

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on January 2, 2024, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00PM.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene F. 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 7:00PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No one addressed the board.

REGULAR SESSION:

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of December 18, 2023, seconded by Trustee Southwick. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

III. BILLS: \$19,555.84 CHECK # 30173-30200

Treasurer Arsene F. Letourneau 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.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Administrator Latremore advised the board that the next scheduled board meeting will be held on January 16, 2024.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

A. MAYOR JOHN J. LABONTE

1. Mayor LaBonte made a motion to hold an executive session regarding the employment history of a particular person, seconded by Trustee Southwick.

ALL VOTED, AYE.

2. Mayor LaBonte indicated that the Public Works Department is short two employees. Mayor LaBonte stated that he would like to hire Kim Bennet as a seasonal Public Works Maintenance person. Trustee Menard made a motion to hire Kim Bennet as a season parttime Public Works Maintenance person, seconded by Mayor LaBonte.

Roll call:

Trustee Pelkey AYE

Trustee Southwick AYE

Trustee Arno AYE

Trustee Menard AYE

Mayor LaBonte AYE

B. TRUSTEE DALE MENARD:

1. Trustee Dale Menard thanked the village employees for doing an excellent job.

C. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO

1. Trustee Arno asked if the new interior lights for the Welcome Center had been ordered. Administrator Latremore indicated that they had not been ordered but will be included in the upcoming budget and will order them in June.
2. Trustee Arno asked if anyone had reached out to Casella Waste regarding a dumpster for the library. Administrator Latremore indicated that he has not but will reach out to Casella Waste.
3. Trustee Arno wished everyone a Happy New Year.

D. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1. Trustee Pelkey advised the board that he learned about an incident that took place at the dog park, and he would like a signpost providing the name and phone number of the dog control officer, in the event of an aggressive dog.

E. TRUSTEE NICHOLAS C. SOUTHWICK:

1. Trustee Southwick had nothing to report at this time.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

None

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No one addressed the board.

VIII. RECESS:

Trustee Menard made a motion to enter recess at 7:08PM, seconded by Mayor LaBonte.
ALL VOTED, AYE.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Arno made a motion to enter executive session at 7:11PM, seconded by Trustee Pelkey.
ALL VOTED, AYE.

Trustee Arno made a motion to exit the executive session at 8:20PM, seconded by Trustee Menard. **ALL VOTED, AYE.**

X. REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Menard made a motion to enter shared service for Code Enforcement Officer, with the Town of Champlain, seconded by Trustee Pelkey.
ALL VOTED, AYE.

Trustee Menard made a motion that the Tick Tock Group and Commonwealth Electrical Inspection be the approved electrical inspectors within the Village of Rouses Point, seconded by Mayor LaBonte.
ALL VOTED, AYE.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Pelkey made a motion to adjourn at 8:23PM, seconded by Trustee Menard.
ALL VOTED, AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher W Latremore
Village Clerk/Administrator