

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at Halstead Hall commencing at 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Daniel H. Letourneau, Mayor
John A. Mott, Deputy Mayor
Arvil J. Moore, Trustee
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Thomas M. Dart, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Jean LaBombard, Administrator
Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor
Clifford Sterling, Codes Enforcement Officer

RECORDING SECRETARY: Donna J. Boumil, Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Daniel Letourneau called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Tom Brilotti, owner of property next to Stewarts which is being renovated for a restaurant. Mr. Brilotti mentioned that he would like to install a cupola and weather vane on the steeple of the house which he hopes to illuminate and possibly have a beacon for the seaplanes. Eventually the property across the street will be developed for boats and seaplanes. He understands that the lighting is against the Village Code and he would like to discuss it with the Village Board.

Mayor Letourneau referred Mr. Brilotti to the Village Codes Enforcement Officer for guidance on the process of applying to the Zoning Board.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

Trustee Moore made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2016 and Special Meeting of August 17, 2016; Seconded by Trustee Mott; AYE CARRIED

BILLS VOUCHER NOS: 15358 – 15408 \$ 19,834.58

No additions or deletions.

Motion by Trustee Dart to approve and pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Village Clerk read a Letter of Resignation from Gregory MacCallum as Labor (in training) at the Water Plant.

Trustee Moore made a motion to accept the letter of resignation with regrets; Seconded by Trustee Arno; Discussion: the Village Board wishes Greg well; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Moore made a motion to authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for a Laborer-in-Training for the Water Plant; Seconded by Trustee Mott; Discussion: the advertisement will be in-house for 3 days. If there are no applicants; then it will be advertised externally for 5 days. Discussion continued about the need to backfill. Mayor Letourneau stated that there is a Task Force meeting on Friday to discuss the operation of the water plant. This could be a topic of discussion. AYE CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:

a. MAYOR DANIEL LETOURNEAU:

- 1) Update on Lincoln Blvd.:
 - Information was found that determined the ownership of Lincoln Blvd to be that of the Town of Champlain
 - NYS Senate 5/13/13 Act 926P
 - Town of Champlain Highway Department Supervisor looked at Lincoln Blvd with regard to maintenance
- 2) Update on EMS
 - Trustee Moore gave an update: extreme shortage of Techs.
 - Champlain/Mooers EMS has agreed to try for 1 month, at no charge, to cover Rouses Point from Sunday-Friday from 9:30am-7:30pm
 - If Champlain/Mooers EMS were to take over from Sunday -Friday afternoon on a 24/7 basis it would cost approximately \$75,000/yr. Increasing taxes approximately .59/\$1,000 of assessed value
 - The Village needs to make a determination by the end of the month
 - This is not a luxury, Rouses Point must have ambulance coverage
 - If Rouses Point were to hire 2 techs the cost would be approximately \$90,000/yr.

Trustee Mott made a motion for Trustee Moore, Trustee Arno and Fire Chief Mike Leblanc to enter into negotiations with the Champlain/Mooers EMS; Seconded by Trustee Dart; An exact amount of money will have to be known in order for the Treasurer to determine the exact amount of the tax increase. AYE CARRIED

- 3) Review of Electronic LED Sign/Message Board Usage Policy:

Mayor Letourneau summarized the policy. This is an annual review of the policy.

Trustee Moore made a motion to approve the policy without changes; Seconded by Trustee Mott;

Discussion:

- Mary Racicot would like to see more advertising for the Welcome Center
 - Form to be completed
- Mention of potential larger sign for ease of reading (fundraising would have to be done)
- This policy is different than banners and signs

AYE CARRIED

4) In Our Backyard (IOBY)-

Mayor Letourneau explained this fundraising initiative which will provide for exercise equipment, landscaping and benches for the Walking Trail.

This fundraising initiative is matched through NYS Health Foundation for up to \$5,000. For more information: contact Jan Letourneau at 297-6921. It will also be on the Village Website.

Trustee Arno is coordinating a volunteer effort to complete the finish work along the trail (topsoil, raking along the trail). Volunteers are asked to bring shovels and rakes. Trustee Arno is authorized to operate the skidsteer. This effort is scheduled for September 24 at 8:00am.

b. TRUSTEE MOORE:

Nothing to report

c. TRUSTEE MOTT:

Nothing to report

d. TRUSTEE ARNO:

Nothing to report

e. TRUSTEE DART:

Nothing to report

OTHER REPORTS:

VILLAGE CLERK:

No report

TREASURER:

Treasurer Letourneau reported that the utility bills have a new format on the back of the bill and they are now perforated.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Xtreme Combat will be at the Civic Center, Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 7:00pm

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

- Working on some sidewalks that are trip hazards
- Waiting for the County for blacktopping. Working on manhole repairs
- Smith Street – main trunk line installed, cut overs and laterals. Waiting for it to settle.
- Chapman Street – electric conduits done by the end of the week, then black top over the driveways.

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

No report

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Moore at 7:38pm for an Executive Session to discuss the employment/hiring of employees; Seconded by Trustee Mott: AYE CARRIED

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Moore to enter into Regular Session 8:19pm; Seconded by Trustee Mott;

Motion by Trustee Moore to hire Aaron Babbie as a Recreation Center Maintenance Worker; Seconded by Trustee Arno; Discussion: starting salary \$14.14/hr effective Monday, September 12, 2016; AYE CARRIED


Motion by Trustee Moore to hire Ronald Babbie as a Full-Time Temporary Recreation Center Maintenance Worker; Seconded by Trustee Arno; Discussion: Salary \$11.00/hr start date Monday, September 19, 2016. This is an up to 6 month position. AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to hire Patty Garrand as Cleaner at the Village Office; Seconded by Trustee Moore; Discussion: duties as listed during the interview. Salary is \$75/week for up to 4hours. Effective date is Monday, September 12, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Moore at 8:25pm to adjourn; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk