

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

PRESENT: George A. Rivers, Mayor
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: Brad M. Martin, Trustee
Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Clifford Sterling, CEO

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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the Public

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

Trustee Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 2015 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

BILLS: VOUCHER NOS: 21325 – 23184 \$119,883.12

The Deputy Treasurer stated that there was one addition - Business Card in the amount of \$999.40 for schooling; Trustee Moore made a motion to approve the bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:

MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:

Mayor Rivers announced that the 2015 CP Holiday Train will be arriving on November 29, 2015 @ 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Rivers announced that the Toys for Tots Train will be arriving on December 6, 2015 around 4:00 p.m. or so with the time to still be determined – possibly around 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Rivers announced that the Annual Christmas Parade of Toys will be on Friday, December 4, 2014 at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Rivers reminded everyone that in December the Village of Rouses Point will be

TRUSTEE MARTIN:

Absent

TRUSTEE MOORE:

Trustee Moore had nothing to report

TRUSTEE MOTT:

Trustee Mott mentioned the tree at 37 Washington Avenue and asked the Administrator to give an update. The Administrator stated that one individual responded who was interested in taking the tree down. She said she spoke with the owner, Mr. Gebo, and is now waiting for him to get back to her on his position with this issue.

TRUSTEE TREADWELL:

Trustee Treadwell addressed the ramp at the Library. He stated that he received a quote from Jesberger's out of Vermont. They quoted an aluminum ramp which they will supply. The Village will buy the composite decking and install it with the special screws required. The grant awarded to the Library is for \$19,500 and the Village has to match 25% of that amount. The Village crew will have to screw the composite decking on which will be part of our in-kind services. The new door being installed will be paid for by IEEP and is being purchased and installed by D & S Specialties. Discussion followed.

Trustee Mott asked about the cement and the pitch of the ramp. Trustee Treadwell explained that Mr. Jesberger was provided with a copy of the design. He went to Willsboro to check on a ramp down there with Doug. The Administrator stated that Doug has provided specs to us and Mr. Jesberger has been working with Doug and John Bernard on this project.

Ben Arno, 104 State Street, asked if anyone asked for a quote from Francis Duquette, a welder from Plattsburgh, and was told NO by Trustee Treadwell. The Administrator said that they need to get more quotes as we need to have three (3) written proposals for this project.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Richard Sluska, owner of properties in Rouses Point, stated that he was at a meeting on May 16, 2011 and was complaining to the Board about the condition of his neighbor's building. He said he owns the building where the Agency was located. He said the neighbor's building is an eye sore and it needs to be taken care of. He previously contacted Mike Tetreault when he was Code Officer and Cliff Sterling, the present Code Enforcement Officer and can't seem to get anything accomplished. He has owned this building for eight years and the owner of the other building has owned it since 2010. He said that when he bought his building the Village was working on doing renovations and that was when he renovated his building. He said he thinks it is about time the other owner puts siding on his building. He is now looking forward to retiring and potential buyers always ask when that building is going to fall down, or when are they going to do the siding; etc.

He knows the Code Enforcement Officers position is only part time and he feels that the Village should look into hiring him on full time. He addressed the issues that would affect the Village stating that this is a great Village and you have to maintain what this Village looks like. The building needs to be repaired as stated in the Code.

Trustee Moore asked Mr. Sluska if he was going to allow the neighbor to go on his property to put on the siding. Mr. Sluska said that all he has to do is get in touch with him. He has no problem with it. He cannot sell his building because of the way that building looks.

Ben Arno stated that he knows the guy that was going to fix that building and he was not able to go on the property next door. Mr. Sluska said that he is allowed to go on his property two

come and complain. Trustee Mott said that originally we were to ask the Attorney's opinion and it has turned into a fiasco and he is sure the bill is up there. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Moore made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE
CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk