

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

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

**ABSENT :** Christopher Latremore, Village Clerk/Administrator

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

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Patricia A. Garrand, Deputy Village Clerk

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Mayor, John J. Labonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Village Resident Harold (Hap) Ashline addressed the board. He received his assessment, and this got him thinking about numbers. He spoke about the newly adopted Village Budget. He stated it was a very responsible budget. It is quite remarkable in fact. He came into the office today and was able to speak with Village Treasurer, Arsene Letourneau. He thanked him for his time and said the budget is very practical. He also thanked the Administrator, Chris Latremore (who was not in attendance) for being available to talk to and help with concerns he has. He thanked the Board as well for being open and willing to talk to him when he needs some clarification. Mayor Labonte thanked Mr. Ashline for speaking and appreciated what was said.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2023, regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Menard, AYE CARRIED

**BILLS :**                   **VOUCHERS** 29537 - 29565                   \$48,887.22

Trustee Menard made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey.  
AYE CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES**

**MAYOR JOHN J. LABONTE:**

Stated he was glad to be back after being out for an illness. He thanked Deputy Mayor, Dale Menard for filling in for him.

**TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:**

Wanted to thank Josh and Becky Reid for cleaning up along the roadside of Bridge Road. They cleaned up 10 bags or more of garbage. Also wanted to thank John Mott for letting them dispose of it in his business dumpster.

**TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:**

Reminded everyone of the Village Spring Clean Up days. These will be Monday – Friday, May 8 - 12, 2023.

**TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:**

Work on the road going out to the Stage is almost completed. Needs a little more work on drainage but will be completed soon. Thanks to Public Works for a good job. The Stage always puts on a good program. This will make it easier for the entertainment to get out there and the food trucks as well. Kudos to the work force who help to put this all together.

**TRUSTEE NICHOLAS C. SOUTHWICK:**

The fields at the Civic Center have been dragged and bases are out. Bathrooms and fields are ready to go. Thanked the Civic Center workers for their good work.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

Code Enforcement Officer, Cooper stated he was working on keeping up with the Residents exterior maintenance of their properties. Stated that lawns need to be kept below the 6-inch maximum height. Weeds need to be taken care of; trash cannot be left all over. He will be touring the Village daily to make sure these code rules are being followed.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

No other public comments

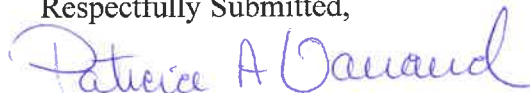
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Southwick to adjourn at 7:12 PM. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey.  
AYE CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia A. Garrand  
Deputy Village Clerk