

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on November 21, 2022, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

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

ABSENT: Dale Menard, Trustee
Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Murnane, Village Attorney
Becky Pelkey, Deputy Treasurer
John Cooper, Code Enforcement Office

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.

REGULAR SESSION:

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 7, 2022, meeting, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD ABSENT.**

III. BILLS: \$164,303.07

CHECK # 29081-29124

Deputy Treasurer Becky Pelkey indicated that there were no additions and no deletions to the bills.

Trustee Arno made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD ABSENT.**

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Administrator Latremore indicated that the Village of Rouses Point did apply for the Water Treatment Plant Improvement Grant. The Village received a letter of declination from the grant

on November 14, 2022, because the Village is not eligible. They did encourage to reapply in the future.

Trustee Arno, Administrator Latremore, Trustee Menard, and John Bernard made a visit to the Crate Civic Center to see if anything is salvageable to use for the Rouses Point Civic Center since the building is going to be demolished. Latremore sent an email to the City of Plattsburgh of a list of things they thought the Village could use. the City of Plattsburgh sent an email back asking if we could place a bid on those items. Christopher Latremore indicated that a bid for the items was submitted, but Plattsburgh denied the bid. The items that were on that list were bleachers, breakers, cafeteria supplies, stackable chairs, soccer turf, netting, fire electric panel system, and a few other miscellaneous items.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR LABONTE

- 1) Mayor LaBonte indicated that Code Enforcement Officer Cooper needs authorization to travel for training. **ROLL CALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD ABSENT.**
- 2) Mayor LaBonte requested that the Board enter an executive session to discuss personnel issues and possible contractual issues. Trustee Pelkey made a motion to have an executive session, seconded by Trustee Arno. **AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD ABSENT.**
- 3) Mayor LaBonte explained that Trustee Arno asked Mayor LaBonte to hand out hot chocolate on November 28, 2022, for the holiday train. Mayor LaBonte agreed to server hot chocolate. Trustee Arno will help set up the hot chocolate station.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Trustee Arno thanked the electric department for putting up the Christmas decorations, the street department for taking down the street banners, and the water department for putting up the decorations in the Village garage for the kids that will be attending the Parade of Toys.
- 2) Trustee Arno indicated that the Parade of Toys will start at Rouse Park and end at the Village Gazebo followed with a tree lighting, goodies, and Santa will be visiting.

c. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

- 1) Trustee Pelkey indicated that the construction behind the Rouses Point Fire Station is to repair 60-80ft of pressure line that wasn't backfilled properly by the initial contractors. They have started excavating the area in order to replace the

lines because stones are piercing through the pipe. There have been two pipes that have burst recently due to this and replacing the pipe is a preventative measure for future breaks

- 2) Trustee Pelkey indicated that The Village of Rouses Point borrowed the screener from The Town of Champlain to screen the sand and sift out any stones in it. While the screener was in possession, they also screened all the blacktop that came from the Smith St project and was able to retrieve material to make the road next to the Civic Center for Emergency and Commercial Vehicles. Any left-over will be used to make minor road improvements throughout Rouses Point.
- 3) Trustee Pelkey wanted to welcome a few businesses to the Village of Rouses Point. Trustee Pelkey welcomes Happy Hour Hair & Nails, and City Fashion.

e. TRUSTEE MENARD

d. TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ

- 1) Nothing to report

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

1. Code Enforcement Officer Mr. Cooper wanted to thank the Board for allowing him to travel for training.
2. Code Enforcement Officer Mr. Cooper indicated that the inspection on the Fire Department training building was completed with Adam Menard. Code Enforcement Office Mr. Cooper asked for permission from the Village to dispose of one of the cars by the dumpster to get rid of it. Mayor LaBonte indicated that the local junkyard donates the car and once the Fire Department is done with it the junk yard is supposed to pick it back up to dispose of it. Mr. Cooper also indicated that they couldn't complete an inspection of the inside, but the outside is in a deplorable state and should be taken out of there.
3. Mr. Cardin indicated that there was a discussion with Mike LeBlanc about the training car at the fire station and was given approval to dispose of the car by taking it to the junkyard and the Village receives the money for the scrap.
4. Mayor LaBonte indicated that Mr. Richner was appointed to the Zoning Board until 2024 as an alternate and thanked him for accepting the appointment.
5. Trustee Arno thanked the Town of Champlain for 6 loads of dirt for the Village.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No one addressed the board.

VIII. RECESS:

Trustee Arno made a motion to recess at 7:17 PM, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **AYE CARRIED. TRUSTEE MENARD ABSENT.**

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Arno made a motion to enter executive session at 7:21 PM, seconded by Trustee Pelkey.

Trustee Arno made a motion to exit executive session at 8:08 PM, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD ABSENT.**

No action taken in Executive Session.

X. REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Arno made a motion to enter regular session at 8:08 PM, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD ABSENT.**

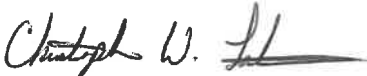
The Board requested public hearings for the following:

1. Motion by Trustee Arno regarding Introductory Local Law #3 of 2022 permitting trustees of The Village of Rouses Point to be part-time employees, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD ABSENT.**
2. Motion by Trustee Rodriguez regarding Introductory Local Law #4 of 2022 amending Chapter 19 of Village Code of the Village of Rouses Point "Personnel Policies" and specifically "Insurance Coverage", Subsection 19-3 "Insurance Coverage", seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD ABSENT.**
3. Motion by Trustee Rodriguez regarding Introductory Local Law #5 of 2022 amending Chapter 19 of Village Code of The Village of Rouses Point "Personnel Policies" and specifically "Holidays", Subsection 19-4 "Holidays", seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD ABSENT.**
4. Motion by Mayor LaBonte regarding Introductory Local Law #6 of 2022 amending Chapter 12 of Village Code of The Village of Rouses Point "Vehicles and Traffic" and specifically Article VII "Schedules", Subsection 112-37 Schedule IV: "Stop Intersection", seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD ABSENT.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Arno made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 PM, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD ABSENT.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher W Latremore

Village Clerk/Administrator