

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Pelkey, Deputy Village Treasurer

ABSENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer

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 October 17, 2022, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Menard.

ALL VOTED AYE.

III. BILLS: \$310,831.15 **CHECK #** 29031-29080

Becky Pelkey indicated that there were no additions or deletions to the bills.

Trustee Menard made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Trustee Pelkey.

ALL VOTED AYE.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Christopher Latremore indicated the village had correspondence regarding an email sent from a family in the community. The email consisted of gratitude for the worker's consideration during construction on Smith St. The family were taking care of an elderly member of their family and had to use services such as hospice care to care for them. Workers ensured their driveway was clear when needed and were considerate of their situation regarding their work. The family indicated that they feel lucky to live in a village with such great neighbors. Mayor LaBonte thanked Adam Menard for his work crew and the work they did on Smith St.

- 2) Christopher Latremore indicated that the village had correspondence regarding a letter sent November 4, 2022, from ERS Investors. ERS indicated that they had spent the last few months working constantly for new business and development. ERS indicated their gratitude to Christopher Latremore and Mayor LaBonte for being “pro-business” and allowing the expedition on the Use Variance application for the 64 Maple Distribution/Warehouse Building 25. ERS indicated that the Use Variance was voted on 9-0. ERS expressed their gratitude and are excited to work with the village to bring job opportunities to Rouses Point and encourages the Village community to apply to work at the warehouse. Mayor LaBonte expressed that this was a team effort of all board members and not just the work of Administrator Latremore and Mayor LaBonte. LaBonte indicated the warehouse was considered regarding the safety, promote business within The Village, and advancement of The Village.
- 3) Christopher Latremore indicated that the ice is down, and the ice rink is fully operational. Administrator Latremore thanked Mike Lemieux for all the time he spent, Gregg, Dan, Grant, Heath Cardin, John Bernard for all their assistance. The group effort of The Village crew is what made this accomplishment possible. Mayor LaBonte thanked Trustee Pelkey and Trustee Arno for their help with a difficult situation with the brine pumps. Mayor LaBonte thanked Christopher Latremore for his dedication on getting the ice rink operational. Mayor LaBonte thanked The Village for the extra hands needed since The Civic Center is short-staffed.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR LABONTE

- 1) Mayor LaBonte indicated the purchase of a new Kubota tractor from Dragoon’s Farm Equipment for the Civic Center. The Village budgeted \$22,937 for this item. The Village was able to purchase this under budget at \$20,419.27. The Village was able to purchase this because of the decision to not purchase the 72in Mid Mount Mower, or the Snow Pusher. Trustee Menard made a motion the purchase of the Kubota tractor, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **ROLL CALL ALL VOTED AYE.**

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Trustee Arno indicated that the Christmas Parade of Toys will be held this year on December 2, 2022, at 6:00pm. Trustee Arno stated that there would be Christmas lighting that night. Trustee Arno indicated that the kids would meet in Rouse Park and march down to the Christmas tree by the gazebo in the Village. The kids will be greeted with snacks, goodies, and Santa Claus. Santa Claus will be escorted by fire truck. County police will block traffic to ensure the safety of the event. The fire truck will also trail behind the parade to ensure no traffic is directly behind it. Trustee Arno indicated that Rouses Point has donations from different institutions.
- 2) Trustee Arno indicated that he wanted to thank Mr. Juneau for establishing the little library in Rouses Park.

- 3) Trustee Arno stated that he would like to have an executive session to discuss personnel. Motion by Mayor LaBonte to host an executive session, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **AYE, CARRIED.**
- 4) Trustee Arno indicated that he would like to see the box sprayed in the new pick-up truck to ensure no scratches or damage is caused so it will last longer.
- 5) Trustee Arno asked about the status on the Rouses Point Fire Department roof. Christopher Latremore stated that Adam said the roof needed to be replaced. Contractors must be contacted to get a second opinion on this matter. Administrator Latremore indicated that installing a metal roof would be more beneficial than the rubber membrane roof that the Rouses Point Fire Department currently has. Administrator Latremore indicated that the cost of both a metal, and rubber membrane roof is needed.

c. TRUSTEE DALE MENARD:

- 1) Trustee Menard thanked The Village Crew for the efforts on the Village clean-up days.

d. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

- 1) Trustee Pelkey indicated job opportunities for the community of Rouses Point. The Rouses Point Civic Center and the electric department is currently looking for personnel.
- 2) Trustee Pelkey advised the Board about implementing a new road the West side of the Civic Center property next to the fence. There is an issue with vehicles using the walk paths to get in and out of that area which risks damage to the walk paths. Trustee Pelkey indicated that they plan to take the grindings from the work done on Smith St. and use it to complete this project. This improvement will assist with the transportation of emergency vehicles, and food trucks in and out of that area.

e. TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ

- 1) Trustee Rodriguez reminded everyone to exercise their right to vote on Election Day November 8th, 2022. He indicated you can achieve this at the Civic Center.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

- 1) Code Enforcement Officer Mr. Cooper reported he looked at the building he was asked to. Mr. Copper indicated that he would like to discuss the matter with Mayor LaBonte and get some people together to see what the plan of action will be.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- 1) No one addressed the Board.

VIII. RECESS:

Trustee Menard made motion to recess at 7:20 Seconded by Trustee Arno. **AYE CARRIED.**

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Arno made a motion to enter executive session at 7:23 pm, seconded by Trustee Pelkey.
Trustee Arno made a motion to exit executive session at 7:41 pm, seconded by Trustee Pelkey.
ALL VOTED AYE.

No action taken in Executive Session.

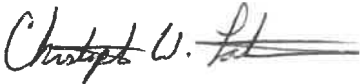
X. REGULAR SESSION:

- 1) Trustee Pelkey made a motion to give Clerk/ Administrator Latremore 3 days off for his extra hours he has been putting in at the Civic Center and matching time worked at the Civic Center with additional time off. Trustee Menard seconded. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Arno made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher W. Latremore", with a horizontal line drawn through the end of the signature.

Christopher W Latremore
Village Clerk/Administrator