

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, March 21, 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 Pelkey, PWS
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:

No comments from the public.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2016 and the Budget Meeting of March 14, 2016; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

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No additions or deletions.

A Motion was made by Trustee Moore to pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read the following correspondence:

- 1) Letter from Kieran Gilroy , 4th of July Committee Co-Chairperson regarding the Festivities and Street Parade. The letter states that recognition is given to sponsors through advertisements when donations are received by May 20, 2016. Anyone wishing to contribute or have questions, please contact Donna Boumil at 297-5502 or Kieran Gilroy at 297-5411. Donations may be made payable to Fourth of July Celebration, Montgomery Post 912, Legion Home, Box 63, Rouses Point, NY 12979
- 2) Letter from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Environmental Permits, Albany, NY. The letter and enclosures (Notice of Complete Application) states that a Notice must be published in the

Press Republican during the week of 03/21/16 on any day Monday through Friday. A Motion was made by Trustee Martin to publish this notice as a Legal Notice; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

- 3) Letter from Transmission Developers Inc. regarding the Champlain Hudson Power Express Transmission Project. A meeting is to be held on March 23rd at the headquarters of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at 625 Broadway in Room 129 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Mayor Rivers requested that the Board approve the Administrator (Jean LaBombard) and Doug Ferris to attend this meeting. After a lengthy discussion, which included: cost for Doug Ferris to attend (referring to a current bill which was presented at this meeting), pertinence to the Village and whether or not to send someone to the meeting; the Mayor suggested that Jean attend because he cannot attend and Doug Ferris attend because he has been involved in this since the beginning and has attended the previous meeting. Administrator LaBombard stated that someone from Transmission Developers Inc. will be visiting Rouses Point next month. A Motion was made by Trustee Moore to approve Jean LaBombard to attend this meeting; Seconded by Trustee Martin; Vote: AYE: Trustee Moore, Trustee Treadwell, Trustee Mott, Trustee Martin. OPPOSED: Mayor Rivers AYE CARRIED
- 4) Letter from 4th of July Committee regarding the Annual Parade. The letter provided Parade Guidelines and Registration Form. Anyone wishing to participate in the Annual Parade is asked to complete and return the Registration Form to American Legion Post 912, PO Box 63, Rouses Point, NY 12979, fax to 297-3818 or drop off at the Village Office by June 20, 2016. If there are any questions, please call 297-5502. The Clerk stated that she will ask that the forms be put on the Village Website.
- 5) Letter from Francella Wilson and Keith Ashline requesting the use of the Montgomery Street Pier Pavilion on June 25, 2016 at 1:00PM for a wedding ceremony. Mayor Rivers explained that Board approval was not necessary. This is for informational purposes. The Clerk will notify Francella and Keith that the Mayor approved the usage.
- 6) Letter from Border Runners LLC regarding Permission for Business Use at Border Runners, 8 Lake Street, Rouses Point. The letter states that Border Runners would like to host regular events of car enthusiasts on the Border Runners location which would be a combination social event and commercial event. The Clerk stated that she believed that Mr. Le Blanc has been in contact with the Codes Enforcement Officer

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:

MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:

- 1) The requests approval for the Clerk to publish a Legal Notice for a Public Hearing on the 2016-2017 Tentative Budget on April 18, 2016. A Motion was made by Trustee Martin; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE MARTIN:

Trustee Martin wishes to thank the Village of Rouses Point for the 4 years he has served on the Board. He is very appreciative.

TRUSTEE MOORE:

Trustee Moore wishes to thank Mayor Rivers, Trustee Treadwell and Trustee Martin for their service on the Village Board.

TRUSTEE MOTT:

No Report

TRUSTEE TREADWELL:

Trustee Treadwell wishes to thank the Village Residents for allowing him to serve for the past 2 ½ years of service. He said it has been fun and he has learned a lot.

OTHER REPORTS:**CLERK:**

- 1) The Clerk read the Report on Election Results:
There were 264 residents who voted by hand ballot and 14 absentee ballots for a total of 278 ballots. **For the position of Mayor: there was one (1) candidate for a two (2) year term.** Daniel Letourneau received 134 votes by hand ballot and 11 absentee ballots for a total of 145. **There were four (4) Write-in Votes:** Tom Landrie received 9 votes. Joe Treadwell received 40 votes by hand ballot and 1 absentee ballot for a total of 41. Noel Hinerth received 1 vote. Amanda Racine received 1 vote. Ben Arno received 1 vote. **For the position of Trustee: there were two (2) candidates for the two (2) – two (2) year terms.** Ben Arno received 184 votes by hand ballot and 10 by absentee ballot for a total of 194 votes. Tom Dart received 155 votes by hand ballot and 10 by absentee ballot for a total of 165 votes. **There were four (4) Write-in Votes:** Dale Changelo received 1 vote. Joseph Dumar received 1 vote. Brad Martin received 7 votes. Joe Treadwell received 2 votes.
- 2) The Clerk read the following: The Budget Officer presented the 2016-2017 Tentative Budget to the Village Clerk before the deadline of March 20th. Pursuant to Village Law 5-508(1), the Village Clerk must present the tentative budget to the board of trustees at a regular or special meeting by March 31st. The Board of Trustees must review the tentative budget and may make changes and revisions as it deems appropriate in accordance with Village Law 5-508(2). The Clerk also stated that the Village Board and Administrator now have the Tentative Budget. It will also be available at the Village Office for review.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator Jean LaBombard gave an update on a recent meeting with Barton & Loguidice regarding the water plant evaluation. Those in attendance at the meeting were: herself, Brian Pelkey, Bryon Gelineault, Donna Boumil, Junior Moore and 2 representatives from Barton & Loguidice. After a Questions & Answer period, which led us to a final determination that even if we are successful in obtaining a portion of the 2 million dollar grant (up to 60%), the Village is not in the financial position to get into more debt. The Village may not even qualify because the Median Household Income is greater than that allowed per the qualifying criteria. The sand filtration system could be anywhere from 5-7 million dollars. These are preliminary dollar amounts that were provided. Administrator LaBombard explained that she sent an email asking their opinion of refurbishing the existing water plant then the Board could evaluate. Discussion continued between the Administrator and the Board regarding the services of Barton &

Loguidice and if the continuation of their services is warranted. It was asked if the \$20,000 has been paid to Barton & Loguidice and have we received any documentation of their services. The Administrator stated that they have not been paid and we have not received any documentation to date. Jean added that the changes of us qualifying for a grant are slim. Otherwise the grant is awarded as a non-hardship with a loan and an interest rate assigned to it. There has been work done to see what is required to automate the water plant (not through Barton & Loguidice). After further discussion a Motion was made by Trustee Martin to discontinue the services of Barton & Loguidice and obtain any documentation that has already been created; Seconded by Trustee Mott; AYE CARRIED

TREASURER:

Arsene Letourneau clarified that the bill received from Earth Science was for February services: EPA Letter, TDI, pump, flow meters and automation.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Supervisor Brian Pelkey gave some updates:

The aluminum frame for the Library ramp has been received and they are putting the composite on. Different screws had to be ordered to hold the composite in place. The main ramp is in the shop and the other parts are behind the building. Brian invited the Board to stop by to see the ramp. Tomorrow, March 22, 2016, Public Works will be removing the ice at the Civic Center. PWS Pelkey invited the Board to see the process. Additionally, PW will be working on the storm drains, start street sweeping around April 1st, brush pickup scheduled for around Mother's Day. Also, since there is not a lot of frost in the ground, the fire hydrant on Church and Chapman Street get cut in. Jason Juneau is at school from Tuesday – Thursday of this week. Brian stated that he is going to contact Curt Wilson about doing some rehabbing at the substation. Additionally, Brian will contact the telephone company about replacing 10 poles on 276. The poles are in stock.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Tom Dart, 14 Lily Ave., asked if the Police Department had a Police Dog. The Mayor stated that the Village does not have a Police Dog. Mr. Dart continued that Tyler was seen with a dog in the police cruiser. Mr. Dart stated that if that dog is not in an official capacity and bites someone then the Village is liable. If it is a Police Dog than it is sanctioned by the Village and is then put under the insurance policy. Administrator LaBombard stated that Tyler has been told that it is not protocol to bring his dog to work. The Administrator did say that she saw him with the dog and she addressed it.

MAYOR RIVERS made a statement that he would like to thank the Village of Rouses Point for allowing him to be the mayor for the past 2 years. It has been a pleasure to work with the Trustees, Carol Hanfield, Donna, Jean, the Treasurer, Public Works, the Office, Rec Center, Sewer Plant (who recently scored very satisfactory on an Inspection) and everyone else.

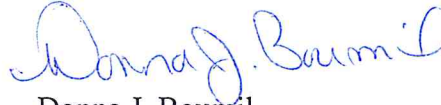
Mayor Rivers stated that he would like to make a comment with regard to the Town of Champlain. He watched the meeting on TV. He stated that he was very upset because the Town of Champlain was blaming the Village of Rouses Point for the high cost to their residents for the water project. Mayor Rivers continued to say that he and this Board had nothing to do with this and it was done by the previous board. The previous Board voted out of

it. Nothing has been discussed since. Mayor Rivers said that Mr. Barcomb was way out of line because he didn't present the facts. How can you sell this to the residents of Rouses Point that we were going to pay 60% of their infrastructure and get nothing? Mayor Rivers concluded that there is a package being put together for the press.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Moore to adjourn at 7:32pm; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Donna J. Boumil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk