

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on September 6, 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 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 August 15, 2022, meeting, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

III. BILLS: \$40,294.84

CHECK # 28877-28900

Treasurer Letourneau indicated that there were no additions or deletions to the bills.

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

ALL VOTED AYE

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk/Administrator Latremore advised the board that Troy Boilers will be at the Civic Center on Thursday September 8 or Friday September 9 to start the repairs on the chiller. The repairs should be completed by Friday September 16 if everything goes well.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR LABONTE

1) Mayor LaBonte read resolution 2022-20 budget modification.

Trustee made a motion accept the resolution 2022-20 budget modification trustee Arno seconded. **ROLL CALL ALL VOTED AYE.**

- 2) Mayor LaBonte advised the board that the village received the renewal EMS contract from Champlain EMS and the new contract starting January 1, 2023, thru December 31, 2023, came in at \$185,000 an increase of \$54,000. Mayor LaBonte wished to table to allow the board additional time to review and investigate other options.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Trustee Arno indicated that the sidewalk on State Street was covered with grass and requested that the grass be cut on both sides of the street.
- 2) Trustee Arno advised the board that the fire department is doing annual testing of the fire hoses.
- 3) Trustee Arno said that on October 15th, the Historic Society will be at the Legion from 12-5 and anyone with old photo's can bring their photos for identification purposes. Also at this event, the Historic Society will have old photos on display, and copies can be made but their will be a charge for the copy.
- 4) Trustee Arno asked the board that since the village received no bids on the surplus filing cabinets, if the cabinets could be donated to the Legion, for they need additional filing cabinets.
Trustee Arno made a motion to donate surplus filing cabinet to the Legion. Trustee Rodriguez seconded. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

c. TRUSTEE DALE MENARD:

- 1) Trustee Menard asked the status of the engineer report for the four way stop sign on Maple and Pine. Administrator/Clerk Latremore told the board that after further review an engineer report is not required, so the board can do one of two things. First, make a resolution, or second make a local law to add the stop sign. Treasurer Letourneau told the board that it should become a local law which would update the village code. Village attorney Mr. Murnane agreed.

d. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

- 1) Trustee Pelkey welcomed Tommy's Toys & Comics to the village as a new business.
- 2) Trustee Pelkey requested an executive session to discuss a utility customer. Trustee Arno seconded. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

e. TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ

- 1) Trustee Rodriguez requested the village to reach out to the sheriff department to enforce the speed limit, and advised the board that there has been some defacing of property to some businesses, and that the village needs to see more law enforcement presence.

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 Menard made motion to recess at 7:17 Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **AYE CARRIED**

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Arno made a motion to enter executive session at 7:18 pm, seconded by Trustee Menard. Trustee Arno made a motion to exit executive session at 8:49 pm, seconded by Trustee Menard. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

X. REGULAR SESSION:

- 1) Trustee Pelkey made a motion to reinstate Daniel Yakey as Recreation Maintenance Worker with six-month probation period. Seconded by Trustee Arno. **ALL VOTED AYE.**
- 2) Trustee Pelkey made a motion requesting the village attorney Mr. Murnane to amend a draft to local law 2-2019 Cryptocurrency with rider A seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **ALL VOTED AYE.**
- 3) Trustee Rodriguez made a motion for village attorney to draft a local law which would allow a village Trustee to be employed part-time within a village department. Seconded by Trustee Menard. **ALL VOTED AYE.**
- 4) Trustee Menard made a motion to have village attorney Mr. Murnane draft an amendment to local law which would allow a four-way stop at Pine Street and Maple Street. Seconded by Trustee Arno. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 pm, seconded by Trustee Menard. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher W Latremore
Village Clerk/Administrator