

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on June 20, 2023, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00PM.

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

ABSENT: Nicholas C. Southwick, Trustee
Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Pelkey, Deputy 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:

Town of Champlain Council Member Rick Hunter advised the board that the Town of Champlain is considering building new pickle ball courts. He stated that pickle ball is becoming a new trend and there has been a lot of interest in the Town. Council Member Hunter asked the village if it could provide information on the contractor that built the pickle ball courts for the village. Administrator Latremore advised Council Member Hunter that he was collaborating with Treasurer Letourneau and will share the information with him once they obtain it.

REGULAR SESSION:

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2023, seconded by Trustee Menard. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE SOUTHWICK ABSENT.**

III. BILLS: \$201,158.76 CHECK # 29647-29692

Deputy Treasurer Becky Pelkey indicated that there were no additions and no deletions to the bills.

Trustee Menard made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE SOUTHWICK ABSENT.**

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Administrator Latremore advised the board that he received a quote from Derek Rosenbaum to complete a Summary Appraisal in the amount of \$1,500. The appraisal is for the 1.6 acres on Rabideau Way. Trustee Pelkey stated that he wants to make sure the village will have a right of way on the property, so the village will have access to the sewer lines. Administrator Latremore advised the board that the right of way would be put in the new deed.
Trustee Menard made a motion to accept Derek Rosenbaum's estimate for the Summary Appraisal in the amount of \$1500, seconded by Trustee Pelkey.
ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE SOUTHWICK ABSENT.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

A. MAYOR JOHN J. LABONTE

1. Mayor LaBonte advised the board that another individual caused damage to the dugouts. Mayor LaBonte stated that this is unacceptable, and the village is going to take steps to catch the individual(s) causing the damage, and once they are caught the mayor will take the necessary steps to make sure the individual(s) are prosecuted to the highest level.

B. TRUSTEE DALE MENARD:

1. Trustee Dale Menard indicated that the paving has been completed and thanked Public Works for doing an excellent job, and that it looks nice.

C. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO

1. Trustee Arno advised Code Officer Cooper that the property on the corner of Delaware and State Street needs to be mowed. Code Officer Cooper stated that the grass was mowed today. Trustee Arno also indicated that there are other properties on Pratt and Champlain Street. Code Officer Cooper stated that he is having a tough time finding out who owns the property. Code Officer Cooper stated that has reached out to the assessor, County Treasurer, and nobody can confirm who owns the property.
Mayor LaBonte advised Code Office Cooper if he is having difficulty finding out this information to reach out to the administrator for assistance. stated that the letters and steel beams at the Fire Department need to be painted.

D. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1. Trustee Pelkey reminded everyone that the Village wide yard sale will be held this weekend June 24 and the map will be posted on the village website or it can be picked up at the village office.
2. Trustee Pelkey advised the board that the paving is completed and thanked the Town of Champlain and the Clinton County Highway Department for their help. Trustee Pelkey stated that this is part of the shared service, and it saves the village a lot of money.

3. Trustee Pelkey advised the board that at the last meeting the board approved to hire a part-time line worker. The part-time line worker will help in the time of emergency situations, as well as being on call on an on-need basis. Trustee Pelkey told the board that the prevailing wage for this position is \$57.40 per hour. Trustee Pelkey indicated that the wage needs to be at a competitive rate.

Trustee Pelkey made a motion for the part-time line worker wage to be set at \$57.40 per hour, seconded by Trustee Arno.

Roll call:

Trustee Pelkey **AYE**
Trustee Menard **AYE**
Trustee Southwick **ABSENT**
Trustee Arno **AYE**
Mayor LaBonte **AYE**

4. Trustee Pelkey advised the board that he received a call late one evening from a resident regarding fireworks going off in the village. Trustee Pelkey indicated that he understands that the 4th of July is coming but asked the residents to have respect for their neighbors. Fireworks affect some individuals as well as animals. Trustee Pelkey said that there is a time and a place if someone wants to light fireworks and have consideration for your neighbors.

E. TRUSTEE NICHOLAS C. SOUTHWICK:

Absent

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

Code Officer Cooper advised the board he had nothing to report.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Nobody addressed the board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Arno made a motion to adjourn at 7:18PM, seconded by Trustee Menard.
ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE SOUTHWICK ABSENT.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher W Latremore
Village Clerk/Administrator