

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on February 6th, 2023, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00PM.

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

ABSENT: Joseph Rodriguez, 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 7:01PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR SESSION:

I. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 17th, 2023, regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Menard. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ ABSENT.**

II. BILLS: \$36,381.42 **CHECK #** 29286-29325

Treasurer Arsene Letourneau indicated that there were two additions to bills:
Excellus Health Group \$5506.38
Twin State Technologies \$1364.80

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

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Christopher Latremore received a request by email. Gerry Hicks passed away unexpectedly, and his family has requested to donate for remodeling the referee room and adding a plaque in his memory. Mayor LaBonte asked for a motion to allow the addition of the memorial plaque and renovations of the referee room.

Trustee Arno made a motion to allow the addition of the memorial plaque and renovations of the referee room, seconded by Trustee Menard. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ ABSENT.**

IV. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR LABONTE

1. Mayor LaBonte motioned a vote for Resolution 2023-04 which would create an extension on Barn St to the gate at the sewer plant.

**MAYOR LABONTE- AYE
TRUSTEE ARNO- AYE
TRUSTEE MENARD- AYE
TRUSTEE PELKEY- AYE
TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ- ABSENT
MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.**

2. Mayor LaBonte motioned a vote to appoint Charlene Sample as Recreational Leader.

**MAYOR LABONTE- AYE
TRUSTEE ARNO- AYE
TRUSTEE MENARD- AYE
TRUSTEE PELKEY- AYE
TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ- ABSENT
MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.**

3. Mayor LaBonte mentioned that Administrator Latremore, Fire Chief Michael LeBlanc, and Mayor LaBonte discussed the fire department training building. Fire Chief Michael LeBlanc informed the Mayor and Administrator that the training building was donated and is the property of the Village of Rouses Point. Michael LeBlanc indicated that the building is still being used for training. As for the repair on the building, any repairs needed to be done on the building Fire Chief Michael LeBlanc stated that he would take care of them. The brush located at the front of the building will be cleaned out as well. Trustee Pelkey mentioned that the reason why this was brought up to the Board is due to the brush that is growing high on the side of the building, and the siding was falling. Trustee Pelkey stated each building in the Village must be maintained to comply with Village code. Mayor LaBonte stated that the Fire Chief Michael LeBlanc said the building brush should be maintained by the Village of

Rouses Point. Trustee Menard commented that if the Rouses Point Fire Department is using the training facility, they should be the ones responsible for maintaining the property. Code Enforcement Officer Cooper mentioned that he surveyed the outside of the building and took photographs. Code Enforcement Officer said that he saw trees and brush about 4 inches around the building which indicates nothing has been done about the building cleanup in a couple years. Administrator Latremore reminded the Board that the Village of Rouses Point handles the grounds maintenance of every other Village owned building. The training building is Village property and would be the only building that the Village would not take care of ground maintenance for. Trustee Arno and Trustee Menard will attend the next meeting at the Fire Department and represent the Board of Trustees to determine who is maintaining the building, discussion of repairs, and how they wish to proceed. Mayor LaBonte advises that the Board needs to figure out if the building is usable, what the repair costs are, and if the building ends up being unusable, to then destroy it. The Board agreed to table discussions and decisions on this matter until attending the next Fire Department meeting and conducting an inspection of the building.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

1. Trustee Arno indicated that the Local Law 120-25 prohibits certain farm animals in the Village. Trustee Arno stated that there are about 3-4 residents in the Village that would like to own chickens. Trustee Menard stated that he is against this due to how close the yards in the Village are and thinks this will cause issues within the Village such as noise, smell, and possible tension between neighbors. Trustee Pelkey indicated that the Board should ask the public their opinion on changing Local Law 120-25 such as presenting a petition to the Board. Mayor LaBonte mentioned that this decision should be tabled moving forward until a petition is brought to the Board, or the public makes a comment about it at a Board Meeting.
2. Trustee Arno stated that the 4th of July Committee mentioned having a corn hole tournament at the recreation center to raise money for the 4th of July Parade. Trustee Arno indicated that the committee would want to have alcoholic beverages at this event. Administrator Latremore specified that they would need a permit and insurance to hold this event with alcohol admittance. Mayor LaBonte advised Trustee Arno to let the 4th of July Committee know that the Board is open minded about this event and their ideas on it but, the Board needs more information to decide.

c. TRUSTEE DALE MENARD:

1. Trustee Menard wanted to thank the Village workers for the progress on the renovations for the Village Office and vocalized that the work is coming along nicely, and the team is doing a great job.

d. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1. Trustee Pelkey indicated that the tree by the Sportsman's Pier needs to be addressed. There is a limb that was broken off an Ash tree by a truck. Some of the limb fell onto the road but the remains are hanging off the tree and looks funky. Trustee Pelkey explained that the rest of the limb should be removed to make the tree look more uniform. Mayor LaBonte asked Administrator Latremore if he could take care of this issue, Administrator Latremore declared that he would.
2. Trustee Pelkey mentioned that he would like plywood being added to the dugout area to prevent adolescence from hanging out in them. Administrator Latremore indicated that spare advertisement signs were going to be recycled into a blockage to close off the dugout. Trustee Pelkey reminded the Board of a situation a few weeks ago where adolescence were hanging out in the dugout. EMS and State Police had to be called due to this situation. Trustee Pelkey advises that once Spring comes around, doors be added to the dugout to prevent adolescence from being able to access it.

e. TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ

Absent.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

None

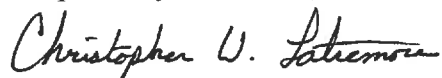
VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Arno made a motion to adjourn at 7:30PM, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ ABSENT.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher W Latremore
Village Clerk/Administrator