

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on April 18, 2022, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: John J LaBonte, Mayor
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Dale M. Menard, Trustee
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee
Joseph Rodriguez, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
John Cooper, Code Enforcement

RECORDING SECRETARY: Christopher Latremore, Clerk/Administrator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Comments from the public regarding the Village of Rouses Point Sewer Rates 2022-2023.

No public comment.

Public hearing closed at 7:03PM.

REGULAR SESSION:

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pat Birkett advised the board that she is the chair of the Zoning Board Of Appeals. Ms. Birkett advised the board that in December of 2021 the village was awarded a grant for a comprehensive smart growth program. Ms. Birkett indicated that she has spoken with Chris on different occasions and has not received any information on how to move forward. Ms. Birkett told the board that this is important for the Zoning Board Of Appeals, and the village, and hopes that the board is in agreement to move forward. Mayor LaBonte advised Ms. Birkett that this was the first he has heard of this and asked the Administrator/Clerk Latremore for an update. Mr. Latremore told the board that the contract is still under review by the state and once the contract is approved the state will forward the contract to the village. Mr. Latremore told the board that he is reaching out frequently to both the state and Robert Murphy.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2022, seconded by Trustee Menard.

ALL VOTED AYE.

III. BILLS: \$400,936.35 **CHECK #** 28493-28532

Treasurer Letourneau indicated that there were four additional bills added.

Trustee Menard made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Arno. **All voted AYE.**

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk/Administrator Latremore advised the residents that the spring clean-up days for the village will run from May 2, 2022, until May 6, 2022, and that there will be absolutely no pickups after this date.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR LaBonte

- 1) Mayoral Appointments 2022-2023 for EMS, Fire, Fire Chief, 1st and 2nd Assistant Chief.
- 2) Mayor LaBonte presented sewer rate resolution 2022-15.
Trustee Menard made a motion to approve sewer rate increase of \$1.00, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE CARRIED**

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Trustee Arno would like the village to do an inquired on about purchasing new car charging station. He advised the board that if they installed a new 40 AMP charging station, an electric car would be fully charged in approximately 2 ½ hours. The village clerk/administrator will do an inquiry.
- 2) Trustee Arno advised the board that the public works have removed the steps at the library and that the construction of the new steps will take place in the following weeks.
- 3) Trustee Arno asked Code Enforcement Officer Cooper for and update on 43 Chapman Street demolition. Code Enforcement Officer Cooper indicated that the crew has the equipment at the job site and work should start this week, weather permitting.
- 4) Trustee Arno asked the Code Enforcement Officer John Cooper to have a piano removed from Delaware Street. Trustee Arno told Mr. Cooper that it has been on the side of the road for a week and a half.

c. TRUSTEE DALE MENARD:

- 1) Trustee Menard thanked the public works for removing the library steps and for their work on sweeping the village streets.

d. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

- 1) Trustee Pelkey advised that the village is currently working on moving the sewer dumping station from the boat launch to the main plant. Trustee Pelkey indicated that this will help with the flow of traffic and will eliminate any odor.
- 2) Trustee Pelkey advised the board that there is a fox wandering around the village. Trustee Pelkey advised the residents that if they are feeding wild animals to stop. By feeding wild animals it could make them become dependent on humans feeding them, and if a wild animal has rabies and bites someone it will result in medical treatments. The best solution on getting rid of wild animals to leave them alone and do not feed them.

e. TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ:

- 1) Trustee Rodriguez thank the Fire Department for the two car washes they held.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

- 1) Code Enforcement Officer John Cooper advised the board that he has spoken to two individuals and advised them they need to stop feeding wild animals.
- 2) Code Enforcement Officer John Cooper advised the board that the 43 Chapman Street demo has started, and that he will be sending a letter out of violation to property on State Street due to the debris on the property.

3) Treasurer Letourneau advised village property owners that April 29, 2022, is the last day to pay any outstanding water and sewer bills. After this date, any unpaid water and sewer arrears will be added to the tax roll and collected on the June 1, 2022, village tax bills.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. William Phelps inquired on the village electricity bill in the amount of \$87,000. Mr. Phelps wanted to know the period for the bill. Treasurer Letourneau advised Mr. Phelps that the was for the month of March.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Menard made a motion to adjourn at 7:23PM, seconded by Trustee Arno. **All voted AYE**

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher W Latremore
Village Clerk/Administrator