

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on October 2, 2023, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00PM.

PRESENT: Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee
Nicholas C. Southwick, Trustee

ABSENT: John J. LaBonte, Mayor
Dale Menard, Trustee

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Christopher Latremore, Clerk/Administrator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

I. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Nobody addressed the board.

REGULAR SESSION:

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Pelkey made a motion to accept the minutes of September 18, 2023, seconded by Trustee Southwick. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD AND MAYOR LABONTE ABSENT.**

III. BILLS: \$81,743.65 CHECK # 29922-29996

Treasurer Arsene F. Letourneau indicated that there were no additions and no deletions to the bills. Trustee Southwick made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD AND MAYOR LABONTE ABSENT.**

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Administrator/Clerk Latremore advised the board that he received a fax from Vanessa Lewis Rodriguez on behalf of The Real Men Wear Pink Committee, requesting to hold a coin drive on October 7, 2023, from 9:00AM-3:00PM in front of the Civic Center. Trustee Pelkey made a motion allowing Real Men Wear Pink to hold a coin drive in front of the Civic Center, second by Trustee Southwick. **ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD AND MAYOR LABONTE ABSENT.**
2. Administrator/Clerk Latremore advised that fall clean-up days will run from October 23-27 and no pickups will be made after this date.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

A. MAYOR JOHN J. LABONTE

Absent

B. TRUSTEE DALE MENARD:

Absents

C. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO

1. Trustee Arno advised the board that the Village received an estimate from BST in the amount of \$22,000, plus out of pocket expenses if any, to complete a rate study on the electric rates in the village.

Trustee Pelkey made a motion to accept BST quote in the amount of \$22,000 to complete electric rate study, second Trustee Southwick.

ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD AND MAYOR LABONTE ABSENT.

2. Trustee Arno read Resolution 2023-20 which allows MEAU Executive Committee be and hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Rouses at its annual conference being held on October 10-12, 2023.

Roll call:

Trustee Pelkey AYE

Trustee Southwick AYE

Trustee Arno AYE

Trustee Menard ABSENT

Mayor LaBonte ABSENT

3. Trustee Arno advised the board that the file server at the Village Office needed to be replaced because it was no longer going to be supported by Microsoft. The Village received a quote from Dell in the amount of \$3,412.29 which falls under the New York State contract price and will allow the Village to remain compliant and continue to have Microsoft support. Trustee Pelkey made a motion to purchase a Dell server in the amount of \$3,412.29, second Trustee Southwick.

ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD AND MAYOR LABONTE ABSENT.

4. Trustee Arno advised the board that the Village received an estimate from Twinstat Technologies in the amount of \$5,529.00 for professional service. The professional service covers transferring files from the old file server to the new file server.

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept Twinstat Technologies estimate for professional service in the amount of \$5,529.00, second by Trustee Southwick.

ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD AND MAYOR LABONTE ABSENT.

5. Trustee Arno advised the board that he received a letter from Montgomery Hose, Hook & Ladder advising the board that they approved Bernard Savage Jr. as a new member for a probationary per of six months.

Trustee Pelkey made a motion to approve Bernard Savage Jr. for a six-month probationary period as a new member to the Fire Department, second by Trustee Southwick.

ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD AND MAYOR LABONTE ABSENT.

D. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1. Trustee Pelkey asked the board to approve the travel for Heath Cardin, John Bernard, Jeff Garrand, Travis Brunell and Public Works Supervisor Adam Menard to MSHA training in Plattsburgh on October 24. They will be taking the village vehicle and will have expenditures for their meals.

Trustee Pelkey made a motion to authorize travel on October 24, 2023, seconded by Trustee Southwick.

ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD AND MAYOR LABONTE ABSENT.

E. TRUSTEE NICHOLAS C. SOUTHWICK:

Nothing to report at this time. Trustee Southwick indicated he would prefer to have a full board.

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 Pelkey made a motion to adjourn at 7:20PM, seconded by Trustee Southwick.

ALL VOTED AYE. TRUSTEE MENARD AND MAYOR LABONTE ABSENT.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher W Latremore
Village Clerk/Administrator