

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on October 16, 2023, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00PM.

**PRESENT:** Dale Menard, Trustee  
Benjamin Arno, Trustee  
Nicholas C. Southwick, Trustee

**ABSENT:** John J. LaBonte, Mayor  
Brian S Pelkey, Trustee

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

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

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

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

**I. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Steve Lambert residing at 22 Academy Street told the board that the last truck traffic on Maple Street was the first day of school and that the signage is working and thanked the board for acting and addressing the issue.

Mr. Lambert also updated the board on the clothes bin pickup. Mr. Lambert stated that the clothes are picked up on Mondays, and Rouses Point was their first stop.

Mr. Lambert feels that the North Country Cougar Youth Hockey bottle collection bins are a disgrace. Mr. Lambert would like the bins moved to Lily Avenue next to the compost bin. Mr. Lambert acknowledges that another bottle container was added. Mr. Lambert stated the new container is not in good condition, and bottles continue to be collected on the ground because the bins are not emptied on a regular basis. Mr. Lambert would like the board to consider having the bottle container bins moved to another location.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of October 2, 2023, seconded by Trustee Southwick.  
**ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE PELKEY AND MAYOR LABONTE ABSENT.**

**III. BILLS: \$158,776.63 CHECK # 29948-29998**

Treasurer Arsene F. Letourneau indicated that there were four additions to the bills.  
Business Card \$19.31, Excellus Health Plan \$45,771.46, Rosenbaum Appraisal and Consulting \$1,500 and Simply Prescription \$6,301.12

Trustee Arno made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Southwick.  
**ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE PELKEY AND MAYOR LABONTE ABSENT.**

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Nothing to report.

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

**A. MAYOR JOHN J. LABONTE**

Absent

**B. TRUSTEE DALE MENARD:**

1. Deputy Mayor Menard advised the board that they received a draft, copy amending local law 57-4 Commercial/Industrial Development. Deputy Mayor Menard asked the board to review the draft and if they had any questions or would like to make recommendations on the changes, to bring them up at the next board meeting when the village attorney will be in attendance.
2. Deputy Mayor Menard advised the board that they also received an appraisal report from Rosenbaum Appraisal & Consulting for 1.6 acres of property, the village owns, on Rabideau Way. Deputy Mayor Menard asked the board to review the appraisal and at the next meeting ask any questions or concerns they may have and to also consider if the village should still proceed with selling the property.
3. Deputy Mayor Menard reminded the residence that fall clean up days are October 23-27 and no pickup after these dates.

**C. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO**

1. Trustee Arno advised the board that he received a letter from Montgomery Hose, Hook & Ladder advising the board that they approve Edward Martin and Madison Gumlaw as a new member for a probationary per of six months.  
Trustee Arno made a motion to approve Edward Martin and Madison Gumlaw for a six-month probationary period as a new member to the Fire Department, second by Deputy Mayor Menard.

**ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE PELKEY AND MAYOR LABONTE ABSENT.**

2. Trustee Arno advised that a solar eclipse would happen on April 8, 2023. Anyone interested in viewing the eclipse can pick up solar viewing glasses at Dodge Memorial Library.
3. Trustee Arno advised that the Fire Department and the Village are planning to hold the parade of lights and parade of toys together this year. Trustee Arno stated that during this event the Friends of the Library donates books to be handed out to the children. Trustee Arno asked if anyone is interested in making a cash donation to help with the cost of purchasing these books, cash donations can be made at the Village Office or at the library.
4. Trustee Arno advised the board that the Welcome Center/Railroad Station slate roof needed repair and asked Administrator/Clerk Latremore to reach out Don Deso on providing an estimate for the necessary repairs.

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

Absent

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

1. Trustee Southwick advised that the ice at the Civic Center has been installed and the ice rink is now being used. Trustee Southwick advised anyone interested in public skating to view the village website for dates and times.
2. Trustee Southwick wished to send a reminder to the residents that after their dog does its duty, to please have the courtesy to pick up after their pet. The village has stations to dispose of animal waste, and this helps to keep the village clean.

**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 7:15PM, seconded by Trustee Southwick.  
**ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE PELKEY AND MAYOR LABONTE ABSENT.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher W Latremore  
Village Clerk/Administrator