote Heath Cardin to the position of MEO IV, effective June 1, 2015 @ a salary of \$18.47 per hour; Seconded by Trustee Martin;  
ROLL CALL VOTE (4) AYES (1) ABSTAIN - Trustee Mott.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Martin made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Mott; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted;

  
Jean M. LaBombard  
Deputy Village Clerk