

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on March 18, 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 March 4, 2024, seconded by Trustee Menard. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

**III. BILLS: \$282,823.66 CHECK # 30362-30408**

Treasurer Arsene F. Letourneau indicated that there was one additional Business Card in the amount of \$63.88.

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

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Administrator Latremore indicated that the village election will be held on March 19, 2024, from Noon-9:00PM at Halstead Hall located at the Civic Center.

Administrator Latremore advised that the Champlain and Rouses Point Youth Commission 2024 baseball/softball/Tball registration forms are available on the village website or Facebook page.

Administrator Latremore advised the board that the next scheduled board meeting will be held March 20, 2024, at 4:00PM.

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

### **A. MAYOR JOHN J. LABONTE**

1. Mayor LaBonte made a motion to hold an executive session regarding contractual and personnel issues of a particular person, seconded by Trustee Southwick.  
**ALL VOTED, AYE.**

2. Mayor LaBonte asked Treasurer Letourneau to present Budget Modification Resolution number 2024-7. Treasurer Letourneau read the resolution to the board. Mayor LaBonte asked if the board had any questions, or if they wished to discuss further. There was no further discussion.  
Trustee Menard made a motion to approve budget modification resolution 2024-7, seconded by Mayor LaBonte.

**Roll call:**

**Trustee Pelkey AYE**

**Trustee Southwick AYE**

**Trustee Arno AYE**

**Trustee Menard AYE**

**Mayor LaBonte AYE**

3. Mayor LaBonte asked Treasurer Letourneau to present Budget Modification Resolution number 2024-8. Treasurer Letourneau read the resolution to the board. Mayor LaBonte asked if the board had any questions or if they wished to have further discussions. There was no further discussion.  
Trustee Menard made a motion to approve budget modification resolution 2024-8, seconded by Trustee Pelkey.

**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 rec center employees for another successful season, and for all the work they do maintaining the property both inside as well as outside.

### **C. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO**

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

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

1. Trustee Pelkey advised the board that Lori Langlois reached out and would like the opportunity to play pickle ball inside the Civic Center, once the ice is removed, and that the village could charge a fee allowing individuals to play.  
Trustee Pelkey made a motion to allow individuals to play pickle ball inside the Civic Center with a cost of \$5.00 per person, seconded by Trustee Menard.  
**ALL VOTED AYE.**
2. Trustee Pelkey advised the board that Lori Langlois indicated that she has \$2,100 remaining in the fund for the dog park and would like to purchase benches or picnic tables to be put near the dog park.  
The board agreed that this would be beneficial and asked the Administrator/Clerk to inquire on the cost of these items and to contact Lori Langlois.

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

1. Trustee Southwick made a motion for authorization to travel for Heath Cardin, John Bernard, Eric Gooley and Zack Roberts on April 30, 2024, seconded by Mayor LaBonte. **ALL VOTED AYE.**
2. Trustee Southwick advised everyone that for the village election on March 19, the poll hours are from Noon-9:00PM, and the polling place is Halstead Hall located at the Civic Center 39 Lake Street.

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No one addressed the board.

**VIII. RECESS:**

Trustee Menard made a motion to enter recess at 7:16PM, seconded by Mayor LaBonte. **ALL VOTED, AYE.**

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to enter executive session at 7:19PM, seconded by Trustee Menard. **ALL VOTED, AYE.**

Trustee Arno made a motion to exit the executive session at 7:57PM, seconded by Trustee Menard. **ALL VOTED, AYE.**

**X. REGULAR SESSION**

Trustee Pelkey made a motion to have Attorney Eric Gustafson as the legal representative for the Villag of Rouses Point regarding Rider A, seconded by Trustee Menard.  
**ALL VOTED, AYE.**

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Pelkey made a motion to adjourn at 7:58PM, seconded by Mayor LaBonte.  
**ALL VOTED, AYE.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Christopher W. Latremore*

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Village Clerk/Administrator