

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on December 4, 2023, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00PM.

**PRESENT:** John J. LaBonte, Mayor  
Dale Menard, Trustee  
Nicholas C. Southwick, Trustee  
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee  
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee

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

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Christopher Latremore, Clerk/Administrator

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

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

**I. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No one addressed the board.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of November 20, 2023, seconded by Trustee Menard. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

**III. BILLS: \$228,058.13 CHECK # 30089-30118**

Treasurer Arsene Letourneau indicated that there were no additions or deletion to the bills. Trustee Menard made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Administrator Latremore stated the Village of Rouses Point had a tremendous success with the Parade of Toys this year. Administrator Latremore thanked the Fire Department for escorting Santa, Penny for rounding up community singers for the Christmas carols, also thanked Santa Claus for making availability to be a part of the Parade of Toys, Rouses Point Dodge Memorial Library, Friends of the library for providing books for the

children, the Water Plant, Electric Crew and Public Works for decorating. Latremore continued by thanking Trustee Arno for his dedication, Mayor LaBonte, Trustee Pelkey, Becky Pelkey and Rose Deso. Administrator Latremore indicated that this event was made possible due to the generous donations from the following organization Chazy Orchards. Administrator Latremore proceeded to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

## **V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:**

### **A. MAYOR JOHN J. LABONTE**

1. Mayor LaBonte thanked Trustee Arno and Trustee Pelkey for attending the Holiday Train in his absences and serving hot chocolate. Mayor LaBonte thanked everyone for the food shelter donations and is hoping next year to receive more food donations.

### **B. TRUSTEE DALE MENARD:**

Trustee Dale Menard had nothing to report.

### **C. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO**

1. Trustee Arno stated that the village office needs to contact Alltech Fire & Security because there is an issue with smoke alarms at the Fire Station.
2. Trustee Arno stated that the village needs to install security cameras at the Civic Center, facing the clothing and bottle drop off bins, for people are dropping items off that need to be taken to the land fill and this is unacceptable.
3. Trustee Arno stated that Don Deso was going to repair 31 pieces of slate on the roof at the Welcome Center.

### **D. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:**

1. Trustee Pelkey indicated that the Rouses Point Fire Department will be conducting their annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday December 9, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 3:00PM, and that families are invited to attend. Trustee Pelkey also stated that light snacks and drinks will be provided, as well as rides on the fire truck and a special visit from Santa.
2. Trustee Pelkey advised the board that the Rouses Point 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee will be hosting a Speedo Run on Saturday December 9. Registration starts at 2:00pm at Latitude 45 and the race begins at 3:00pm. Trustee Pelkey asked participants to bring a new toy for the Christmas Bureau.

3. Trustee Pelkey stated that the annual Fire Department parade of lights will be starting at the boat launch at 7:00PM on December 16.
4. Trustee Pelkey stated that as he drives through the village, he has noticed more people putting Christmas lights and decorations out. Trustee Pelkey stated that this really enhances the village and that a lot of people enjoy looking at the lights. Trustee Pelkey feels that Christmas lights and decorations make people smile. Trustee Pelkey thanked everyone who put Christmas lights and decorations up.
5. Trustee Pelkey is encouraging individuals to apply for open positions within the village. Trustee Pelkey indicated the village is down two people in Public Works and have open positions in other departments as well. Trustee Pelkey encourages job seekers to apply.

**E. TRUSTEE NICHOLAS C. SOUTHWICK:**

1. Trustee Southwick echoed what everyone else stated about the holiday decorations and all the events within the village. Trustee Southwick stated that the decorations look great and have been well received. Trustee Southwick stated that a lot of new residents of the village are excited about all the events, and how they have been put on. Trustee Southwick stated that it is not only the children, but people of all ages who enjoy the decorations and events, and that it puts smiles on their faces. Trustee Southwick thanked everyone who contributed to the decorating and all the work with the events.

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

Code Officer Cooper had nothing to report.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No one addressed the board.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Arno made a motion to adjourn at 7:15PM, seconded by Trustee Pelkey.  
**ALL VOTED, AYE.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Christopher W. Latremore*  
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Village Clerk/Administrator