

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, July 5, 2016 at Halstead Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Daniel H. Letourneau, Mayor
Arvil J. Moore, Trustee
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Thomas M. Dart, Trustee

ABSENT: John A. Mott, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Jean LaBombard, Administrator
Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Clifford Sterling, Code Enforcement Officer

RECORDING SECRETARY: Donna J. Boumil, Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments at this time

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

Trustee Moore made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2016; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

BILLS VOUCHER NOS: 15065 – 15119 \$20,308.59

A Motion was made by Trustee Moore to pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Dart; Additions: \$4,600 to the American Legion for the Fourth of July Celebration

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Donna Boumil read a Letter of Resignation from Judith Bergeron, Library Page/Library Cleaner.

Trustee Moore made a motion to accept the Letter of Resignation; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

The Board thanked Mrs. Bergeron for her years of service and they are sorry to see her leave. The Library Board will decide if a replacement will be hired.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:

MAYOR DANIEL LETOURNEAU:

- 1) A request for IEEP funding for Tom Brilotti in the amount of \$7,200 for an insulation project of a prospective restaurant. Mr. Trudeau from IEEP evaluated the project and set the amount. A previous Village Board set a limit on the amount the Mayor could approve (\$5,000). Anything above that limit requires Board approval. Trustee Arno made a Motion to approve the \$7,200 IEEP request; Seconded by Trustee Moore;
Discussion:
 - Trustee Dart asked what other Villages do and if they have limits
 - The Mayor explained that IEEP evaluates for legitimacy and determines the amount of money.
 - These funds come from the IEEP account.AYE CARRIED
- 2) Discussion of non-resident water fees and residents who must pay NYSEG as their electrical provider:

Mayor Letourneau provided the following information:

Electricity:

- 25 parcels within the corporate limits of the Village of Rouses Point who do not receive Rouses Point electric
- 21 parcels outside the corporate limits of the Village of Rouses Point who do receive Rouses Point electric (within the Electrical Franchise)
- NYSEG has been petitioned in the past to annex these parcels into the Village of Rouses Point which would allow for Village electric. This was unsuccessful.
- The corporate limits of the Village are different from the Electrical Franchise
- The boundaries were set over 30 years ago
- Receive village water & sewer

Water and Sewer:

- Outside the Village limits \$92 a month for water service
- Village taxes are not paid by these residents (except 1 individual who has a parcel within the Village limits, but majority of his property is outside the Village limits, his house is not on this parcel)
- Residents outside Village limits can stop service at any time
- Residents within the Village limits must take the water service
- Other than monthly water payment, they do not provide any revenue to support to the infrastructure

Discussion:

Trustee Dart:

- Pertaining to water: his research indicates that if Village taxes are not paid, then the rate is double; and any water, sewer or electric fees collected go toward paying for infrastructure
- The individual being discussed pays minimal taxes for a small parcel of land in the Village
- Would like to see an exception/correction made to this based on past practice
- Revenue to the Village will be lost if this individual hooks up to his own well (approx. \$600-1,000 yr)

Trustee Dart made a motion to have a conversation with this taxpayer to discuss what the Village can do for him and set a rate of \$44 per month water fee; Seconded by Trustee Moore;

Discussion:

- A motion is not needed to have a discussion with an individual
- intent/purpose of the law, in general, is to provide service to individuals in the corporate limits of the Village.

Trustee Dart withdrew his motion. He would like to have a conversation with this individual and be able to bring this topic back to the Board for further discussion.

- 3) Resolution 2016-22: Fair Housing Plan and Appointment of Fair Housing Officer
A ROLL CALL VOTE was taken for review and updating this Resolution; AYE CARRIED.
- 4) Mayor Letourneau gave an update on the payment submission for the Healthy Initiatives Walking Path located at the Civic Center. The 1st and 2nd payment vouchers in the amount of \$10,000 each has been submitted. There is one more payment voucher to be submitted upon completion of the project.

TRUSTEE MOORE:

Trustee Moore commented that the Village Crew did a great job in the preparation and clean up for the Fourth of July Celebration.

TRUSTEE MOTT:

Absent

TRUSTEE ARNO:

Updates:

- Water Plant – monitoring is going well and within acceptable limits
- Outdoor trash receptacles have been received and will be placed throughout the Village
- A resident inquired as to the reason the village crew didn't sweep the streets after the 4th of July. The Board determined that the streets looked good and the Village Crew did a fine job.

TRUSTEE DART:

No Report

OTHER REPORTS:

VILLAGE CLERK:

No report

ADMINISTRATOR:

No Report

TREASURER:

- Accounting Department will have computer training for the next few days for the new billing system
- All residents will be receiving paper bills this billing cycle

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

No Report

The Mayor thanked the CEO for the prompt response to possible issues at the Stage

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Cliff Sterling: Mr. Sterling stated the property discussed for water rates is his property. He provided the following points for consideration:

- Has been a resident of Rouses Point for 45 years
- His property was originally a farm and split up between the Village of Rouses Point and Town of Champlain. Through the years, land was sold for 3 new homes on Church Street (Village of Rouses Point)
- Three (3) years ago he tried to get his property annexed into the village through the Village attorney Bill Favro at approximately \$800 and was unsuccessful. He would lose money by annexing into the Village and would not be gaining anything. However, he would become a resident and be able to vote in Village elections for people he works with on a daily basis
- The parcel in Village limits is large enough to sell for a house lot
- He does have a well in place and it would be minimal to hook it up. The Village would lose \$44 per month
- Previously paid \$44 and was subsequently doubled as a result of an oversight on the Village's behalf
- Mr. Sterling reiterated he is a taxpayer and considers himself a resident
- Mr. Sterling is asking the Board to reconsider his current rate and make a decision tonight

Mr. Sterling is asking the Board to make his rate an exception and make a decision to charge him \$44 month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Letourneau asked for Executive Sessions to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by the public body.

Motion by Trustee Moore for a short recess at 7:35 pm; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE
CARRIED

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:38pm by Trustee Moore; Seconded by Trustee Arno.

Motion was made to come out of Executive Session at 7:57pm by Trustee Moore, Seconded by Trustee Arno.


Motion to return to Regular Session at 7:57pm by Trustee Dart, Seconded by Trustee Arno

No action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Dart at 7:58 pm to adjourn; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donna J. Boumil". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk