

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, March 15, 2010 at Halstead Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: George A. Rivers, Mayor
Brian B. Jefferson, Trustee
Jean L. Birtz, Trustee
Francis J. Baker, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
Brian S. Pelkey, PWS

ABSENT: Dennis Roberts, Trustee

RECORDING SECRETARY: Carol A. Hanfield, Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

County Legislature Harry McManus was present and discussed the following: 1) The meeting with County Treasurer Joe Giroux was held regarding the new tax program and went very well; 2) The County is considering going with a Tobacco Free Policy at all County Sites. They are starting a Committee and will meet on Monday, April 5th in the 1st floor community room at the Government Center; 3) The security at the Government Center has been increased; 4) The County Airport and Cape Air/Cogan Air situation was discussed. Trustee Jefferson asked about the parking at the airport. A discussion was held on the free parking which is a huge draw and the bed tax which has brought a lot of revenue to the County. Mayor Rivers told Mr. McManus that the Village does have a Smoking Ban in the Village. Discussion followed.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 1, 2010, Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

BILLS: VOUCHER NOS. 13636 – 13694 \$273,095.51

The Treasurer stated that there were three (3) additions to the bills – Border Press for Quadricentennial Souvenir books for \$1010 which will be offset by a grant; ELAN invoice #3 for services associated with the design of the Gateway and Wayfinding Signs for the Village \$500 - also offset by a grant; and FIA Card Services for registration fees for NYRWA Water and Sewer Depts., Envelopes; and NYCOM / NYMPA Mtg. expenses - \$2,199.91. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to pay the bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read a letter from Josie Gilroy, Athletic Director of the NCCS District requesting use of the Tennis Courts located at the Civic Center on Monday – Friday; 3:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., beginning March 16 through May 31, 2010. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to allow NCCS to use our Tennis Courts for the required dates and times; Seconded by Trustee Baker; Aye Carried

The Clerk read a letter from Ryan Davies of Earth Science Engineering on the visual assessment and structural stability analysis of the band stand that has been built. His analysis indicated that for a 90 mph wind the structure has a possibility to overturn. It is recommended that the structure be anchored using Manta Ray Earth Anchor Systems Model MR-68 or equal. These anchors should be installed on all corners of the building and be installed per the manufacturer's recommendation.

The Clerk read a letter from Chris Trombley thanking the Mayor & Board for their recognition of him as the Woodman of the World "Citizen of the Year" by local Lodge #462.

The Clerk read a letter from Jan Letourneau, Youth Recreation Leader, recommending that we sponsor an instructional bowling program for the youth in our village. The cost will be \$1.00/pair shoe rental plus \$5.00 for two hours lane rental (5 lanes = \$25 x 10 weeks) divided by the three contributing communities. If 20 kids participate, the total cost will be \$450, divided by the three contributing communities. Transportation would be the responsibility of the parents. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to sponsor this bowling program; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; Aye Carried

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:

MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:

Mayor Rivers announced that the New York State Emergency Management Office in conjunction with the Clinton County Office of Emergency Services is sponsoring an Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (I-300) Course; May 4 – 6, 2010 from 8:30 a.m – 4:30 p.m. This course is designed to enable senior staff personnel to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the ICS.

Mayor Rivers announced that the NYPA and the New York State Nursery and Landscape Association invite the Village to participate in the 2010 NYPA Tree Power Program. The special tree offer is “Buy One, Get One Free or at Reduced Cost.” The cost is \$85 for 1.5” caliper and get one free and \$170 for 2.5” caliper and pay \$85 for second one. The deadline to place the order is March 22nd. The Village will be purchasing 10 trees again this year.

Mayor Rivers reminded the residents about the Attic Insulation Program and the Infra Red Camera for the homes to detect heat loss. If anyone is still interested please notify the Village Office. Mayor Rivers explained the process for the attic insulation.

Mayor Rivers stated that tentatively we are going to be opening the compost area on April 1st. PWS Pelkey is working on a new compost area and this will be strictly enforced this year because the whole area will be monitored by cameras.

Mayor Rivers presented a Budget Modification Resolution and asked the Treasurer to explain to the Board. Treasurer Letourneau reviewed the Resolution and stated that this money will be moved into the next budget. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to approve this Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Baker; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

TRUSTEE JEFFERSON

Trustee Jefferson made a motion requesting an Executive to discuss a Utility Customer; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

Trustee Jefferson announced that the MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on April 28 and 29, 2010 in East Syracuse, NY and made a motion to allow the Mayor attend this meeting and be the delegate for the Village of Rouses Point; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; Aye Carried

Trustee Jefferson stated that he, Trustee Baker and Councilman Cooper recently attended a Shared Services meeting in Champlain. They received the proposal from the engineers on the Shared Services project and have given copies to our Water and Sewer Depts. Any items that are incorrect will be addressed.

TRUSTEE BIRTZ:

Trustee Birtz made a motion requesting an Executive Session to discuss PW Personnel; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

Trustee Birtz made a motion authorizing the Clerk to publish a Legal Notice for a Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of the Year 2010; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson who explained what took place with the band stand and the negative comments that were made about the construction of it and that there was nothing that was done behind closed doors. Mayor Rivers explained that this law will allow the village to be exempt from the Zoning and Planning on any projects that we do. When the Zoning Law was written many years ago this was not included in the law. AYE CARRIED

Trustee Birtz made a motion authorizing the Clerk to publish a Legal Notice for a Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of the Year 2010; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; Mayor Rivers

stated that this is extending the moratorium on the downtown storefronts for another year;
AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE BAKER:

Trustee Baker stated that the Civic Center will be shutting down for the ice season and they will start removing the ice within the next two weeks.

Trustee Jefferson presented a Resolution and made a motion authorizing Mayor Rivers to be the accredited delegate to the MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting to be held on April 28 and April 29, 2010 at 6646 Old Collamer Rd., East Syracuse, NY ; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

TRUSTEE ROBERTS:

Absent

OTHER REPORTS:

VILLAGE CLERK:

The Village Clerk reminded everyone that Election Day is tomorrow March 16th from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m.

PW SUPERVISOR:

PW Supervisor Pelkey stated that the compost facility will be open for leaves, grass and garden debris only. NO BRUSH at all. He has to have a meeting with DEC to see what can be done regarding the burn ban. On the spring cleanup brush will be chipped as we go along side of the road. On April 1st they will start sweeping the sand before residents start putting the bags on the side of the road. We have made 2 compost bays that we are trying to enclose. The cameras will be set up to look right down into the compost bay. Signage will be posted. Discussion followed.

PRESENTATION: Mayor Rivers presented Trustee Jean L. Birtz with a plaque in honor of his service to the Village of Rouses Point as Village Trustee from November 2005 – April 2010. Trustee Birtz stated that it has been a pleasure working with everyone. It has been nice knowing that you could hold an open discussion with the Board Members and still be talking in the end. He also thanked the Mayor for personally asking him to sit on the Board.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

No one chose to address the Board

RECESS:

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to recess at 7:40 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Birtz;
Aye Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action was taken during Executive Session regarding a Utility Customer.
No action was taken during Executive Session regarding PW Personnel

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to authorize the Clerk to publish a Legal Notice for a Public Hearing to amend the Water Rates; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; Aye Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Baker made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk