

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, February 1, 2016 at Halstead Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: George Rivers, Mayor
Arvil J. Moore, Trustee
Brad M. Martin, Trustee
John A. Mott, Trustee
Joseph R. Treadwell, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
Brian S. Pelkey, PWS
Clifford Sterling, CEO
Jean LaBombard, Administrator

RECORDING SECRETARY: Donna J. Boumil, Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2016; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

BILLS **VOUCHER NOS:** 14325 – 14372 \$ 22,029.10

There are no additions or deletions

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read the following correspondence:

- 1) Informational purposes only: A copy of an application for a liquor license was received. The applicant is Sandi's Deli, Inc.; Trade name is The Last Resort located at 90 Montgomery Street, Rouses Point, NY.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:

MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:

The Clerk read Resolution 2016-02 Inspectors of Election (attached). A motion was made by Trustee Martin to approve the Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; ROLL CALL VOTE AYE CARRIED

The Clerk read Resolution 2016-03 Voter Registration Day (attached). A motion was made by Trustee Martin to approve the Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Moore; ROLL CALL VOTE AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers updated the Board and public on the Champlain Hudson Power Express Transmission (CHPE) public meeting he and Doug Ferris attended on January 28, 2016 in Albany. Mayor Rivers stated that the meeting was very informative. Maps were handed out showing where the underground work is going to be done which is located in the channel of the lake. Mayor Rivers stated that they found a few things on the chart that were questionable. The Mayor stated that there will be a Public Hearing in February and a meeting will be scheduled to address the questions.

Mayor Rivers discussed the email and invoice received from Flying Cow Signs regarding the Welcome to Rouses Point signs which needed painting. Mayor Rivers stated that he asked Chip Edson of Flying Cow Signs for an estimate of repainting the "gold leaf" color. Mayor Rivers stated that Chip Edson admitted to mistakenly not giving an estimate and just performed the work. There was a bill submitted for \$1,620 for the work completed on two (2) signs. Trustee Mott asked what the purchase price of the signs were. Treasurer Letourneau stated that it was approximately \$5,000 for three (3) signs. A question from the public: Ben Arno asked if there was a guarantee on the work that Flying Cow Signs did. Mr. Arno commented that he believes that someone in the Village could have painted the signs for less money. Trustee Treadwell read the email from Chip Edson stating that the repair, repaint and regild of the signs should last 15 years. There was no mention of a guarantee in the email. Mayor Rivers stated that he would contact Flying Cow Signs to ask if a discount or other compensation would be viable. Trustee Martin made a motion to table the bill until there was more information provided; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

Treasurer Letourneau read Resolution 2016-06, Downtown & Waterfront Revitalization Strategy Implementation CAPITAL PROJECT FUND CLOSE OUT RESOLUTION (attached). Trustee Martin made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-06; Seconded by Trustee Moore; ROLL CALL VOTE AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE MARTIN:

Motion by Trustee Moore to authorize Clifford Sterling, Code Enforcement Officer to attend the 21st Annual Northern Adirondack Educational Conference from February 29 to March 3, 2016. The approximate cost will be \$638. Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE MOORE:

No Report

TRUSTEE MOTT:

No Report

TRUSTEE TREADWELL:

Trustee Treadwell read a letter from the Dodge Memorial Library Board of Trustees recommending the hire of Angela Tipaldos as a permanent part-time Library Page not to exceed 21 hours a week. The rate of pay is the same as the library pages on staff (\$11.68 hour). Motion made by Trustee Treadwell to hire Angela Tipaldos as Library Page; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Treadwell gave an update on the Library Ramp: Jesberger Welding is in the process of constructing the aluminum framed ramp in sections. Once a section is complete, it will be brought to the Public Works Garage where the composite decking will be installed. Once the ramp is complete, Public Works will install it at the Library.

Trustee Treadwell brought up for discussion planting trees in the Village right-of-way. This is an issue that the Board may consider for future plans and take into consideration the sidewalks, road and underground infrastructure of the electric, sewer and water when planting trees.

OTHER REPORTS:**ADMINISTRATOR:**

Administrator Jean LaBombard reported that she is waiting for a return phone call from Mr. Gebo regarding a tree issue.

Jean also reported that DOT is in the process of performing a "Speed Study" which will take place sometime in April.

Jean provided an update on the NAPHL (Amateur Hockey League): Rouses Point is still in the picture for consideration.

Lastly, Jean reported that Ultimate Wrestling would like to schedule matches on May 21 and September 10, 2016. Also two (2) events in 2017. These dates have not been finalized.

TREASURER:

Treasurer Letourneau asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion made by Trustee Moore for an Executive Session to discuss personnel; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; ROLL CALL VOTE AYE CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Supervisor Brian Pelkey reported that during this time of unseasonably warm weather the crews are performing maintenance on buildings and equipment, sandblasting equipment and finishing up the installation of lights at the Sewer Plant. The Village is saving a great deal of money this winter because salt and sand usage is down. Lastly, Brian stated that he received contracts today for black top and the cost is down from last year.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There are no comments from the public

RECESS:

Trustee Moore made a motion to take a short recess @ 7:20 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Martin made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 7:24 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Action was taken during Executive Session regarding Personnel

Trustee Martin made a motion to enter into Regular Session at 7:26 pm; Seconded by Trustee Treadwell; AYE CARRIED

REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Treadwell discussed information received by Dave Trudeau, IEEP, regarding a request from Scott Bleau for insulation of his woodworking business in the amount of \$8,172. A motion was made by Trustee Moore to approve payment of \$8,172 for insulation as long as there isn't a cap; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED
Mayor Rivers to contact IEEP to see if there is a cap.

Discussion followed regarding the IEEP Program for both residential and commercial:

- should there be a limit on the amount of money allocated to applicants?
- IEEP provides quarterly statements
- the administrator is setting up files on individual applicants for accountability purposes
- the village is under the gun to spend the money
- there is a list of rebates and applications available online and at the Village Office.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Martin made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk