

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on October 3, 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
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee
ABSENT: Joseph Rodriguez, Trustee
Dale Menard, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, 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:

No one addressed the Board.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2022, meeting, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES RODRIGUEZ AND MENARD ABSENT.**

III. BILLS: \$40,294.84

CHECK # 28877-28900

Treasurer Letourneau indicated that there were two additions NYSEG for \$6926.18 and Lenny's Shoe and Apparel \$433.10.

Trustee Arno made a motion to pay the bills as amended. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey.

ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES RODRIGUEZ AND MENARD ABSENT.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

No Correspondence

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR LABONTE

- 1) Mayor LaBonte read resolution 2022-21 budget transfer to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$145,580.03 from the Water Fund to the Water Plant Reconstruction Fund (HF1) effective May 31, 2022.

Trustee Pelkey made a motion to accept the resolution 2022-21 budget transfer, and trustee Arno seconded. **ROLL CALL ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES RODRIGUEZ AND MENARD ABSENT.**

- 2) Mayor LaBonte read resolution 2022-22 Fitness Trail Capital Project Close Out to authorize the Project complete and authorizes the Treasurer to close the Fitness Trail Capital Project Fund (HRO) and transfer the balance of \$1,148.50 to the General Fund (A00) as of May 31, 2022.

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the resolution 2022-22 fitness trail capital project close out, and trustee Pelkey seconded. **ROLL CALL ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES RODRIGUEZ AND MENARD ABSENT.**

- 3) Mayor LaBonte advised the board that Pam Gadway served on the Zoning Board Of Appeals since 2016 and decided to resign from the board, as she needs to devote time to family responsibilities. Mayor LaBonte thanked Ms. Gadway for her service and wished her the best of luck.

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept Pam Gadway's resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals, and trustee Pelkey seconded. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES RODRIGUEZ AND MENARD ABSENT.**

- 4) Mayor LaBonte appointed Matthew Favro to fill the vacancy of Pam Gadway as Zoning Board of Appeals unexpired term till 2023.

- 5) Mayor LaBonte advised the board that the Rouses Point Fourth of July Committee would like permission to hold Zombie Run/Walk on Saturday October 22. The run/walk will start at Latitude 45 on Montgomery Street go to Lake Street. The road will be blocked off for the duration of the run/walk which is estimated to be about 1 hour.

Trustee Arno made a motion to grant the request for the Zombie Run/Walk. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES RODRIGUEZ AND MENARD ABSENT.**

- 6) Mayor LaBonte advised the board that the American Cancer Society Real Men Wear Pink would like permission to conduct a Street Drive on Saturday October 8 in front of the Civic Center from 9:00AM through 3:00PM.

Trustee Arno made a motion to grant the request for the Street Drive. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES RODRIGUEZ AND MENARD ABSENT.**

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Trustee Arno indicated that there are some trees in the back of the fire department that need to be taken down. Trustee Arno asked Mr. Richner if he was okay with the trees falling on his property, and Mr. Richner indicated that he had no problems with the trees falling on his property.
- 2) Trustee Arno thanked the Public Works employees for cleaning the garage at the village office.
- 3) Trustee Arno advised the board that Bob St. John was thankful for the filing cabinets that the village donated to the Legion.

c. TRUSTEE DALE MENARD:

- 1) Absent

d. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

- 1) Trustee Pelkey requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues.
- 2) Trustee Pelkey advised the residence that the fall cleanup is October 24-28.
- 3) Trustee Pelkey advised the board that the hanging baskets on Main Street should be taken down and the flags on Main Street need to be fixed.

e. TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ

- 1) Absent

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

- 1) Code Enforcement Officer Mr. Cooper indicated that everything is moving along smoothly.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- 1) No one addressed the Board.

VIII. RECESS:

Trustee Arno made motion to recess at 7:15 Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **AYE CARRIED. TRUSTEES RODRIGUEZ AND MENARD ABSENT.**

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Arno made a motion to enter executive session at 7:18 pm, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. Trustee Arno made a motion to exit executive session at 8:02 pm, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES RODRIGUEZ AND MENARD ABSENT**
No action taken in Executive Session.

X. REGULAR SESSION:

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Arno made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 pm, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEES RODRIGUEZ AND MENARD ABSENT.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher W Latremore
Village Clerk/Administrator