

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on June 3, 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

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 Menard made a motion to accept the minutes of May 20, 2024, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

III. BILLS: \$85,572.30 CHECK # 30601-30601

Treasurer Arsene F. Letourneau indicated that there were no additions or deletion, but there was a supplemental list added to the bills.

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

ALL VOTED AYE.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Administrator Latremore indicated that he had nothing to report.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

A. MAYOR JOHN J. LABONTE

1. Mayor LaBonte stated that he that he had a resolution to review with the board but was going to go back to the resolution after the trustees reviewed their topics.

TRUSTEE DALE MENARD:

1. Nothing to report at this time.

C. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO

1. Trustee Arno stated that a village resident reached out to him concerned about the brush growing on Montgomery Street, from the gazebo to the pier. Trustee Arno stated that in the past the village would have inmates assist with this, but they no longer have outside work groups. Trustee Arno suggested that the Public Works and Civic Center crew work an hour a week on cleaning up the brush until it is completed.
2. Trustee Arno stated that there are a couple of lights at the Fire Department that have not worked for a couple of years, and he would like to have the lights replaced or repaired.

D. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1. Trustee Pelkey made a motion to hold an executive session regarding a legal matter, seconded by Trustee Menard.
ALL VOTED, AYE.
2. Trustee Pelkey stated that the Public Works Department provided an estimate to replace a drive on lift. Trustee Pelkey indicated that the budget sheet for Public Works had a quote of \$34,000 which was for a 25,000-pound drive on lift. The current quote to replace the lift is a column lift and the cost would be \$45,000. Trustee Pelkey stated that he would like to have a discussion with the board prior to making any decisions. Trustee Pelkey stated that he spoke with Supervisor Menard and discussed the pros and cons. Trustee Pelkey stated that he had a problem with the budgeted amount of \$34,000 and the cost now being \$45,000. Trustee Pelkey stated that we have just entered our new fiscal year, and we are exceeding budget numbers. It was indicated that the issue with the drive on lift, is in the wintertime, the trucks are parked on the lift and the salt deteriorates the metal. The column lifts can be moved, which would prevent the column lifts being damaged by the salt. The column lift would be able to lift all Public Works vehicles and fire trucks, other than the ladder truck. Trustee Pelkey indicated that he has no problems with the column lift, other than the fact that the money was not budgeted. Trustee Pelkey suggested that the purchase of the column lifts should be tabled until the June 17 meeting, which would allow the board more time to research the column lift and explore other options. The board agreed to table until June 17.
3. Trustee Pelkey read a letter of resignation from Dylan Chaffee.
Trustee Pelkey made a motion to accept Dylan Chaffee's resignation, seconded by Trustee Arno. **ALL VOTED, AYE.**
4. Trustee Pelkey stated that he wanted to remind all the residents that the Village wide yard sale date is June 22.

D. TRUSTEE NICHOLAS C. SOUTHWICK:

1. Trustee Southwick stated that the Village of Rouses Point Water Department and Sewer Department advertised purchasing a new pickup truck and received two bids. One bid was from Riley Ford in the amount of \$52,255.02, and another bid from Brenman Buick GMC in the amount of \$48,415.00. Mayor LaBonte asked if there was any further discussion. Trustee Pelkey indicated that the amount budgeted was \$45,000.00. Trustee Arno felt that the board should reject the bids and put the pickup truck out for bid again.
2. Mayor LaBonte made a motion to accept Brennon Buick GMC bid in the amount of \$48,415, seconded by Trustee Menard.

Roll call:

MAYOR JOHN J. LABONTE	AYE
TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD	AYE
TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO	NO
TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY	NO
TRUSTEE NICHOLAS C. SOUTHWICK	AYE

Motion Passed

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

Nothing to report at this time.

VII. RECESS:

Trustee Pelkey made a motion to enter recess at 7:29PM, seconded by Trustee Menard.
ALL VOTED, AYE.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor LaBonte made a motion to enter executive session at 7:42PM, seconded by Trustee Pelkey.
ALL VOTED, AYE.

Trustee Arno made a motion to exit the executive session at 8:11PM, seconded by Trustee Southwick. **ALL VOTED, AYE.**

IX. REGULAR SESSION

No action taken.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor LaBonte made a motion to adjourn at 8:11PM, seconded by Trustee Menard.
ALL VOTED, AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher W. Latremore
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Village Clerk/Administrator